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New York Has Worst Railroad Tragedy

Loses Life In Harbor

A Prince Rupert woman was pronounced dead early this morning after her body was taken from the waters of the Home Oil Dock. Mrs. Jennie Pilfold, 50, died shortly after 1:50 a.m. Efforts of the city inhalator squad to revive her were futile.

Mother of five children, and wife of W. A. Pilfold, 140 Ninth Avenue West, she was examined by Dr. J. A. Macdonald, who pronounced her dead. A call was put into the city police station at 1:50 a.m. and Constables Len Turner and Gordon Simons proceeded to the scene. They, in turn, called the inhalator squad and the doctor.

Circumstances surrounding the tragedy are not as yet known. It was disclosed that three other persons, two men and another woman, were at the scene when police arrived. A coroner's inquest is being held Monday.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, is survived by four sons, W. A. Pilfold, jr., city; Tommy, Charles and Edward George, at home; one daughter, Mrs. H. Clifton, Hartley Bay; and her parents and brothers and sisters in Port Simpson, place of her birth.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of B. C. Undertakers will be announced following the inquest.

Hopeful Of Aluminum

VICTORIA — Further exploratory work looking to the establishment of an aluminum industry in this province will be carried out this year, Premier Byron Johnson said yesterday. He hoped that British Columbia would be favorably considered in the final decision of the Aluminum Corporation. A site near Prince Rupert, where a town of 50,000 would result, was anticipated by the Premier.

More Drilling On Charlottes

VICTORIA — Much additional oil drilling and investigation will be done on the Queen Charlotte Islands, where one exploratory well has been completed, Premier Byron Johnson told the Legislature yesterday.

Much more drilling for oil will be done throughout the province, the Premier said. At the end of 1949 twenty-seven operators were applying for or holding 5,500,000 gas rights under permits, licence acres of petroleum and natural or lease.

Panther Case Adjourned

The case of Kenneth Panther, charged with creating a disturbance January 29, was adjourned by Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court this morning until next Tuesday. Bail is set at \$100. His wife, Harriet, charged with intoxication had her sentence reserved until the same date. Defense counsel for the pair is Rod MacLeod while T. W. Brown is prosecuting.

J. K. Johnson, general manager of the New England Fish Co. at Ketchikan, and Mrs. Johnson were passengers aboard the Prince George Thursday night going through to Seattle.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today) — Art. Lind, R. Rocher, J. S. Robertson.
To Sandspit, (today) — E. Smith.
From Vancouver (Friday) — D. J. Brown, A. Chapman, G. R. Martin.
From Sandspit (Friday) — Mr. Pederson.
WEATHER



INDONESIAN PRESIDENT TAKES PART IN INDIAN CELEBRATIONS—Dr. Soekarno, president of the Indonesian republic, was an honored guest of the Indian government at the Delhi celebrations of the inauguration of the new Indian republic. He was accorded a rousing reception at the airport, where the governor-general and the prime minister greeted him. Left to right, Mrs. Soekarno, H. E. Rajagopalachari (governor-general); Dr. Soekarno; Sheikh Abdullah (Kashmir premier, behind Dr. Soekarno); Rajkumari Anrit Kaur (Indian health minister); Mrs. Lamping, Pandit Nehru (Indian prime minister), and Mr. Lampin g (Dutch ambassador to India, behind Pandit Nehru).

To Build Pacific Great Eastern Into Vancouver

Contract for Completion of Extension Into Prince George to be Let This Spring

VICTORIA—(CP)—In a lengthy speech in the Legislature yesterday that covered many phases of government, Premier Byron Johnson announced yesterday that the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern from Squamish to Vancouver was being seriously considered. It would take the place of the proposed scenic highway through the rugged cliffs of Howe Sound over a right-of-way through West Vancouver to North Vancouver. The railway service would replace the present costly barge service.

The Premier said that satisfactory progress had been made with the extension north from Quesnel and that the contract for the remaining 35 miles into Prince George would be let this spring. He indicated that a new bridge and terminals would be built at Prince George instead of using those of the Canadian National Railway.

Mr. Johnson also hoped for the eventual extension of the line into the Peace River district to open up coal, wheat and other resources there.

Demented Bandit Is Being Sought

VANCOUVER — Orders of "shoot to kill" were issued last night as constables combed the city for an apparently demented bandit who touched off a chain of reaction bullets of terror yesterday. Within an hour he kidnapped a police officer forced a caddy to take to a "nice quiet bank" (Dunbar Street branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce) which he robbed of about \$2,000, taking part of it to the caddy whom he had forced to scoup up the money, saying "this is your share."

Raiding Tactics Are Disapproved

TRAIL — Harvey Murphy, regional director of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (I.U.M.S.W.), said today that the United Mine Workers of America (I.U.M.W.A.) had expressed disapproval of "raiding tactics" of the United Steel Workers of America here.

Murphy said he had received a telegram from Sibby Barrett, Canadian director of the United Mine Workers of America, expressing his Union's disapproval of the tactics of the S.W.A.

Tides

Sunday, February 13, 1950
High 2:59 20.9 feet
15:00 20.6 feet
Low 9:02 4.9 feet
21:13 3.7 feet

Ratepayers Talk Power

Ald. Casey and Ald. Fitch Represent City

Alderman George Casey, as representative of city council, informed the Community Ratepayers' Association at its meeting Thursday night that in 1943, the city and made application to the Northern B. C. Power Company to produce additional power to meet the requirements of here but, apparently the late J. J. Little, former general manager of the company, refused the demand.

Hope Fading — Long Search Is Expected

Search for five missing United States airmen on rugged Prince Royal Island, 90 miles south of here, settled down today to a methodical inch-by-inch study of the terrain. Royal Canadian Navy officials at the scene tersely warned: "This is no 24-hour operation. We expect it will be a long search."

Twelve of the airmen who parachuted out of their flaming B-24 bomber early Tuesday, were rescued and are now back at their home base in Fort Worth, Texas.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
The weather over British Columbia remains mild. Only a few places through the province reported temperatures below freezing today. Minimum temperature at Vancouver was 41, at Kamloops 36, and at Prince George 25.

Intermittent rain is expected along the coast over the weekend with cloudy showery conditions in the interior.

Forecast
North Coast Region—Rain today. Cloudy with showers to-night and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind—southeast, 35 mph this morning, becoming southwest 25 mph this afternoon. Southerly 15 mph tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—Port Hardy 36 and 43, Sandspit 32 and 45, Prince Rupert 35 and 42.

BASKETBALL

TONIGHT—8:45
Sr. Co-ops vs. Brownwoods

Vancouver		Beattie	
Bayonne	.03 1/2	Bevcourt	.25
Bralorne	9.50	Bobjo	.12 1/2
B R Con	.02 1/2	Buffalo Canadian	.08
B R X	.06	Con. Smelters	98.00
Carlboo Quartz	1.25	Conwest	1.09
Congress New	.20	Donalda	.53
Hedley Mascot	.24	Eldona	.29
Pacific Eastern	.05	East Sullivan	4.75
Pend Oreille	5.40	Giant Y'Knife	6.10
Pioneer	3.40	God's Lake	.32
Premier Border	.03 1/2	Hardrock	.39
Privateer	.14	Harricana	.05 1/2
Reno	.02 3/4	Heva	.06 3/4
Sheep Creek	1.13	Hosco	.08 1/2
Sibhak Premier	.38	Jackknife	.05
Taku River	.12 1/2	Joliet Quebec	.67
Vananda	.11	Lake Rowan	.05 1/2
Salmon Gold	.06 1/2	Laaska	.04 1/2
Sand Valley	.04	Little Long Lac	.50
Oils—		Lynx	
Avelo Canadian	4.00	Madsen Red Lake	2.93
Atlantic	1.50	McKenzie Red Lake	.57
Calmont	.52	McLeod Cockshutt	2.64
C & E	7.10	Moneta	.34
Central Leduc	1.17	Negus	1.45
Home Oil	11.25	Noranda	69.00
Mercury	.09 1/2	Louvicourt	.17
Okalta	2.05	Piekie Crow	1.86
Pacific Pete	4.50	Regcourt	.04 1/2
Princess	.37	San Antonio	3.60
Royal Canadian	.06 1/2	Sherrit Gordon	2.20
Royalite	9.35	Steeb Rock	2.32
Toronto		Sturgeon River	
Athons	.07 1/2	Silver Miller	.69
Aumaque	.12	Upper Canada	3.15

City Sought More Power

Delving into correspondence and minutes at the City Hall has brought to light that back in October 1943 the city council did make an application to the Northern British Columbia Power Co. to increase the supply of electrical energy in Prince Rupert. That was back in the war days and the acknowledgement of the power company to the city's correspondence held that the company had complied with the terms of the 1929 franchise agreement by having made a 6,000 h. p. installation at Falls River, in addition to Woodworth Lake. The company held further that the heavy demand at that time was due to war industries and services and that there was adequate power supply here for normal peacetime and commercial requirements.

The application of the city council of that day was made under two sections of the 1929 agreement: Section 16 which provided that the company complete a hydro-electric development of not less than 5,000 h. p. within two years and thereafter complete further development until 100,000 h. p. or more shall be available for private or commercial use for the citizens and industries located within the city, such further development to be carried out from time to time as prospects for the sale of power justify and if the municipal council shall at any time require the company to undertake further development.

Section 17 which provided that the company will supply at all times the electrical energy required by the corporation and the citizens for light, heat and power and shall meet a reasonable surplus to meet increased demands.

R.C.A.F. Crash In Far North

DONJEK LANDING, Y. T. — A Royal Canadian Air Force Dakota crashed on a lake near Snag, 215 miles northwest of Whitehorse and one of the 14 men on board was injured. The plane was badly damaged. It was engaged on operations in connection with Exercise Sweetbriar.

Name of the injured man was not given in announcement of the crash made by Air Commodore Martin Costello of Winnipeg.

The four-man crew is reported to have been Canadian while the other ten aboard were Americans.

The crack-up came as the plane came in for a landing on a lake eight miles from the Alaska Highway. Both engines were knocked off.

Thirty Killed As Long Island Trains Collide

Scenes of Horror as Electric Speeders Crash with 1000 on Board

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, New York—(CP)—A crowded Long Island electric railroad train ran through a red light on a makeshift siding last night and sliced into an oncoming train. At least thirty persons were killed and more than 100 persons were injured as the two electric trains, loaded with about 1000 passengers—shared lengthwise in two.

John Shirass Is Retiring

commissioner of British Columbia Police, will be retired at the end of this month, it is announced. Assistant Commissioner Roger Peachey will be his successor and Inspector C. Clark of Vancouver will be the new deputy commissioner.

Motorman Jacob Keifer, aged 55, of Baldwin, New York, was charged with second degree manslaughter by District Attorney Frank Gulotta who said: "He ran past a signal." Keifer was injured but not critically. It was metropolitan New York's worst railway tragedy.

Screaming victims were crushed beneath tons of metal as the trains came together with a crash that could be heard for half a mile.

Doctors amputated arms and legs on the spot to free some of the injured.

Hospital Rates May Be Hiked

VICTORIA — Possibility of higher rates in the government's hospital insurance plan were seen following Premier Byron Johnson's policy speech in the Legislature yesterday. He warned British Columbians that they must understand revenues from the plan must be sufficient to meet costs of the service. He gave no hint of possible changes but informed circles consider he may ask for an increase from the present \$23 limit on premiums.

Premier Johnson said it was the most complete service on the continent.

Settlement Is Doubtful

Does Not Look Like End of Coal Strike This Week-End

WASHINGTON D. C. — President Truman's fact-finders told him today that settlement of the soft coal strike this week-end is "very doubtful."

The three-man board reported that "quite a gap" separates John J. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, and the operators.

Chairman David L. Cole told reporters that he had assured President Truman that they believe "a good many miners are going back to work Monday."

Meanwhile a vote of miners is being taken today on Lewis' order to return to work on a three-day a week basis.

Liberals — Socialism

LONDON — The National Liberal party, fighting the February 23 election in alliance with the Conservative party, says in its manifesto that "our first immediate duty is to secure the defeat of Socialism."

"This means open and honest co-operation with the Conservatives," the policy statement said. National Liberals are separated from regular Liberals which are opposed equally to Labor and Conservatives.

Unemployed Are More Numerous

OTTAWA, — Unemployed in Canada increased by 52,000 in the three weeks ending February 2, the Labor Department announced. This brings the total to 375,500.

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast	
Portland 4, Vancouver 2	

PRIZE PHOTOS OF 1949

These three photos were judged best of 1949 in a current U.S. news-picture contest in New York. Top: "Checked flag for Rex Mays" records the awe-inspiring action in the accident in which the famed racing driver lost his life. Above left: "My Turn" won first prize in the feature division of the contest for photographer Bob Doty. Right: "Lion Tamer," by Jack Gould won second prize in the action-photo class. No. the lion didn't claw the trainer.