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MEETS WEST — Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland, meets Premier Johnson of British Columbia as the Dominion conference gets under way in Ottawa. (C.P. Photo)

Gill Net Boats And Three Men Are Missing

Two gillnet boats from Namu cannery with three aboard have been unaccounted for since they disappeared shortly after noon January 6 for Bella Bella in ice conditions in Burke Channel between the points is preventing search boats of the British Columbia Police and the British Columbia Packers from carrying out the quest.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(S. D. Johnson Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver	9.60
Albany	9.60
Calgary	9.60
Edmonton	9.60
Regina	9.60
Saskatoon	9.60
Winnipeg	9.60
Montreal	9.60
Ottawa	9.60
Quebec	9.60
Toronto	9.60

THE WEATHER

(Synopsis)

Winter struck British Columbia again last night with full force. Residents of Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland shivered under biting northeast winds and near zero temperatures. For most coastal regions it was one of the coldest nights in the last seven years. The mercury at Vancouver Airport dropped to three degrees early this morning to equal the records set in 1937 and 1943. In the interior Smithers reported a new 12 year record of 47 below. The storm centre moving in from the Pacific will pass to the south of the province and move inland over Washington today dropping more snow over the southern regions of the province. More extremely cold weather is expected again tonight.

(Forecast)

North Coast Region—Clear and extremely cold today and Saturday except for variable cloudiness and a few snow flurries over the Queen Charlottes. Winds northeast 15. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy 15 and 25; Sandspit, 15 and 22; Prince Rupert 5 and 15.

British Submarine Sinks; 65 Dead

Woman Fined For Stabbing, Lucky Not Facing Gallows Merciful Judge Comments

Pleading guilty to a charge of assault occasioning grievous bodily harm, Loretta Barnhart, placed herself upon the mercy of the court yesterday afternoon and was fined \$750 by Judge Eric D. Woodburn who bound her over in the sum of \$2000 to keep the peace for two years. The judge accepted the plea for compassion from accused's counsel, R. M. MacLeod, on the grounds of age (39 years) and the condition of her health with heart trouble. His Honor reminded the woman that she was lucky, indeed, that she was not facing a mandatory death sentence for murder. He admitted that the course he was taking in imposing a fine rather than a prison term might not help the cause of law enforcement.

Through her counsel Mrs. Barnhart admitted the stabbing of Ben Peterson, with whom she lives as common law wife, in the course of a drunken wedding celebration at her home on First Avenue West on November 3 last. She wielded a knife in a moment of anger and sent Peterson to hospital with serious wounds close to the heart. It was the second occasion in which she had figured as the assailant in an episode of this kind, having been fined \$200 on the previous occasion. She also had a record of lesser convictions.

Accused sobbed in the box as the case commenced and was assisted into the dock. Her lips quivered as the proceedings went on.

After pleading guilty, a development in the case which had been apparently unexpected accused answer when she was asked if she had anything to say before sentence was passed.

Clemency Asked

Mr. MacLeod thought his honor would agree that the charge had arisen out of a protracted wedding celebration in which there had been considerable drinking by all parties, including the injured person who had never blamed the accused but, on the other hand, had done everything possible to protect her and with whom he had continued to live even since the affair. Defence counsel asked His Honor to give serious consideration to the age and weakened heart condition of accused and to impose a fine in adequate amount rather than a jail sentence. True there had been a similar conviction some two years ago but the woman had not been in trouble since. Other convictions previously for lesser offences were also admitted.

His Lordship asked the woman her age and was told fifty-nine years. He asked if there was a doctor to testify as to the state of her health but was told that the doctor had left the court room. Asked if she had any children the accused said there were none but she had nine pets. Informed that the accused had lived with Peterson as his common law wife for eighteen years. His Lordship inquired why they had not married. Was there a legitimate difficulty? Defence Counsel told the court that both desired to marry but that was impossible. "It was regrettable that they should have to live in such a state," His honor commented.

"Has she any occupation?" the judge further queried to be informed that she and Peterson maintained a home as any married couple did.

Pressed for his views as crown counsel, T. W. Brown, said that it was not his desire to make any references further than what had been said by defence counsel. He advised the court,

Madame Chiang Returns Home

TAIPEH, FORMOSA (C.P.)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek returned to Nationalist China today to help her husband save the remains of his shrunken domain. They were re-united at the Nationalist air base, an hour's automobile drive south of Taipei. It was their first meeting since Madame Chiang left Nanking for the United States on November 1, 1942, on a fruitless mission to enlist American aid.

ARSON CHARGE FORMALLY LAID

DAVENPORT, Iowa (C.P.)—A charge of murder has been formally laid against a woman patient who is reported to have admitted setting fire to a hospital here, the conflagration taking the lives of forty-one women last Saturday. County Attorney Clark O. Filseth said he had filed the charge of "murder committed in the perpetration of arson against Mrs. Elvora Epperly, aged 23, of Rock Island, Illinois.

Underseas Raider Down In Estuary Of Thames

LONDON (CP)—The Admiralty announced tonight that no hope could now be entertained that there will be any further survivors from H. M. S. Truculent, a submarine which sank in the Thames Estuary yesterday. The total known dead is ten and perhaps 55 others are still trapped inside the hull.

Talks With Union Men

Are Told by C.N.R. Vice-President of Seriousness of Coal Situation

MONTREAL — N. B. Walton, executive vice-president, Canadian National Railways, at a meeting here explained to the heads of four brotherhoods representing the conductors, trainmen, firemen and engineers and locomotive engineers, the seriousness of the coal situation as it affects railroad transportation.

Mr. Walton stated to the railway union representatives that at seven typical coaling stations in Ontario and Quebec the aggregate coal on hand on May 1 had been 805,000 tons. At December 31 it was only 223,000 tons and these figures emphasize the gravity of the situation.

COLD WEATHER—

Doubled Water Flow Fails To Keep City Adequately Supplied

Railway Service Being Maintained in Spite Of Record Cold Snap In District

Booster pumps, pressed into action on a twenty-four hour basis, are pouring water into the city mains at the rate of over 3,400,000 gallons per day—almost twice the normal flow—but are still unable to keep up with an excessive draw as residents continue to keep their faucets and drains running to prevent freeze-ups in the protracted cold snap which today showed little actual sign of amelioration, although a break had been officially forecasted. However, the Pacific storm which was to have brought snow and rain here last night failed to materialize and, instead, there was a repetition of the coldest weather of the winter—three above zero was experienced on New Year's Day. Further, the weather man offered no hope of an immediate respite this morning. In fact, he predicted northerly winds and clear skies for the next few days.

Meantime, Prince Rupert people agreed that they had had enough of bright wintry weather. They prayed for good old rain in copious quantities.

City engineer Don Stewart estimated that seventy-five per cent of the water being drawn was going straight into the sewers. Despite that there was a new chapter of frozen water pipes this morning. With the reservoir level down residences in upper levels of the city have no water at all.

Mayor G. W. Rudderham issued an official appeal for conservation of water and said, if it was not heeded, "something drastic" would have to be done. This was taken to mean that the closing off of water on lateral lines was being considered until the reservoir, empty for over twenty-four hours now, could be refilled.

"At the moment there is no reserve for fire fighting should a major conflagration occur," the city engineer commented ominously. However, in the event of a fire, other lines could be cut off.

Prince Rupert's normal water main flow is from 1.8 to 2.2 million gallons per day without the use of booster pumps.

The current emergency focused official attention on the lack of capacity of city water mains.

While city authorities concentrated on maintaining the water supply, Canadian National Railways was fighting snow drifts which were again piling up on the track in the Skeena Valley forty or fifty miles from Prince Rupert. Trains having been freed earlier yesterday crews were tired after a long struggle and needed rest before starting out again.

An eastbound train left at 1:05 this morning. A train from the East, due Thursday, arrived at noon today. Snow plows are preceding passenger trains to keep the tracks clear.

Co-operation between railway company and city authorities was shown yesterday when Superintendent C. A. Berner, in response to the appeal of Mayor Rudderham for conservation of dwindling city water resources, ordered all westbound trains to take on water at Tyee where there is an abundant gravity water supply available through the railway tank at the point.

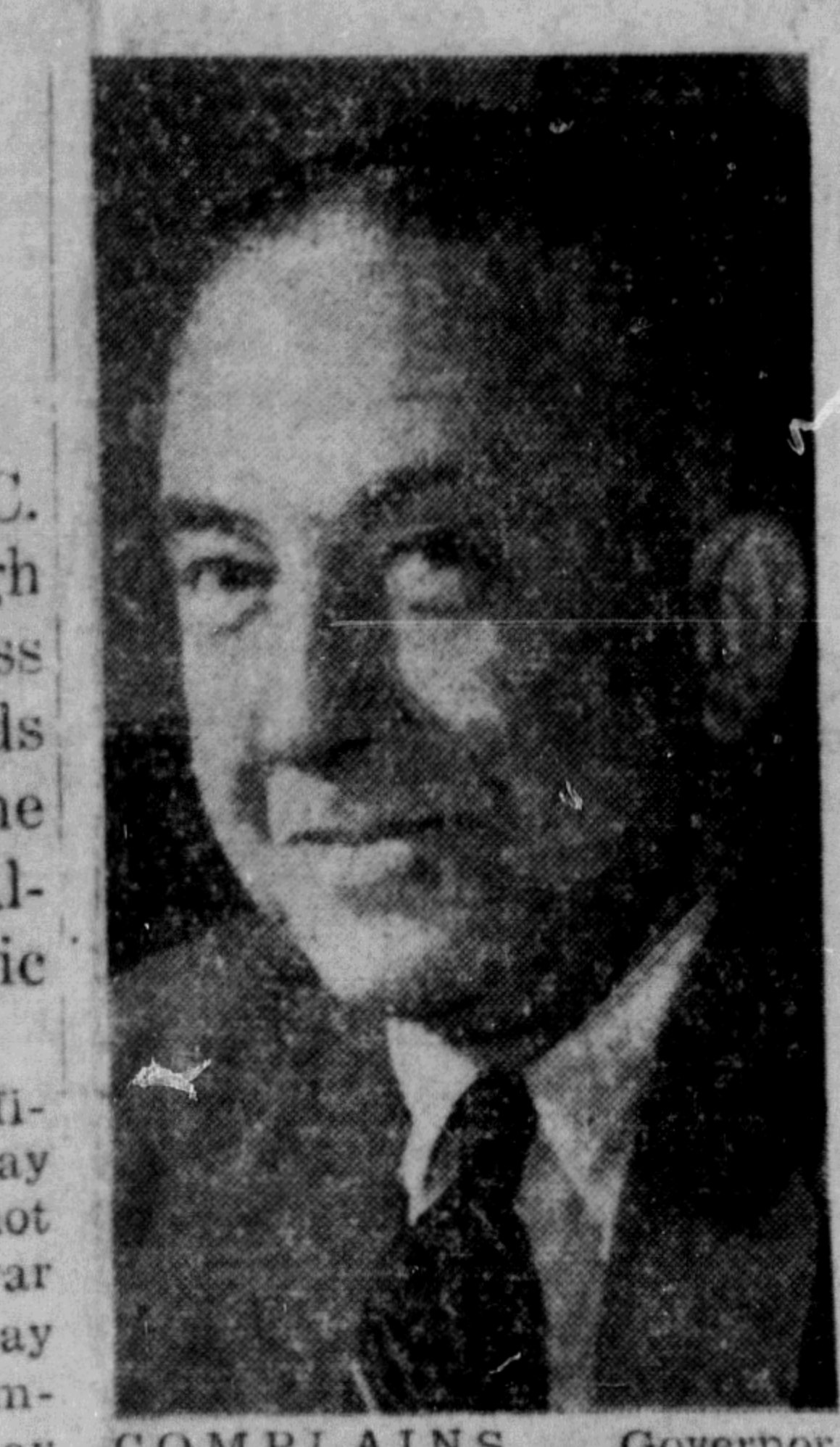
Cold weather records were being set for Skeena and Bulkley Valley with from 10 to 20 below at such points as Salvas, Kwinita and Terrace. Vanderhoof reported 60 below. Burns Lake, 55. Smithers, 52. Prince George was comparatively mild at 38 below, according to the railway daily weather report.

Defence of Alaska Demanded

Governor Is Fearful

WASHINGTON D. C. (CP)—The military high command and Congress are getting new demands that something be done about the defences of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

Congress members and officials from the Northwest say that defence plans should not include the moving of war plants out of the area. They say that military leaders had contemplated that. Military leaders say they did not.



COMPLAINS — Governor Gruening sees possibility of attack by Russia.

Complaint that Alaska is defenceless against a strike by Russia across Bering Strait came last night from the territory's governor, Ernest Gruening.

BIG FIRE NEAR KELOWNA

KELOWNA — The \$500,000 Rutland packing house of the Kelowna Growers Exchange was destroyed by fire near here last night. Firemen, hampered by 15 below temperatures and lack of water, attempted to use hand equipment. The plant, renovated three years ago, contained 125,000 boxes of apples. Loss is placed at \$500,000.

DID NOT WANT TO COME

VANCOUVER—Miss Millicent A. Coates-Murphy, 35, took her own life, police said, because of a prospective transfer to Prince Rupert. Her body was found early today on the floor of her room here with two gas jets on. Investigators said that Miss Coates-Murphy, employed by the Unemployment Insurance Commission, was "upset" over transfer to the upcoast city.

however, that the woman had been fined \$200 April 13, 1948, for cutting with a knife.

Lucky Woman

"I have been asked by counsel," said His Honor "to substitute a fine for a prison sentence which would be normally called for in a case such as this. It is a very serious offence. This woman is extremely lucky that she is not appearing in an Assize court on a charge of murder. The court is very interested in hearing the views of crown counsel on the plea of the defence."

"Under all the circumstances," Mr. Brown said "I am inclined as crown counsel not to oppose the request of the defence." The case of the crown had been a "tenuous" one. The plea of guilty had saved the crown from the expense and difficulty of a tedious trial.

Crown commented on the situation where the injured man had instantly forgiven the

Seeing How C.N.R. Ticks

MONTREAL—With the operating officers of the company, the new president of the Canadian National Railways, Donald Gordon, is making an inspection of the company's facilities in Montreal area including the various types of motive power, steam and diesel. He visited the roundhouse at Turcot this morning, this being the second inspection trip there.

These inspections have not been of a cursory order. At Turcot today, Mr. Gordon was met by E. R. Battley, chief of motive power and car equipment; W. S. Davis, superintendent of motive power and car equipment; W. S. H. Hicks, general foreman. The President chatted with the crews mechanics and other men on the job, roundhouse at Turcot is the largest in Canada, and the workings there were explained to the new President who examined the machinery of the giant locomotives being serviced.

The track area and auxiliary facilities at Turcot occupy an area equivalent to about "three city blocks. The staff number 1200 men. Every locomotive that ends its run in the Montreal terminal visits the roundhouse for inspection and overhaul before its next assignment. The terminal is one of the busiest railway centres in the country and the roundhouse handles an average of 128 locomotives a day. With accommodation for 61 at one time, close scheduling of work is essential to the handling of the daily quota.

The groom who tended horses in the days of the stage coach had a simple task in comparison with the work of caring for the modern iron horse of the rails.

Recital Is Impressive

Prince Rupert's Own Marie Balagno-Lundquist Acclaimed

One of the finest piano concerts held in Prince Rupert was attended by over 200 persons in the Civic Centre last night. Now an artist of rare ability, Prince Rupert's own Marie Balagno-Lundquist captivated her audience as her talented, nimble fingers rendered the "Italian Concerto," by Bach, "Sonata, Opus-53 Waldstein" by Beethoven "Variations on a Theme by Paganini," composed by Brahms and a presentation of 12 Chopin études followed by the immortal Polish composer's famous work "Scherzo."

Following the conclusion of her last number, "Scherzo," ovation by the audience compelled her to play Chopin's "Polonaise," her only encore.

The audience, recognizing a brilliant pianist, was deeply impressed by her rapid, powerful fingers. Each number was brilliantly executed. She stayed closely in the classical realm and her numbers were in the highly technical field except perhaps, her encore, which has been widely played the world over. However, the rendition even of unfamiliar and seldom heard numbers brought out the power and brilliance of the artist.

Watching her fingers was indeed a thrilling experience. Old friends who have followed Marie through the years were impressed with her new poise and personality.

The acclaim by Artur Rubenstein upon hearing Chopin's Scherzo, played to him by Mrs. Lundquist two years ago, as "playing not only like a man, but like two men" was plainly understandable last night.

Choosing a highlight number is difficult, so a venture to that effect will not be made, except that every composition was brilliantly rendered.

Usherettes were Delphine Balagno, Mrs. Lundquist's sister, and Leona Blaine.

LOCAL TIDES

Saturday, January 14, 1950

High	9:36	20.7 feet
	23:05	17.1 feet
Low	3:18	9.4 feet
	16:41	4.4 feet

NORTH VANCOUVER FIRE

NORTH VANCOUVER — A flash fire, fanned by cold winds last night, levelled a \$100,000 sawmill on the north shore of Burrard Inlet and put 120 men out of work. Giant flames destroyed the Lions Gate Lumber Co.'s main mill in 35 minutes. Seven above temperatures hampered fire-fighters.

Basketball—Friday & Saturday, Jan. 13 & 14, 8:30 p.m.

UBC Chiefs vs PRINCE RUPERT

Reserved \$1.00—Rush 75c—Students 50c—At Civic Centre

★ AFTER THE BALL GAME ★

... DANCE ...

ODDFELLOWS' HALL

Andy McNaughton's Trio — TONITE — 10 - 2