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Water Licence For Alcoa Is Assured Of Approval

Controller Will See Plans Before Construction Starts of Nechako River Project VICTORIA—The controller of water rights indicated today that he would approve the granting of a water licence to the Aluminum Co. of Canada for the taking of water from the Nechako River for the development of hydro-electric power for the proposed new aluminum manufacturing industry.

Seamen's Strike "Communist Plan"

LONDON—A "cold and deliberate" Communist plan, cooked up months ahead of time in Canada, caused last spring's serious dock strikes, Labor Minister George Isaacs said today. In a long report on the strikes, Isaacs said that the dispute began after collapse of a similar strike in Canada. He said that the British action was planned in Canada even before the Canadian deepsea dispute of the Canadian Seamen's Union began.

Precipitation Record—Ketchikan Gets Lavish Rainfall

Anybody who thinks Prince Rupert is a rainy place might consider the case of Ketchikan, where 1949 is going down in history as the year of greatest rainfall. Ketchikan is just touching the 200-inch mark for precipitation this year whereas Prince Rupert has yet to reach 100 inches.

Dollar Outlook Better—Parliament Prorogues

LONDON—As Parliament prorogued today for holiday recess, Prime Minister C. R. Attlee, promised to consider recalling it if the five-day old strike "deteriorates" in the state-owned London power plants. However, a statement later in the day said that a settlement had been definitely reached.



COMMANDING OFFICER KILLED—Squad-Ldr. Denis Charles Leslie Webber was one of the four men killed in the crash of a Mitchell bomber near the R.C.A.F.'s central flying school at Trenton, Ont., Webber, 37-year-old R.A.F. officer, was commanding officer of the school. He arrived in Canada last February on an exchange posting. The others killed were Canadians.

Try To Get Chennault

HONG KONG—An attempt to sabotage a civil air transport plane carrying Major General Claire Chennault to Taipei, Formosa, was broken up today. Police said they were holding one "suspect."

Railroad History—Diesel Hauls Continental

WINNIPEG—A new chapter in Canadian railroad history was made here yesterday with the arrival of the Continental Limited powered by the latest model three unit, 4500 h.p. diesel locomotive. It was the first time on record that a regular trans-continental passenger train had crossed from Montreal to Winnipeg under diesel power.

More for Xmas—Labor Government In Role Of Santa For British Yule

Housewives Happy About Increase in Food Rations; More Toys and Candies Too By NORMAN CRIBBENS Canadian Press Staff Writer.

LONDON (CP)—Santa Claus is thriving despite devaluation, and Britons will enjoy a better, brighter Christmas this year with more food, more toys, more drink and more candy. Clothes, too, will be plentiful for those who can afford them.

Toronto Fire Fatal To Two

TORONTO—Two children were burned to death and five others were rescued by neighbors today when fire swept their home in suburban Islington. The father, S. Roberts, was reported to have been shopping in downtown Toronto when the blaze broke out and a three-room frame cottage was destroyed.

Eskimos Lost On Arctic Ice

HALIFAX—The Royal Canadian Air Force Search and Rescue received a call today for assistance in locating two Eskimo drift on an ice pack in Hudson Bay since Monday.

Xmas Trees Are Plentiful

Christmas trees appear plentiful this year and the popular family size—those about as tall as father—should cost the same as last yuletide—\$2 or \$3 in most parts of Canada.

Flash

ROBINSON IS BEST NEW YORK—Negro Jackie Robinson, as expected, led National League batting this year with a mark of .342, nosing out his rival, Stan Musial of St. Louis, by four percentage points.

Christmas Store Hours Announced

As a convenience to late shoppers, retail stores will remain open until 8 p. m. on Friday of next week and on Saturday, Christmas Eve, will close at 6 o'clock. It is announced by the Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association.

New Mayor In Prince George

PRINCE GEORGE—Ald. Garvin Dezell is the new mayor of Prince George. He was elected by a majority of 176 over William G. Fraser, retiring city clerk.

Aylesworth Is Now 95

OTTAWA—Sir Allen Aylesworth has observed his 95th birthday. He is in fair health and still attends occasional sessions of the Senate.

Heavy Snowfall Around Terrace

Heavy overnight fall of snow occurred between Pacific and Terrace. Railwaymen arriving this morning said there was ten inches of snow on the ground at Kitseles which is usually so early in the season.

Spent Workless Pay On Liquor

ST. CATHERINES—Changes in unemployment insurance regulations are suggested by Magistrate H. D. Hallett who tried a charge of intoxication against John Lane. The latter said he had not worked for months and part of his insurance money was spent in liquor.

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—Mrs. Anne Marie Boyer of Montreal, 39-year-old mother of four children, has been awarded a degree as a registered industrial cost accountant. She is the first Canadian woman to receive the diploma.

Union Leaders Sent To Jail

VANCOUVER—William Lloyd White and William A. Stewart were committed to jail for contempt of court today as officers of the Marine Workers and Boiler-makers' Industrial Union (C.I.U.).

Adjustments In Placing D.P.'s

TORONTO—The arrival of displaced persons from Europe to work in Canada is creating new problems which will require early adjustment. There are groups classified as domestics and laborers who really belong to skilled trades or professions.

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AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today)—Miss G. Pettit, E. K. Williams, C. A. Johnson, W. Hunter, J. R. Durkin. To Sandspit (today)—Mrs. N. Lund, Miss E. Smith, Miss G. Smith. From Vancouver (Thursday)—Mr. Stole, Miss A. Smith, C. Parkvold, T. Baird, D. Blythe, D. F. Shaw, T. Jones. From Sandspit (Thursday)—Mr. Hammar, H. Henninger.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis Snow is falling in central British Columbia for the third successive day. Snow flurries are also reported in the southeastern areas of the province. The southern regions remain cloudy and mild. Sunny skies are expected in the southern coastal areas this afternoon.

Hearing Into Stabbing Affray

Preliminary hearing into a stabbing charge laid against Loretta Barnhardt on November 4, began Thursday in Magistrate W. D. Vance's court.

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BILLION DOLLAR CROP IN CANADA

OTTAWA—A \$1,427,000,000 price tag was pinned on wheat and other field crops Canadian farmers produced during the current crop year. The figure, down 10.04 percent from last year's all-time high, was estimated today by the Bureau of Statistics as the fifth highest in history.

China—Nationalists

China—Nationalists threatened to undo Communist plans to use guerrilla warfare against Nationalists. Troops in the Province to the East had to have joined with Nationalists.

Liners Pacific

Canadian Air Lines will use jet aircraft on its Trans-Pacific schedule today by Grant McEwen, president of C.P.A.

STOCKS

Table of stock prices for various companies and locations including Vancouver, Toronto, and others.