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Portugal May Join Atlantic Security Pact

SCORED AT CONCILIATION HEARING

A conciliation board which is attempting to settle wage differences between Prince Rupert's 11-man fire department and the city heard Tuesday that, despite legislation for a 48-hour week, city firemen are on call at all times and even respond in their free time to "every bush fire and false alarm."

The hearing, which began at .-before a three-man board, ad-journed after the firemen's brief was presented during a two-hour TO BE RETAINED session, and will be resumed this afternoon when the city's brief will be presented.

Chairman of the conciliation board is County Court Judge W. O. Fulton. William M. Watts A distraught

vice-president of the Interna- of control legislation. tional Association of Fire Fight- The measures to be retained Ann F. Sul- ers, read the brief drawn up to will include the general prices nt to give him support the city firemen's claim board order, domestic rental for higher wages and benefits of regulations, steel and timber t the 14-year participation in the Medical regulations, priorities for con-Services Association.

kept captive

a barren room,

ng in Canada.

ped when T. W. Brown, the city's and the stability of corporations he street Sun- advocate, told the hearing that the city is ready to include the EVEN CANADA the house to which will cover all city em-

Although none of the four city firemen who at times, gave in . WASHINGTON, D. C., (1) der legitimate formal testimony to supplement Stoppage of work in eastern the brief expressed an objection American coal mines, coupled to being on call at all times, Mr. with a strike of operating em-Staton described it as a viola- ployees of the Wabash Railway, tion of the provincial Fire Mar- today darkened the United shal's Act which makes specific States labor picture. provision for a 48-hour week for The effect is felt even among

sible to break down our wage America are on a two-week sible to break down our wage claim into an hourly rate," Mr. Staton said. "It is not only il- south, is causing general light."

A weak disturbance, moving into British Columbia from the south, is causing general light. Staton said. "It is not only il- dent John L. Lewis. Donald Fleming, legal but unfair that these men should be on call for every false mines east of the Mississippi. ssive - Conservaalarm and grass fire."

the government City advocate Brown agreed that "if it is true that every fireman is called out for every held a differ- bush fire, it should be changed.

blamed private ALWAYS ON CALL

all the govern-Prince Rupert local of the Fire Fighters' Association, Jack Furness, secretary, and Don Lleweltold the board that they are on arms needed from the United than they have been for the After the traffic death of a call at all hours of the day and States was studied today by for- last few days. night and rush to the fire ha.l eign ministers of the five-powto act as a second-line reserve er western European union, dip- Queen Charlottes and North when the engine company on lomatic sources said today. Coast Overcast with intermit-D.C.—Gustav duty is out on a call.*

foreign minisk, preparing to his country the because of living costs and the ing military supplies for joint Little change in temperature chances to catch up." sign the Atlan- nature of their work, are en- defences. It said also that there Lows tonight and highs Thurs- The B.C. Electric said that reuggested to news- ver firemen.

e day after he Basis of the dispute is their Acheson, sec-claim for a salary of \$260 a month, for a first-class fireman. which would be \$60 greater than the 1948 scale. While reference was made to a reported settlement between Vancouver firemen and that city's negotiating committee for \$251 a month, neither side was prepared to accept it in testimony until official word is received.

Using figures from provincial! and federal reports, the brief pointed out that, while the avcrage income in Prince Rupert was higher than those of persons in Victoria, Nelson or New Westminster, Prince Rupert per-23.0 feel centage cost for fire protection 21.4 feet was lower than any of those

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TO SIGN ALLIANCE

LONDON-Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will proceed

Only About a Dozen Still Wanted, Justice Minister Tells House

OTTAWA ()-The government the city's representative and is seeking in its new control bill Thomas Elliott represents the to continue only a dozen of the wartime pyramid of restrictive Flanked by four members of measures, Justice Minister Stewthe fire department, John A. art Garson told the House of Staton of Edmonton, western Commons last night in defence

struction supplies and orders Plea for the latter was drop- dealing with sugar and prices

workers in Eastern Canada. "For that reason, it is impos- The United Mine Workers of

> The stoppage affects only rains along the coast and light The Wabash strike was called Precipitation was expected to yesterday over contract negotiations but not wages.

John C. Ewart, president of the ARMS NEEDED

Foreign ministers of Great tent rain today. Occasionally rules. the North Atlantic pact. and 45.



VANCOUVER, (?)—A planned slowdown by Vancouver's bus, on H.M.C.S. Athabaskan lettersnow over the southern interior. trolley coach and street car head, mailed from Acapulco, 300 drivers is forecast to reduce all miles southeast of Manzanillo end over the southern sections public transportation service Bay, was later published in the of the province about midday with gradually clearing skies here tomorrow. thereafter. Rain will persist A Street Railwaymen's Union over the northern coast until evening while the northern in- spokesman denied it would be terior will get a few light snow

MAJOR BLAZE—With damage estimated as high as \$3,000,000,

fire which swept the Northern Hardware Building in downtown

structure under control. This photo shows the clouds of smoke

Forecast

spokesman denied it would be an enforced slowdown but ad- Don't Want flurries this afternoon, Gen- mitted that drivers were rebelling against "pushing by the Conclude Sessions in London sist over the province. Temper- British Columbia Electric Rail- Keds Dack LONDON, (P) — Estimate of atures will be somewhat higher way Co. to maintain schedules" the drivers that his officers will ment to the Red Army for

Britain, France, Belgium, the mixed with snow along the nor- One driver retorted: "We can- a system of deep air-raid shel-The firemen's 16-page brief, Netherlands and Luxembourg thern mainland. Cloudy occa- not sell tickets, make change ters—in case the Red Army tries which was supplemented with last night wound up a two-day sionally overcast in widely scat- issue transfers, watch traffic, to come back. two explanatory tables of fig- meeting here. A terse communi- tered showers Thursday. Winds and keep the tight schedule all The municipal engineer is in here, said he wes, was directed at proving que said they went over prob- light except locally northeast the time. When a man gets be- charge of both projects and the end that his gov- that Prince Rupert's firemen, lems of financing and produc- (25 m.p.h.) in exposed areas, hind in his schedule, he takes drawings cover a wall of his

lance. It was the titled to a wage scale at least as had been studies of the latest day: Port Hardy 40 and 48, ports of a slowdown were ex- "Well, so is the world today." to do, the foreign high as that received by Vancou- developments in connection with Massett and Prince Rupert 31 aggerated. It said a traffic rule Look way up at the top of booklet would be issued within the map of Europe and you'll

the laws of this province result waves his gun anywhere on the in a slowdown of the city's globe, Kirkenes shivers. Each transportation service, then it squabble between east and west is time the Public Utilities Commission and the provincial Department of Railways investigated running schedules."

IN TROUBLE

Canadian Air Force search and scripts guards the frontier. Their rescue centre here today re- heaviest weapon is an obsolete ceived a report that a "small machine-gun. unidentified fishing vessel" is Living on borrowed time, Kiron Cape Breton Island.

ted the craft.

on account of heavy seas.

STATEMENT ON MUTINY

Air Cleared As Result of Incident On H.M.C.S. Athabaskam

PRICE FIVE CENTS

been circulated there was a two-No senior rating was involved. SAYS RUSSIANS

or chief petty officer was concerned. About thirty men out of a crew of 140 were directly involved. It had been heard stated the

men objected to getting up for breakfast too early in the morning. They had been told they could not smoke while refueling the ship.

Said a naval spokesman: "Most striking of the demands was that the executive officer BUDGET DAY be removed from the ship. A ON TUESDAY second request was that Canaofficer."

highly competent officer with culation. pertinent qualifications for his Edmonton was the largest in the city's history. Firemen battled 24 hours to bring the flames in the combined warehouse-office

However, on the American (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.) money angle, the spokesman said Canadian money was always accepted by ship canteens But there may have been circumstances which made the acceptance of Canadian money in Mexican waters temporarily impossible.

The anonymous letter, written Vancouver Sun.

By DANIEL DE LUCE pedestrian yesterday Police KIRKENES, Norway (AP)-Chief Walter Mulligan warned Kirkenes is building a monu-

snow-shrouded office.

find Kirkenes, a mere dot, four Union Business Agent Llyod miles from Russia on the Arctic Sasler said: "If adherence to Ocean. When a Russian soldier -in Germany, at the U.N., or just in the newspapers-chills the heart.

Unhappily, this is the coldest town in the cold war.

No matter how or where another spark of war is struck, 3,000 Norwegian pioneers at this map-dot are certain they will be overrun within an hour by Soviet troops. A company of HALIFAX (1) -- The Royal pink-cheeked, 20-year-old con-

around and "in trouble" at kenes works as if it were as se-Gabarus Bay, near Louisburg, cure from human torment as Shangri-la. It looks like a set-The report reached Louisburg tlement of the Alaskan Gold from a motorist who had spot- Rush-wooden shacks, unpaved streets buried in snow and out-Further details were not av- door privies. By 1952, if there

At its backdoor is 1,000,000,-The crew is unable to leave 000 tons of iron ore in the frozen learth.

Lisbon is Considering Advisability of Move

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)-Diplomatic authori-OTTAWA - An official state- ties predicted today that Portugal probably will join ment from naval headquarters the proposed Atlantic security pact despite Portuclears the apparent mystery guese objections to Spain's "exclusion" and other concerning an incident on H.M. matters. A Portuguese embassy statement last night C.S. Athabaskan at Manzanillo made it clear that the Lisbon government has not Bay, Mexico. The report had

lyet reached a final decision and that questions about the treaty are still being asked of the No leading seamen, petty officer WANT HONG KONG United States government. One Portugal would cede no bases during peacetime.

BRISBANE—A United States missionary, Dr. W. Cadbury, has arrived here after 40 years "The Reds," he said, "are on SUSPENSION in China.

the fringe of Hong Kong. They will demand it from Britain OF JAILERS sooner than most people ex-

dian money be again accepted, OTTAWA-Hon. Douglas Abby the ship's canteen. Ameri- bott, minister of finance, ancan money only is recognized nounced yesterday that he will now by order of the executive bring down his budget in Parliament on Tuesday night of announced the suspensions fol-The executive officer, Lieut-- next week. As usual, there is lowing receipt of police investi-Commander C. R. Parker, is the much speculation. Particularly gation report from Chief Con-34-year-old winner of the Dis- is this so as to what may be stable Walter Mulligan and tinguished Service Cross in land- done about the income tax. ing craft at the invasion of Whether it will be an election as the chief had previously said France. He was described as a budget is also a subject of spe- there would be no suspensions.

TODAY'S STOCKS

| Vancouver | ~~ |
|-------------------|------|
| Bayonne | .00 |
| Bralorne (ask) | 8.75 |
| B.R. Con | .03 |
| B.R.X. | .10 |
| Cariboo Quartz | 1.20 |
| Congress | .03 |
| Hedley Mascot | .35 |
| Pend Oreillé | 4.40 |
| Pioneer | 3.10 |
| Premier Border | .03 |
| Privateer | .19 |
| Reeves McDonald | 2.25 |
| Reno | .06 |
| Sheep Creek | 1.27 |
| Silbak Premier | .34 |
| Taku River | .26 |
| Vananda | .25 |
| Salmon Gold | .15 |
| Spud Valley (ask) | .08 |
| Oils— | |
| Anglo Canadian | 3.90 |
| A.P. Con | .20 |
| Atlantic | .66 |
| C. & E. | 4.75 |
| Central Leduc | 1.05 |

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|-------------------|--|
| Anglo Canadian | 3.90 |
| A.P. Con | .20 |
| Atlantic | .66 |
| C. & E. | 4.75 |
| Central Leduc | 1.05 |
| Home Oil | 10.75 |
| Mercury | |
| Okalta | |
| Pacific Pete | 2.21 |
| Princess | .28 |
| Royal Canadian | .09 |
| South Brazeau | .14 |
| Toromto | |
| Athona | |
| Aumaque | .19 |
| Beattie | .49 |
| Bevcourt | 20 |
| Bobjo | .11 |
| Buffalo Canadian | |
| Consol. Smelters | 97.00 |
| Conwest | 1.16 |
| Donalda | |
| Eldona | |
| East Sullivan | 2.48 |
| Giant Yellowknife | 5.30 |
| God's Lake | |
| Hardrock | |
| Harricana | |
| Heva | |
| Hosco | |
| Jacknife | 04 |
| Joliet Quebec | |
| Lake Rowan | |
| Lapaska | 06 |
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Louvicourt

Regcourt

Pickle Crow

San Antonio

Steep Rock

Silver Miller

Senator Rouyn

Sherrit Gordon

Sturgeon River

Laxity is Suggested at Vancouver City Lock-up

VANCOUVER, (P)—Two jailers were suspended from the Vancouver police force as a result of the escape from the city jail Monday night of a 21-year old

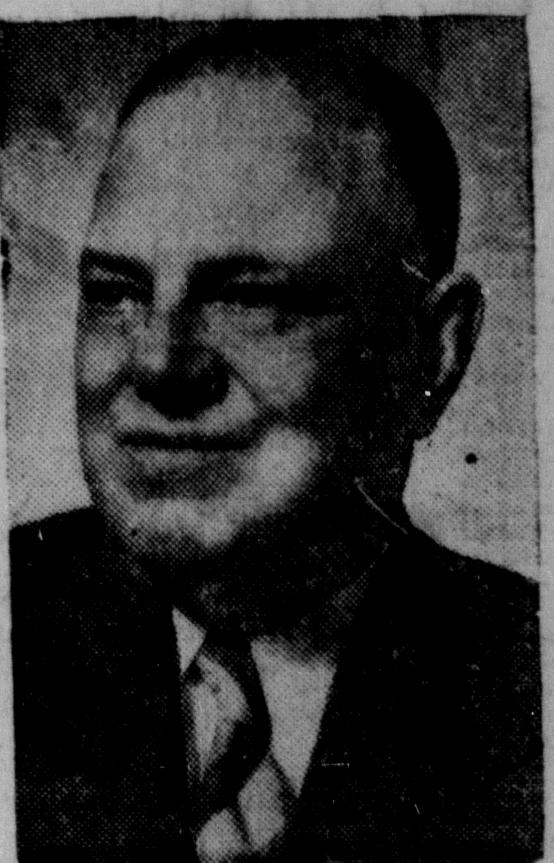
Houdini-like prisoner. Mayor Charles E. Thompson came as somewhat of a surprise

The mayor suggested that there had been evidence of lax-

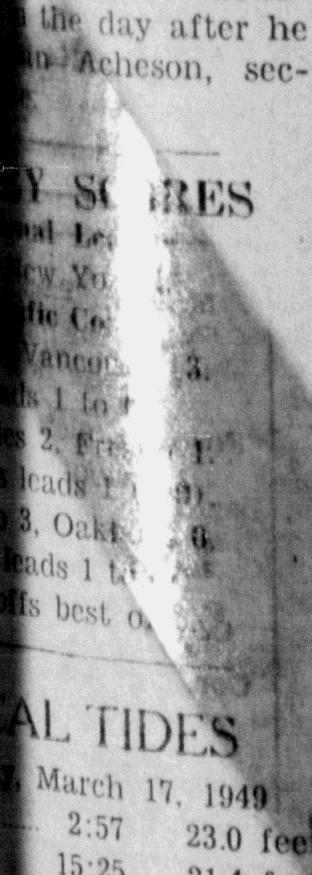
William Lightbrown, whose hair was dark brown until he a dyed it pink, is still at large. It was his second jail-break this

The claustrophobic Lightbrown was one of eight prisoners who broke out of outlying Okalla Prison on New Years' Day. He had been recaptured 1/2 but Monday night sawed his way through steel window bars and slid to freedom down a rope devised from torn mattress 4 strips.

WINNIPEG, ()-By a vote of 34 to 20 the Legislature of Manitoba decided to take no action yesterday in connection with the validating of the manufacture and sale of margarine in this province. A Liberal member charged the government with lack of courage in the matter.



ALLAN L. WOODROW, Toronto banker and industrialist, has been appointed honorary treasurer of the National Liberal Federation for the third year and also will serve on the executive committee. Announcement of the appointment is made by Senator J. Gordon Fogo, K.C., president of the Federation, Mr. Woodrow, a native of St. John, N. B., was for many years an executive of the Bank of Nova Scotia and, serving in various capacities, became widely known among business men from coast to coast. He is a director of Mohawk Mills, Hamilton, Ont., and of Metal Stamping Ltd., Toronto.



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Washington the first week i April to sign the Atlantic secur



IT WAS ALL A SHOCK TO HER-Betty Ritchie, formerly of Toronto and Fenelov Falls, Ont., is shown in a Hollywood night club with Gerald G. Dennis, alleged "gentleman burglar" held by failable here because of shaky still is peace, it will be the the New York police. Betty burst int otears when California pol- |communications with Cape nicest, richest town beyond the ice informed her that Dennis had other girls, too. "I'm horrified Breton after a storm last night, Arctic Circle. to learn that he had other girl friends. It's all a terrible shock to had disrupted land lines. me." She is being held on suspicion of burglary and receiving stolen property, but she maintained her innocence.