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acht Club Wrecked By Sudden Winter

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bat Blows Up; Two Burned to Death bcal Man Is Killed In Blast; ree Have Narrow Escape

Bert Johnson One of Two Trapped In Burning Vessel-Captain Balmer of Boat 'Pensioner' Is Other Victim

wo men—one of them a Prince Rupert resident burned to death and three others narrowly eswith their lives early Saturday morning when After The Blast ceived at the City Hall today as the city's portion of the Social foot boat in which they were riding caught fire xploded betweenOcean Falls and Bella Bella, 200 south of Prince Rupert.

Bella Bella.

in the small skiff in a heavy

sea, uncertain of their position

was snowing and blowing at the

Early Saturday, they found

Johnson was a well-known

I vui ouaigiit

Ketchikan.

ketball series.

Individual scores:

Spring, 5; Olsen, 3; Carlson, 8;

sen, 10; Hinman, 1; Total, 34.

Prince Rupert won the first

won two games at Prisce Rupert.

heaviest fall this year.

blizzard of 1888.

Local High School Basketball

Team Wins Saturday Game at

or of the nearest shelter.

Bert Johnson, one of ent south on the Prince explosion. r of the work boat "Pen- wiped the vessel and its victims Bella Bella

three who escaped from essel's flaming cabin beexploded were Kenneth Prince Rupert taxi op-Henry C. Jensen, dry plater foreman, and Al t quarry worker of Bella

from Bella Bella, their were taken by a camp boat to ation when they caught Bella Bella. Kerfoot remained at in the "Pensioner" from the southern settlement while Falls. Neither was seri- Jensen and Nesbitt returned to injured as a result of the Prince Rupert. ence which claimed the I two of their companions. city resident. He lived at the

"PePnsioner" disenteg- Savoy Hotel, where he had been get them out." when the fire spread to a heard steward for many years. ity of explosives and the He was about 50 years old. fuel supply.

three Prince Rupert men taken to Ocean Falls by Rupert Makes

ent when they overstayed Rupert Makes visiting time aboard the southbound, Thursday

lving at Ocean Falls Friafternoon, they left the e George and a short time took passage on the "Penfor Bella Bella to catch amosun back to Prince Ru-

rfoot, who was going back rk at Beale quarry in Gum-Passage near Bella Bella. ise of the fire was a faulty ove in the cabin which exa some time after mid-Friday, showering inoil throughout the and arousing the men g on nearby bunks.

en the stove exploded, Balmer and Johnson dived he engine room, apparently I lire extinguishers. Nesbit ed an extinguisher from wall at the stern of the cabin and played it on the

nto the after cockpit, folby Nesbitt who was driven on the Princess Norah last night. pay an extended visit here. by the heat after the gained headway despite Most Of Canada Swept If the extinguisher.

mson and Balmer were ed in the engine comparttabin almost immediately. By Fierce Snowstorm asen, Kerfoot and Nesbitt thed a small skiff and clung he side of the "Pensioner," ning windows at the sides at the front of the pilot e, hoping to free their combut, as the flames gained they were forced to move

ARBER SHOPS of Prince upert will be open on hursdays, December 23 nd 30. The barbers wish du all a Merry Christmas d Happy New Year.

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No Sign Of Boat Or Men

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of Prince Rupert men away because of the danger of stroyed the 34-foot boat Pensio- justment of the share. ner early Saturday, taking the Municipalities received one-

off the landscape. The dyna-"We searched the water after mite and blasting caps were being taken to a quarry near The three survivors were left

Persistent efforts of the three survivors - Mr. Nesbitt, Henry Jensen and Alf Kerfoot of Bella Bella-to rescue Bert Johnson and Thomas Balmer, the two men trapped inside the boat, endangered their lives.

shelter at a logging camp and The trio, in the boat's dinghy were only a few feet from the flaming vessel when it blew up.

> "We kept trying to get the men out by smashing windows in the Pensioner, but it was no use The boat blew up before we could

> In addition to gasoline, the Pensioner carried a quantity of blasting caps and dynamite for Pass, near Bella Bella.

mer, skipper of the boat, dived tain. into the engine room, forward,

"I grabbed a fire extinguisher and tried to put the fire out, but was no use." he said. "The flames were all over the cabin. We all Bo-Me-Hi of Prince Rupert de- had to dash through the flames feated Kayhi of Ketchikan by a to get out."

score of 42 to 34 Saturday night If Johnson and Padmer had the night. A strong northwesth them, in addition to for their fourth victory in the gone aft instead offorward, they erly flow of Pacific air now domas Balmer, the owner, was international High School bas- would have been saved too, Mr inates the British Columbia Nesbitt thinks.

vengeance in the second half and it" had things pretty much their the forward compartment, they and over the mountains of the were trapped. There was no interior but blue skies and bright

Prince Rupert - Scherk, 15; means of escape. Davidson, 3; Flaten, 8; Total, 42. Ketchikan- Christopher, 10; | glass panes in the boat windows days. Stenford, 9; Whaley, 4: Johan-lin an effort to release his com-

The explosion left not a trace game 39 to 31 and had previously of either the men or the boat.

Entertainment for the Prince The local team returned home city from Malton, Ontario, to and 42.

East Is Buried by Blizzard of Record

Proportions-Vancouver Is Hard Hit

bia and is expected to bring more

the Fraser Valley.

Municipal Aid Tax Cut Here

Check for \$20,301.05, Presumably Interim Payment for Six Months, Received

Check from the Minister of Finance of British Columbia in the amount of \$20,301.05 was re-Security and Municipal Act tax, "There wasn't a thing left of presumably covering the period either the boat or the men," said of six months ending December Ken Nesbitt, city taxi operator, 31. It is believed to be an indescribing the blast which de- terim payment pending final ad-

Thursday night, and The blast which followed when lives of two of his companions third of the three percent tax, Balmer of Bella, the explosives and fuel blew up, on a trip from Ocean Falls to the distribution being on the basis of population.

It had been estimated at the the explosion and couldn't find a City Hall that this city would trace of it." Mr. Nesbitt said this receive about \$20,000 for the sixmonth period.

FRENCH GIVING RUSSIA VILLAGE

Town of Stolpe to be Taken Back Behind Iron Curtain.

BERLIN (Canadian Press) Lonely rural policemen today kept watch over the tiny village of Stolpe which France is giving back to Germany. The policemen will remain in the village until notified of the imminent arrival

of Russian occupation forces. A French military governmen spokesman said the return was the Beale quarry in . Gunboat to be formally completed January 3. The frightened village will Mr. Nesbitt thinks that Bal- then move behind the iron cur-

Stolpe was given to the French to get a fire extinguisher. "I don't by the Russians October 1945 so know, though, everybody was ex- the French could build an airport. The field was never built.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Yesterday's storm moved eastward across the Rockies during coast and marked improvement First half was closely contes- "They would have had to go in weather is to be expected durted with Kayhi leading by 19 to through flames, just like we did, ing the next 48 hours. Some 17. The locals came back with a but I think they could have made cloudiness and widely scattered shower activity will persist along As it was, once they entered the exposed areas of the coast sunshine over much of the pro-Mr. Nesbitt's right hand is vince will be a welcome change bruised and cut fro mstriking the from the storms of the past two

Forecast

West coast of Vancouver Island-Variable cloudiness and widely scattered showers today and Tuesday but clear at night. Winds north westerly 25 miles Rupert team included dances Ole Helgason, brother of Mrs. per hour. Colder with frost to-Rupert team included dances of Mrs. per hour. Colder with frost to both Friday and Saturday nights John Simundson, 200 Ninth Av-night. Lows tonight and highs both Friday and Saturday nights g near the doorway, dashed in the Ketchikan Civic Centre. enue East, has arrived in the Tuesday—at Estevan point 32

> Queen Charlottes and North Coast-Cloudy with widely scat tered showers of mixed snow and rain, clearing tonight. Variable cloudiness on Tuesday. Winds northwesterly, 30 miles per hour in the exposed areas, northwesterly 15 miles per hour elsewhere. Colder tonight. Lows tonight and highs Tuesday—at Port Hardy 30 and 40, Massett 27 and 40, Prince Rupert 30 and 40. Snow covers virtually all of Canada as a result of

week-end storms and more drifts are in store for the Star transcontinental plane had ness. Great Lakes region by the middle of the week, accord- a narrow escape with forty pasvey today. A storm is moving East from the Rockies taking off, sheared a number snow. Ontario and northeastern Mainland had its worst wind tower.

states are buried under the and snowstorm in tifteen years A Queen Charlotte Airlines during the week-end. The city Norseman sank at the airport. In New York millions struggled was completely isolated by nor- | A New Westminster man, to work through 19-5 inches of mal means of communication Henry O'Malley, succumbed to snow that covers the great city's for fifteen hours yesterday. The a heart attack while shovelling

metropolitan area. This is only heavy wet snow caused power snow. 11/2 inches less than the great to go off almost everywhere in There was no snow at Victoria although a strong wind did Vancouver and the Lower A TransCanada Airlines North slight damage.



DISCUSS BROADCASTING CHANNELS TO MEET NEEDS OF ALL COUNTRIES -- Prof. A. S. Bokhari, chairman of the Pakistan delegation, T. A. Stone, chairman of the Canadian delegation, and Geoffrey Kirk of the United Kingdom delegation chat during the International High Frequency Broadcasting Conference in Mexico. The conference, which is expected to last at most until February, is gathered to discuss the use of high frequency channels for broadcasting to meet the requirements of all countries.

Bulletins

BY-ELECTIONS ON

OTTAWA-A new federal party leader and a new cabinet minister are today seeking election to the House of Commons. They are George Drew, 54, and Stuart Garson, 50, who are running in two of three federal by-elections today. Drew seeks election in the Ottawa district riding of Carlton and Garson in the Manitoba constituency of Marquette. The third by-election is in Laval-Two Mountains in Que-

RETIRED SENATOR DIES

QUEBEC-Philippe August Choquette, retired senator and former Quebec judge, died today at his home. He was 94 years of age. An early collaborator of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he was a newspaperman of long standing.

SEEK 'HONORABLE' PEACE

NANKING-A Chinese cabinet, pledged "to fight on until we can secure an honorable peace" was formed today by Premier Sun Fo. Fo did not rule out the possibility of a compromise peace with the Communists. The cabinet will probably be announced tomorrow. Heavy fighting is reported around Tientsin.

NETHERLANDS TAKE OVER

BATAVIA, Java—Netherlands forces continue to roll unchecked through Indonesia in an almost bloodless occupation. The Republican capital of Jogjakarta was taken by airborne troops in the first hour of fighting. In Paris the Netherlands has informed the Security Council that intervention is useless in Indonesia.

ficials are today caring for John seven picnickers, rolled down a Manek, aged 12, son of Metro hill into the side of a train. The Manek, 50, victim of what Win-truck's brakes, apparently, failnipeg police describe as a flat ed to work. iron slaying in a tenement

Manek was found Saturday night with his head cut ar soaked in blood. Police are holding Claire Ta

of Winnipeg as a material wi

Truck Hits Train, Forty-One Killed BUENOS AIRES (P)-Forty-one

persons were killed yesterday WINNIPEG (1) - Weifare of- when a truck, carrying forty-

LOCAL TIDES

nd	Tuesday, December		21, 1948	
	High		19.1	
ait		16:58	19.5	feet
it-	Low	. 11:00	8.8	feet
		23:32	4.6	fee

ing to a Dominion-wide Canadian Press weather suroff the runway yesterday while United States Supreme Court Is after ripping down communications in British Columbia and is expected to bring more | of ground posts and came to a stop almost in front of radar Not Moving to Save War Lords

WASHINGTON, D.C. (P)-United States Supreme Court today refused to interfere with the international military tribunal's sentence of death on Former Premier Tojo and six other Japanese war lords. The court, by a six to one vote, decided that it has no

authority over the 11-country tribunal.

The decision presumably seals the doom of Tojo and the others who are sentenced to die on the gallows.

Fleet Nearly Demolished

Boats Sunk and Damaged As Fierce Winter Southwester Sweeps Prince Rupert Harbor

Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht Club floats, home of Prince Rupert's pleasure boat fleet ranging from commodious power cruisers to the smallest of rowboats and canoes, were disintegrated early Sunday afternoon when the establishment bore the brunt of a sudden southwest gale which swept the Prince

Rupert waterfront. After two ---broke apart and the member on a rock. boats, after some delay in get- Damage to the Lois N. is beshelter at other more protect- dogfish boat Bumper Catch, also suffered some, but not ex- impact with the Lois N.

els moored alongside them. A speedboat owned by Earl Man sank at the Yacht Club

A gillnetter, the Kearney, Martin Hanson, capsized in the harbor after breaking away from an oil company float. The halibut boat Lois N., owned by F. E. Hunt Ltd., suffered extensive stern damage.

Dr. W. S. Kergin's power cruiser Full Moon suffered a crushed stern.

One of the padly damaged boats at Cow Bay floats was Dick Nobles' fishing Oriole which was badly holed nearby Co-op ways. Mr. Nobles DAVIES IS DEAD had his wife and family on board. They are now staying with friends.

turn of the tide, the gale died down and last night Prince NOTED BRITISH scattered east along the water- ACTOR IS DEAD front at new moorings.

Despite cold winds and rain, crowds lined the waterfront to watch the billowing waves and the rescue operations.

trapped, due to the position into which the floats drifted. Disintegration of the Yacht Club floats was the chief damage and it will take several thousand dollars to re-establish the club.

Prince Rupert's waterfront RELIEF TRAIN TO today was putting varied estimates on damage resulting from RIO FLOOD AREA the gale which sank three vessels and damaged scores of

The wind, which reached velocity of 55 miles an hour between 10 a.m. and late afternoon, brought greatest damage to the mid-section of the waterfront between the provincial government dock and the fish-

In addition to one small ves- vancouver. sel sunk at the Yacht Club, at least-a dozen others were dameged or had narrow escapes. Dr. W. S. Kergin's yacht Full

Moon, moored at the outer berth on the lee side of the floats, bearing the full force of the gale, possibly saved other, smaller boats from mishap. Wedged between the floats and an oil scow, it prevented the floats from drifting further eastward.

From 10:30 a.m. until late afternoon, the boat owners struggled to protect their ves-

RESCUE BOATS Capt. Charles Currie and his

work boat C.R.C. rendered yeoman service throughout the day, towing many vessels from their berths into open water where they could navigate with safety. Capt. James Donaldson with the Two Rivers was Wheatley, Ont., is seen with also on the job.

ed with the rescue of the Lois N. won from hundreds of compewhich broke away from her titors in the U.S. and Canada moorings at Hunt's float and was a "run-of-the-mill samdrifted, with no one aboard, to ple" of his crop, he says.

dolphins collapsed before the the British American Oil Co. 55-mile wind which lashed the dock where it struck another harbor, the floats gradually boat and finally went aground

ting away, had to scurry for lieved to be heavy , while the ed points on the waterfront. owned by Arne Baardsen, also Cow Bay fishermen's floats received hull damage from the

tensive, damage as well as ves- Most spectacular mishap of the day was the capsizing of the 38-foot troller Kearney as she was moving from the drydock to the east-end fishermen's floats. As her skipper, Capt. Martin Hanson, brought the boat from shelter, she turned broadside to the seas and turned over. Lack of ballast was given as the reason for the accident.

Capt. Hanson- was quickly rescued by a nearby boat.

During the force of the gale, many boats cruised the harbor riding it out.

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but was safely removed to the WIFE OF SENATOR

KINGSTON, Ont. (P)-Mrs. Florence Mackay Da L, wife of Prince Rupert boat owners Senator W. Rupert Davies, forhurried to the waterfront to, mer president of the Canadian protect their craft and three Press and editor and publisher hours of frantic effort to save of the Kingston Whig-Standard, their vessels followed. With the died today after a long illness.

Sir Aubrey Smith Passes Away at Age of Eighty-Five

BEVERLEY HILLS, Cal. (P)-A large section of the Yacht Sir Aubrey Smith, personifica-Club fleet was for some time tion of the distinguished Briton in the films and in person, died today. Eighty-five years of age, he was active in the movies almost until death. He was also a celebrated cricketer.

RIO DE JANEIRO (P.—A relief train, organized by a group of Brazilian newspapers, is to leave Rio with help for victims of last week's disastrous flood in northern Brazil. Deaths are estimated at as high as 600.

Inspector of Schools Joseph ermen's floats east of the dry- Chell returned to the city on yesterday's plane from a trip to



"SOY BEAN KING"-"Soy bean king" of the world. W. R. Beattie, who farms near ribbons he won. His entry in Capt. Currie also was credit- the show at Chicago which

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