

See Fire Bug In Downtown Business Block

PRAIRIES NEED MORE MOISTURE

Hot Weather of Past Week Has Not Helped

WINNIPEG—Hot weather during the past week has drawn heavily on moisture reserves throughout the major crop areas of western Canada, according to the weekly crop report of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways. Conditions in Manitoba remain better than in Saskatchewan and Alberta but further rains would be welcome immediately over most of Manitoba.

Aphids or plant lice continue their spread in southwestern Manitoba to more northerly and eastern districts and, while chiefly affecting late sown coarse grains, are also attacking late wheat. Control measures are now being attempted through the appropriate chemical.

Deterioration continues in western Saskatchewan and in east-central Alberta with prospects rapidly diminishing or extinct in some districts.

In the Okanagan, hot weather is maturing cherries rapidly and shipment of this crop will pass its peak this week. Vegetables and fruits are all maturing nicely with no damage reported from any cause.

Theo Collart Passes Away

City Pioneer Dies While on Visit to Native Belgium

Jean Joseph Theophile Collart, who entered business in Prince Rupert in 1909 with a few bales of hay as his capital and who in the next 40 years became a civic and business leader here, died a few days ago at Wavre, Belgium, his native village, while on a visit to his homeland. He was 74 years of age.

A Canadian by adoption, who knew no English when he came to Canada in 1904, Mr. Collart developed a strong love for central British Columbia and became one of the greatest champions of its development. At the same time, he retained a loyalty to his homeland which inspired him to return and fight for it during the First World War.

Mr. Collart left Prince Rupert about a month ago via Panama Canal on a visit to Belgium, planning to return late in the summer.

Born in 1875, Mr. Collart received his education in Belgium. Entering the army, he passed his officer's examinations at the age of 18, serving until he was 21 when he was given Reserve status with the rank of sub-lieutenant. He then worked in a bank for a salary of 75 francs a month for one year, later entering a stock brokers' office. He branched out into his own business which he operated for seven years before coming to Canada.

Coming to this country in 1904 with no knowledge of English, he endeavored to obtain homesteaded land in Alberta. He encountered difficulties, but finally settled in the Porcupine Hills, 40 miles from Macleod, where he cultivated 125 acres. During that time he had difficulties with neighboring ranchers who resented homesteaders settling on their traditional open range.

CAME TO RUPERT

He farmed near Macleod until 1909 when he was lured west by stories of the opening of the Prince Rupert townsite. Selling his farm, he retained a quantity of hay and livestock feed which became his original business in Prince Rupert. His first business location was at the Market Place.

Shortly afterward, he sold out

First Conviction Under B. C. Sales Tax

Steps Are Taken Against Offenders

VICTORIA (CP)—The government reports the first conviction of violation of the sales tax law is being effected against other possible offenders.

The first conviction has been

against Norman W. Dougherty of Vancouver who pleaded guilty to theft of \$1,263 in sales tax receipts. He has not yet been sentenced.

In the past several who had been questioned made restitution but the government said that such leniency would end.

JUNIOR BASEBALL STARTING AGAIN

After an upset due to the transition into the school holiday season which has taken some of the players out of town and made it difficult for some to turn out owing to seasonal working commitments, the Junior Baseball League, organized this season to develop the younger players and provide a reservoir of talent for use later in senior company, the Junior Baseball League is swinging into action again. An exhibition game will be played tomorrow evening, followed a week later by the opening game in the revamped league. Two teams—Lions and Wolves—have already been formed and a third is in process of organization.

Here are two teams which will meet tomorrow evening: Lions—Robert Jones, 1b; Dick Nickerson, 2b; Lawrence Kristmanson, p; Darrell Young, c; Allan Hartwig, 3b; Fred Kristmanson, rf; Sandy Hamilton, ss; Billy Morrison, cf; Ray McDonald, lf.

Wolves—Derick Letourneau, c; Dick Wesch, 1b; Ronald Christoff, cf; Ken Laurie, ss; Tommy Sedgewick, 2b; Andy Owens, p; Bill Brown, 3b; Danny McAfee, rf; Neil Forman, lf.

and returned to Belgium where he remained for a short time. He came back to Prince Rupert and sold real estate until the First World War.

During the early part of that conflict he went to France at his own expense and joined the Belgian army and was commissioned as a Lieutenant. He was wounded in action but served until after the Armistice, then returned to Prince Rupert and re-entered the real estate business with the late M. P. McCaffery as a partner.

During the years he was active in the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club and served several terms as an alderman and police commissioner. One of his major interests was the development of a rail line from the Peace River country through to Prince Rupert and he worked incessantly toward that end. He envisaged a completed northern rail line from Prince Rupert through to Churchill on Hudson's Bay.

About three years ago he sold his real estate business and went into semi-retirement. He built a new home on Fifth Avenue West.

In 1936 he was a member of the Canadian contingent which attended the unveiling of the Canadian war memorial at Vimy Ridge.

He was pre-deceased about a year ago by his wife, the former Clementine Gardner, whom he married at Folkestone, England, while overseas during World War I.

The brother of deceased who was with him here in the feed business in the early days now resides at San Francisco. Mr. Collart passed away at the home of his sister, Miss Flora Collart. There are other brothers and sisters in the Old Country.

Warship Here Next Month

H.M.C.S. Ontario to Pay Three Day Visit to This Port

Senior ship of the Pacific Coast fleet of the Royal Canadian Navy, H.M.C.S. (cruiser) Ontario, will pay a visit to Prince Rupert from the morning of August 5 to the morning of August 8, according to an official notification received by Mayor Nora Arnold from the Department of National Defence. The Ontario's visit here will be in the course of a training cruise in northern waters. Other Canadian naval vessels will be in waters contiguous to the port this summer but as far as yet announced, Ontario will be the only one to visit Prince Rupert.

Ontario has a new commanding officer in the person of Capt. H. F. Pullen O.B.E., R.C.N., who recently succeeded Capt. J. C. Hibbard.

While he is best known as a destroyer captain, "Ontario's" new commanding officer is no stranger to the bigger ships. Early in his career he served for nearly two years in the battle cruiser, H.M.S. "Hood," and was executive officer of H.M.C.S. "Uganda," Canada's first modern cruiser, from her commissioning in October 1944 until November 1945.

During the war, Captain Pullen commanded the destroyers "St. Francis," "St. Laurent" and both the "Ottawa's." Prior to his staff course he was in command of H.M.C.S. "Nootka" and Captain "D." First Canadian Destroyer Flotilla.

For wartime services, Captain Pullen was awarded the O.B.E. and was Mentioned in Despatches.

BASEBALL SCORES

TODAY
National
Boston 9, Chicago 4.
Cincinnati 7, Brooklyn 6.
(10 innings).
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 2.
Pittsburg 9, New York 0.

Flash

RUPERT MAN INJURED
VANCOUVER—Police are probing the cause of severe injuries to a Prince Rupert man, Stanley Joseph, registered at the Stratford Hotel here. He was found lying in the street early today. He has a broken jaw and possible skull fracture. Police say he has been here for three days.

WINS KING'S PRIZE

BISLEY CAMP, Surrey, Eng.—Capt. W. Brookes, 47-year-old garage owner and member of the Royal Army Service Corps, today blazed his way to victory in the King's Prize with an aggregate score of 278. His score in the major individual event of the annual Commonwealth rifle shoot was 10 points better than the nearest Canadian competitors—Sgt. William Hall of Ottawa, Warrant Officer Jacob Young, Victoria, and Sgt. Godfrey Kay of Hamilton, who were the highest scorers with aggregates of 268 each.

C.C.F. FOR E.R.P.

WINNIPEG—Delegates attending the Manitoba C.C.F. convention, meeting in closed session for the second consecutive evening, voted last night to endorse the European Recovery Program and, after a long debate, approved the North Atlantic Security Pact. By endorsing E.R.P., the delegates reversed a stand of a year ago.

Just "SPECULATION"

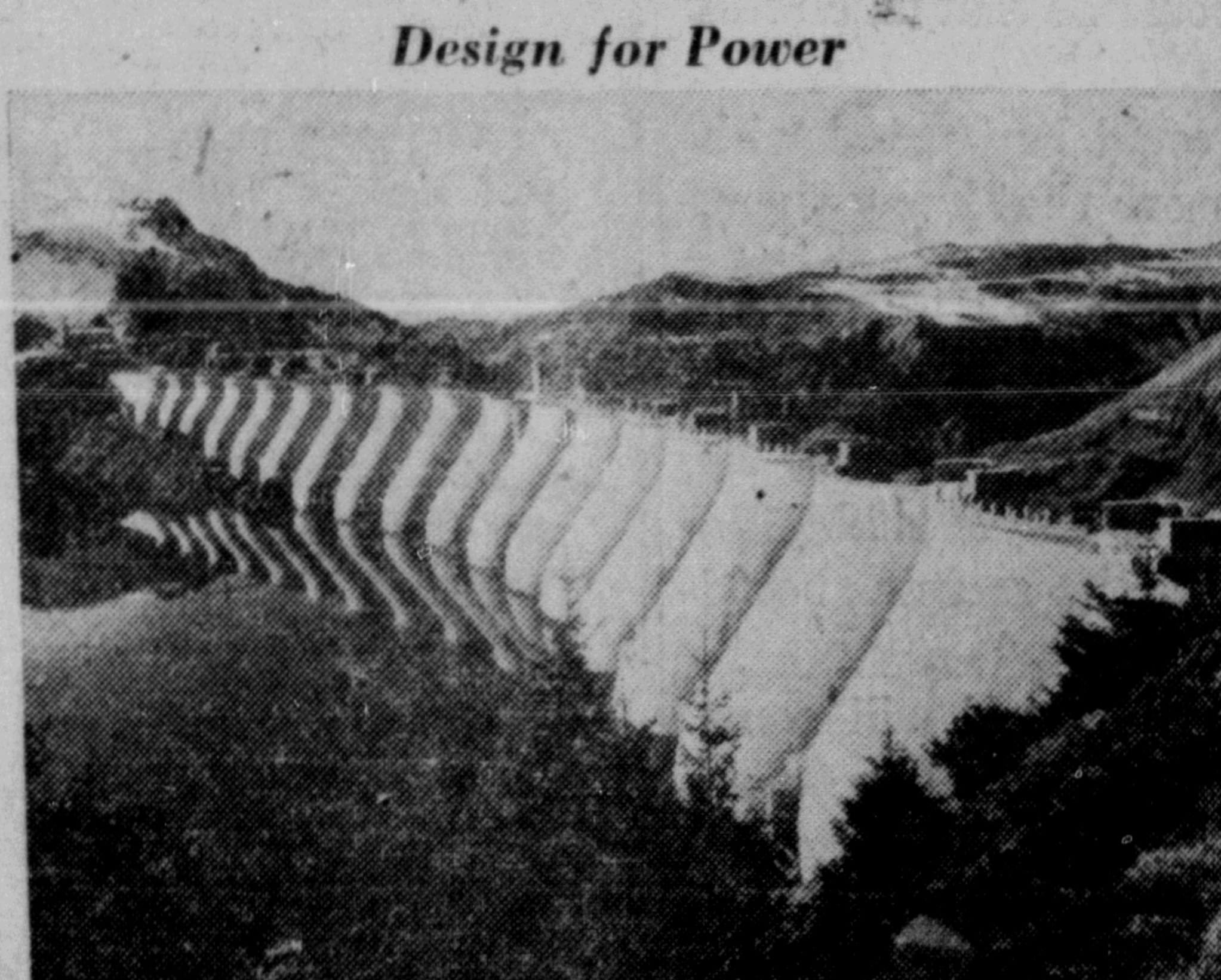
VANCOUVER—Harold Winch, British Columbia C.C.F. leader, described a Vancouver Daily Province story of possible purging within the section's ranks as "newspaper speculation." There is "no such action contemplated in B.C.," he said. He was referring to the expulsion of two Manitoba C.C.F. rankers. Much speculation existed on a similar move in B.C.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Cool cloudy weather will persist over British Columbia today with considerable shower activity throughout the interior. Gradually improving weather conditions are expected over most of the province Sunday.

Forecast

Cloudy today and tomorrow. Scattered showers tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind westerly (15 m.p.h.). Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—Port Hardy 50 and 65, Masset 50 and 58, Prince Rupert 48 and 63.



Design for Power

Not half-submerged milk bottles but units of a new-type power dam are these oddly-shaped concrete cylinders in the French Alps. The dam rests in a jagged, rocky chasm, inaccessible by road, necessitating construction of independent, "self-stabilizing" units. Plan is one of many submitted to the U.N. Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Resources (UNSCUR), meeting soon.

FIRE MENACE STILL LARGE

Scattered Showers Help Somewhat But Danger Little Relieved

VANCOUVER—The annual fire hazard in British Columbia's vast forest areas remained virtually unchanged today as only scattered showers appeared to assist fire fighters watching or battling blazes throughout the province. Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and Nelson and Prince George districts are hardest hit.

Restricted industrial closure has been placed on parts of the Vancouver forest area as tinder-dry conditions made a dangerous hazard.

'HIGHWAY 16' COMING HERE

"Highway 16," Government Travel Bureau's colorful moving picture film depicting the road and country between Prince Rupert and Prince George, is coming to Prince Rupert next Wednesday for an eight-day stay during which time it will be available for showing by local organizations. In view of the exceptional interest in this area, expectation is that there will be much demand. The picture was shown at Terrace this week and proved highly acceptable.

Local organizations which have already spoken for the film are Rotary Club, July 21, Chamber of Commerce, July 22, and Gyro Club, July 27.

Arrangements for bringing the film here were made by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

C.C.F. Are Expelled

Two Members of Manitoba Legislature Thrown Out for Opposing Atlantic Pact

WINNIPEG—The Manitoba section of the C.C.F. has expelled from the party two ranking members for public utterances at variance with C.C.F. policy.

A closed session of the section's fourteenth annual convention took action against B. R. Richards and W. Doneleyke who made speeches criticizing the North Atlantic Security Pact after it had been endorsed by the C.C.F. national convention.

Both are members of the Manitoba Legislature, Mr. Richards for The Pas and Mr. Doneleyke for St. Clements.

Following their expulsion, the two members said that the party executive was wishing to get rid of "progressive elements" within the party.

William Ivel, a veteran Winnipeg C.C.F., felt the C.C.F. party was getting away from the farmers.

Halibut Sales

American
Sandra L., 24,000, Pacific, 19c, 18c, 15c.
Simpson Maid, 50,000, Storage, 19c, 18c, 15c.
Eastern, 30,000, Storage, 19c, 18c, 15c.
Anne, 9,000, Atlin, 19c, 18c, 15c.
Ivanhoe, 40,000, Storage, 19c, 18c, 15c.

Canadian
Cape Beale, 42,000, Isapaco, 48,000 and Taplow, 42,000, Atlin, 19c, 18c and 15c.
Parma, 35,000, Co-op.
Sea Maid, 32,000, Co-op.
Northern Breeze, 20,000, Co-op.

Arson Is Suspected

Fire of Mysterious Origin In Exchange Block

What might have been a deliberate attempt to start a fire in the basement of the Exchange Block, corner of Third Avenue and Sixth Street, is being investigated by the city police and Fire Chief Earl Becker following the discovery yesterday of partially burned rags in the Rex Bowling Alleys.

The charred rags, which had been saturated with floor polishing oil, were found by Mrs. Clara Lipsin, proprietor of the Acme Clothing Store, on the street level of the Exchange Block. A lingering smell of smoke aroused her interest and she investigated the basement.

They had been placed in the gutter between two bowling alleys and had apparently burned themselves out during the night without doing any major damage to the building. Mrs. Lipsin called the fire department and the police.

John Gurvich, owner of the building, said that a quantity of varnish had been spilled over the bowling alleys several days ago. The alleys are closed for the summer months.

Doors to the bowling alleys, which normally are kept locked, were found unlocked. Fire Chief Becker said. Several persons had keys to the building. The fact that the polishing oil which was used was not particularly inflammable was said by Mr. Becker to have probably kept the fire from spreading and damaging or destroying the building.

In addition to the Rex Bowling Alleys, which are in the basement, the building houses Acme Clothing Store, Singer Sewing Machine Store and several apartments on the upper floor. A row of frame buildings are on the easterly side of the Exchange Block.

WESTERNERS SHOWING WAY

TORONTO—Western athletes, led by a strong British Columbia contingent, showed the way Friday as the British Empire track and field trials opened under ideal weather conditions. The trials wind up today.

Yesterday's only record-breaking performance was turned in by 17-year-old Rich Ferguson of Toronto who ran three miles in fourteen minutes, 49.8 seconds for a Canadian record.

All British Columbia male athletes advanced to the final rounds but the girls really showed the way.

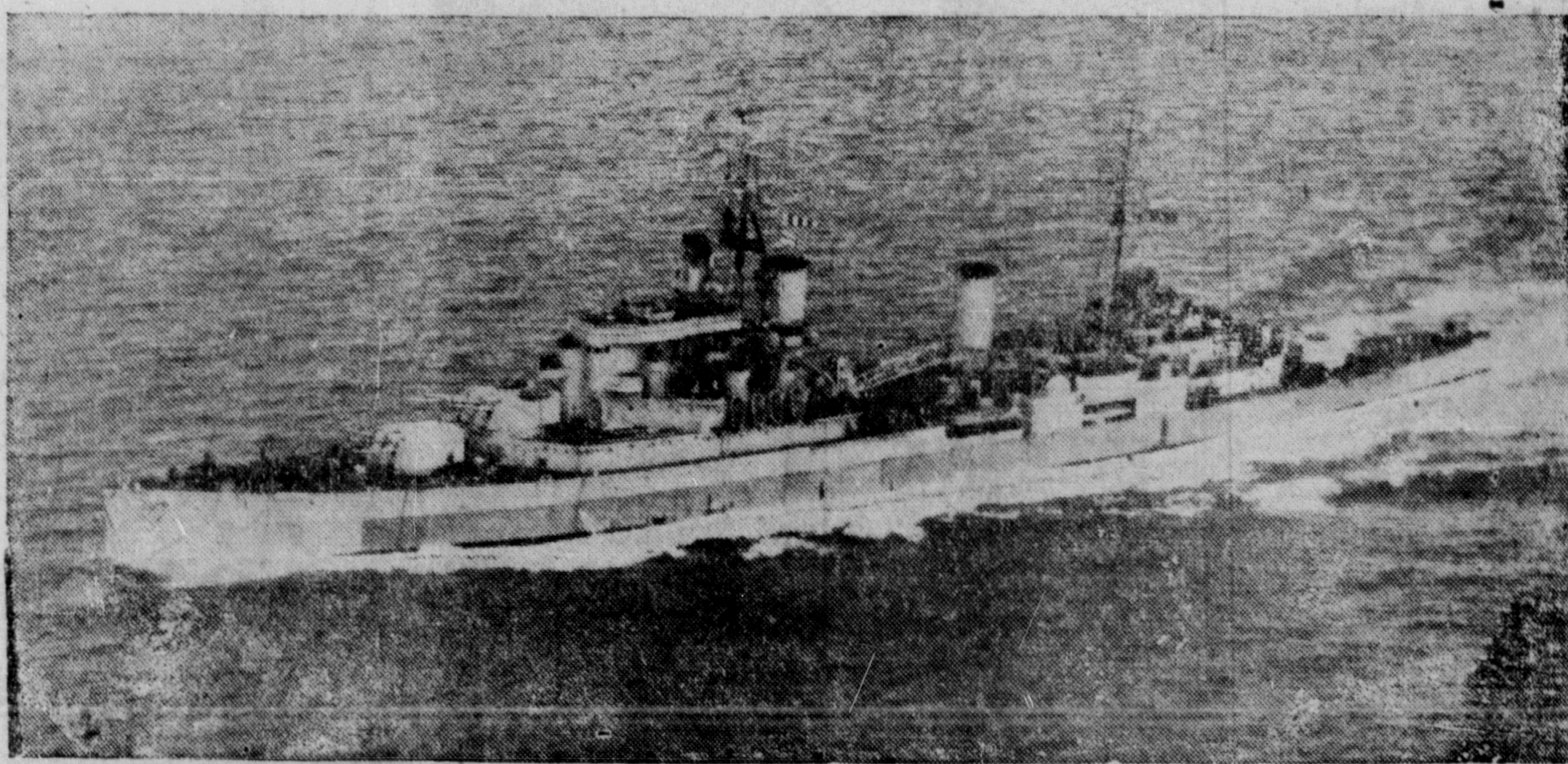
Vancouver's Shirley Gordon and Eleanor Cave placed one-two in the high jump.

Eleanor Mackenzie and Peggy Moore of Vancouver topped first two positions in the 100-yard dash and New Westminster's Pat Jones also won a 100-yard heat. Walter Federick of Hamilton today shattered the native Canadian six-mile record in the Dominion track and field championships, his time being 32 minutes and 44 seconds.

ARE WORRIED ABOUT SPIES

WASHINGTON D. C.—A Senate committee pressed the Department of State today for information on how many aliens might be using diplomatic immunity as a shield for subversive activities.

Attorney General Tom Clark revealed yesterday that more than a score of foreigners were under investigation by the Department of Justice.



COMING HERE SOON—H. M. C. S. Ontario to pay visit to port early next month in course of training cruise.

Study

Problems to be Faced Scientific Angle

SUCCESS—The United Nations prepared today to study the world's problems from a new angle—by the use of science on an international scale to fight the natural resources.

Experts from thirty nations are scheduled to attend the first world science conference here beginning on Monday.

A man delegation will be led by Hugh L. Keenleyside, minister of mines and technical resources for Canada.

Exchange information methods of solving some of the difficulties of survival in almost every section of the world.

MUTATIONS

Facing of Highway, Labor Laws, Landing Among Matters

tion of further improve-

the Skeena River a provincial plebiscite question of daylight saving the establishment of a field for aircraft at Rupert, revision of the liquor laws permitting the operation of cocktail relaxation of restriction travel between British Columbia and Alaska and immediate inauguration of a coastguard service the coasts of Canada will be in resolutions to be by the Prince Rupert Convention of the Association of Trade of British Columbia to be in the middle of the month.

Executive of the local was in special session to consider resolutions submitted to the Chamber. These resolutions were submitted to the Chamber following a meeting of the local executive on Friday week when they will be approved.

Meeting next week will be official delegates to the convention which will draw a large number from Prince Rupert, seven members having signified their intention to attend.

Applewhite, having resigned as secretary of the Chamber following a meeting recently as Member of Parliament for Skeena, of his successor in another matter to be up at the general meeting next week.

Resolution on highway present, prepared by the committee of the local Chamber will press the government for a reduction of hazard on the highway such as sharp corners, sharp curves and elimination of bridges which must constantly be repaired; "ripping" of that section of the highway adjacent to the Skeena with suitable heavy rock; plans to eliminate a large part of the river eating away the banks of the road; provision for hard surfacing and to make so that heavy trucks made annually repairs may be relieved by surfacing program; and out from this end of the highway as well as from the Cariboo and the George end.

LOCAL TIDES

Sunday, July 17, 1949

5:50 16.0 feet
18:27 17.6 feet
0:04 8.0 feet
12:00 7.0 feet

MUSICAL CENTRE

Garden Royal Opera House, the famous London Opera, was first built in 1332.