

## Five Men Still Missing After Crash

### Spread Search On Princess Royal Island Adverse Weather

Ground search parties today renewed of rugged, snow-covered Princess Royal ninety miles south of here, today for States airmen who parachuted out of a early Tuesday. Twelve others—two in—already been found.

A United States Army helicopter spotted footprints, leading to the west coast of the 1,104-square mile island, at dusk yesterday but dwindling fuel supply forced the aircraft to turn back without investigating.

Ground search parties reached one empty parachute hanging from a tree and sighted another. Four parachutes were located by the helicopter but it is not known whether or not these belonged to the men already rescued.

There were no further clues or signs up to noon today, according to a radiophone conversation which brought the search progress up to date.

Lt. William Kidd of H.M.C.S. Cayuga said that ground parties from the destroyer as well as Royal Canadian Air Force and Army were out today their ranks were augmented by civilian volunteers from the Canadian Alpine Club at Vancouver which was proceeding to investigate reports of smoke signals.

The twelfth survivor was brought out yesterday by a ground party which had heard his cries for help at a point about a mile and a half inland. The ground party was engaged in what was described as a "routine search." He had a broken ankle.

All the twelve survivors bailed out from an altitude of about 5000 feet over Princess Royal Island.

The Canadian Fishing Co.'s fish packer Cape Perry sighted two of them on the beach on Wednesday morning and soon picked up ten men from that vicinity. "They were tired and wet," the captain of the Cape Perry reported "but we had plenty of extra clothes, grub, whiskey and rum." Later the men were transferred to the United States Coastguard which flew them to McCord Field at Tacoma.

A 60-mile gale and heavy rain was hampering the search today. Thirty men of the Canadian Army were flown to the scene yesterday.

### C.N. Exhibit Is Dedicated

HOBOKEN, N.J.—A Canadian National Railways system permanent exhibit in the transportation museum of the New York Society of Model Engineers, Inc., was dedicated here yesterday by W. H. Hobbs, of Montreal, in his first public appearance as vice-president of personnel, which appointment was announced in Montreal earlier this week.

The Canadian National exhibit includes illuminated train table signs featuring the "Continental Limited," the "International Limited," the "Grand Trunk Western," and the "Montrealer" of the Central Vermont, as well as a large framed map of Canada showing Canadian National lines in all of the country's ten provinces. The exhibit was accepted in behalf of the society by Secretary George R. Brackmann.

The Canadian exhibit has the place of honor over the world's largest accurate scale model railroad; a trackage system of more than seven thousand feet, which was built by members of the Engineering Society and is operated within the Society's quarters in the Lackawanna terminal at Hoboken.

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### Is Appointed C.N. Secretary

MONTREAL.—The appointment of D. I. Grant K.C., as secretary of the Canadian National Railways and its subsidiary companies was announced here yesterday by Donald Gordon, C.G., chairman and president of the system. In his new post, Mr. Grant succeeds W. H. Hobbs who was recently named vice-president, personnel.

Born at Orillia, Ont., on February 1, 1901, Douglas Irving Grant entered the law department of the Canadian National Railways as a solicitor at Toronto in August, 1930. In February, 1948, he was appointed assistant secretary of the railway at system headquarters in Montreal. A son of the late Hon. Justice David Inglis Grant, Justice of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Ontario, Mr. Grant matriculated from St. Andrew's College, Toronto, and attended the University of Toronto in 1919 and 1920. He served with the law firm of Johnston, McKay, Dods, and Grant, Toronto, and graduated from Osgoode Law School in 1926. He was appointed a King's Counsel in 1946. He is a member of the Canadian Railway Club, and of Phi Delta Phi.

### Harold Winch Is Critical

Social Leader of Opposition Has His Day in Legislature

VICTORIA.—Opposition Leader Harold Winch opened debate on the Speech from the Throne in the House yesterday by attacking the health insurance scheme of the province and unemployment throughout British Columbia. He demanded that all correspondence passing between Minister of Health George S. Pearson and former Commissioner Dr. J. M. Hershey on the hospital insurance scheme be tabled in the House. Dr. Hershey resigned late in December.

Mr. Winch emphasized that hospital insurance was here to stay despite opposition of insurance companies and some members of the Medical profession. Bad weather was not the cause of all the unemployment now prevailing in British Columbia, Winch said. There was no provision for those not on unemployment insurance or those receiving social welfare assistance. Mr. Winch told the Legislature this was another example of private enterprise failing to find jobs in peacetime.

Private enterprise can provide full employment only in war time, he continued. "Private enterprise can provide everything in time of war. In time of peace it cannot provide the essentials of life."

Premier Byron Johnson interrupted to say that Ottawa had paid out in unemployment insurance and family allowances in this province in December and January the sum of \$6,600,000. Between 90 and 95 percent of the unemployed registering in those months had jobs to go to at the present time.

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FAVORITE IN U. K. ELECTION RACE—Pipe in hand, Britain's Prime Minister Clement Atlee looks on solemnly as he was "adopted" as the candidate for the constituency of West Waltham, Eng. The Atlee government fighting for its life in the forthcoming general election on Feb. 23, is given a better-than-even chance to win by the public opinion polls being conducted.

### Prince Rupert Sitting Close To Good Oil, Says Operator

Prince Rupert very definitely has the possibility of becoming a good oil town but the people here do not seem to realize it, says Garson C. Mitchell, veteran independent oil operator, who is now scouting in this area. He arrived from Vancouver by plane on Tuesday and left yesterday for Queen Charlotte Islands—his destination there "unknown."

Mr. Mitchell expressed confidence that oil would be struck in this area in the near future. "Prince Rupert is sitting close to some oil lands as nice as any in the province. They are not necessarily as far from the city even as the Queen Charlotte Islands but could be on the mainland near here."

As for the Islands, Mr. Mitchell is optimistic of oil being found because of the seepages and other signs. Even if one hole does not result in a strike it does not mean the oil is not there.

Mr. Mitchell has been active in the Peace River district around Beaverledge, Alberta, for thirty-three years and, with B. I. Nesbitt, Vancouver geologist, recently turned over to the new Monkman Pass Oil Co. of Vancouver drilling rights in the Lone Mountain area of Monkman Pass where there are promising oil and gas indications, at least six gas seepages having been encountered. Other oil companies which have become interested in that area are Pioneer Gold, Del Rio, Calvan and San Antonio.

Mr. Mitchell has made no less than four trips into the Lone Mountain country during the last three months, travelling by dog team on some occasions in 67 below zero weather.

### French Strike Calls Ignored

PARIS.—Country-wide railroad and coal strikes, ordered today by Communist unions in protest at the unloading of United States arms in France, were said by a government official today to have been "nearly a total failure."

Officials at headquarters of the nationalized railway system which employs about 469,000 workers said that a two-hour communist-led demonstration strike had fizzled.

A 24-hour strike call in northern coal fields also appeared to have been ignored by miners. Communist demonstration orders.

Vancouver		Amnague	
Bayonne	95 1/2	Beattie	95
Bralorne	95 1/2	Bevcourt	24 1/2
B.R. Con	95 1/2	Bobjo	13
B.R. X	96	Buffalo Canadian	98
Cariboo Quartz	125	Can. Smelters	97 1/2
Congress New	22	Conwest	169
Hedley asoc	25	Donalda	53
Pacific Eastern	66	Pidona	29
Fend Orelle	5 1/2	East Sullivan	470
Pioneer	3 1/2	Chmi Y Knife	6 1/2
Premier order	63 1/2	God's Lake	32
Privateer	14	Hardroek	32
Reeves McDonald	2 1/2	Heva	97
Reno	92 1/2	Heco	95 1/2
Sheep Creek	1 1/2	Jacknife	95
Silbak Premier	37 1/2	Johel Quebec	67
Taku River	12	Lake Rowan	95 1/2
Vananda	11	Lapaska	94 1/2
Salmon Gold	53	Little Long Lac	47
Spud Valley	94	Lynx	15
Oils—		Madon Red Lake	2 1/2
Anglo Canadian	4 1/2	McKenzie Red Lake	55
A.P. Con	22 1/2	McLeod Cockshutt	2 1/2
Atlantic	1 1/2	Moneta	34
Colmont	52	Negus	1 1/2
C & E	7 1/2	Neranda	68 1/2
Central Leduc	1 1/2	Louvhout	17
Home Oil	11 1/2	Pickle Crow	1 1/2
Mercury	10 1/2	Regeourt	94
Okalta	1 1/2	San Antonio	3 1/2
Pacific Pete	4 1/2	Sheriff Gordon	2 1/2
Princess	36 1/2	Steep Rock	2 1/2
Royal Canadian	96 1/2	Sturgeon River	21
Royalite	9 1/2	Silver Miller	86
Athona	97 1/2	Upper Canada	3 1/2

### Former Local Banker Dies

Arnold Flaten Dies in Victoria Today—News is Shock Here

Prince Rupert people, among whom deceased had a legion of friends, will learn with a sense of deep regret of the death which occurred in Victoria today of Arnold Flaten, who was for nearly ten years manager of the Royal Bank of Canada here. Mr. Flaten had been in ill health for some time but the end came unexpectedly. The funeral will take place in Victoria on Monday.

Born on a farm in September 20, 1895, in Minnesota, of Scandinavian parentage, Mr. Flaten joined the service of the Royal Bank of Canada in September 1913. His service with the bank took him for a time to the West Indies. He served with the United States Army in World War I after which he returned to the bank. For some time he was accountant at Prince George and came from Ladner, where he had been manager, to Prince Rupert. He came here on March 16, 1939, and left in March 1946 to take over the management of the Douglas Street branch at Victoria.

Mr. Flaten took a keen and active interest in public affairs while in Prince Rupert and was president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and of the board of directors of Prince Rupert General Hospital. He was also a prominent member of the Gyro Club and was a Mason.

Besides his widow, Mr. Flaten is survived by two daughters—Barbara and Judith. They will have the deep sympathy of many friends.

### To Improve Insurance

Extension of Unemployment Protection Forecast at Ottawa

OTTAWA.—Extension of unemployment insurance was forecast in the speech from the Throne at opening of Parliament yesterday. Canadian employment and prosperity was said to be at a high level, the Speech said, and present unemployment was largely seasonal and temporary. Export trade remained high.

Extension of domestic rent controls; amendments to the Canada Shipping Act and re-writing of the Indian Act was also forecast.

Canada must be prepared for a sudden attack in the cold war, the Speech said. Maintenance of Defence was imposing a heavy burden.

### Plane Lost—Two Aboard

SPOKANE.—A light Aeromca plane, with two on board, is overdue in northern Idaho and is presumed to be down, the Commercial Aeronautics Administration reported. The C. A. A. said that boys had rented the plane for photography purposes. Two private search planes are out but with no results.

### B.C. Timber Prospects

Are Brighter in United Kingdom, Visiting Official Says

VANCOUVER.—Prospects are good for increased British Columbia timber trade with Great Britain, T. A. Storey, chairman of the Timber Development Association of Great Britain, said here last night.

"Restoration of the timber trade means as much to Great Britain as it does to British Columbia," Mr. Storey said. "We in England are not sitting down and doing nothing."

Mr. Storey's Association had fought what he described as an "extremely serious" tendency to substitute other materials for timber in Britain. The attitude of the British government towards timber had changed materially in the last eighteen months, he said. "Now they are beginning to realize its true importance."

### Flash

MAY SETTLE STRIKE

WASHINGTON.—Hopes of an early settlement of the long coal miners' strike were brighter today after a secret conference between John L. Lewis, the operator and the government. Contempt of court proceedings against the union have been delayed. The union has only enough coal left for eight days and rationing has started in New York and Pittsburg.

### MORE ATOMIC HORROR

WASHINGTON.—A member of the atomic weapons committee of Congress told the Veterans of Foreign Wars today that the United States is now working on a radio active poison gas.

### AMERICANS ARMS FLOW

WASHINGTON.—American arms may soon start flowing to three Asiatic countries as part of a stepped-up Truman administration effort to stop the spread of communism in the Far East. Officials say that state and defence departments also may recommend giving India a share of the \$75,000,000 fund which President Truman has a free hand to use for military purposes in the general area. A slice of undisclosed size has already been earmarked for the United States of Indonesia. Military aid for hard-pressed Indo-China and for neighboring Thailand is reported under urgent study.

### OLD COUNTRY ELECTION

LONDON.—Foreign Secretary Bevin may reply personally to cold-war themes raised by Churchill's Edinburgh address, it was indicated today. A spokesman at Bevin's election headquarters in London's Woolwich East constituency said there is a possibility that the Foreign Secretary may revise an election broadcast to include at least a passing reference to Churchill's remarks.

### Heavy Benefits—

### 19 Million In Hospital Fees Paid

VICTORIA.—Premier Byron Johnson said in the Legislature today that 170,000 accounts amounting to \$15,000,000 had been paid to date by the hospital insurance plan. He said that all phases of the service must be examined with a view to modifying and improving the plan but he did not elaborate.

Nowhere on the continent was so wise a service given for so reasonable a premium.

During the session questions about administration of hospital insurance will be dealt with by Minister of Health Pearson, Mr. Johnson said. He added: "government will overlook no opportunity to strengthen the plan and maintain as high a service as possible at the lowest possible premium."

The Premier further announced a \$20,000,000 school program and a further grant of \$750,000,000 to the University.

### Jets Win—Rupert Takes Hoop Victory

In spite of the loss of Bill Sunberg with a sprained ankle just before half time, Prince Rupert Jets scored a 43 to 35 victory over Ketchikan Elks last night for their first victory of the Alaskan town.

Sunberg went to hospital for an x-ray examination which disclosed no fracture. He was soon out and will be home with the team tomorrow afternoon. "Our team was outstanding," said Gunnar Anderson over the telephone from Ketchikan this morning. "If we had not lost Sunberg we would have doubled the lead. We were in control all the way."

The games count on the winter series with Ketchikan now stands at two wins each with Ketchikan having a one point lead on the scoring aggregate.

### Labor Pledges Jobs For All

LONDON.—The Labor Party topped its election pledges today with promise of jobs for all.

The party manifesto for the February 23 general election seeks to assure the working man that, under a Labor government, he need never fear mass joblessness of the pre-war period.

"The supreme aim that we set before the nation is maintenance of all employment," says the manifesto.

### HOCKEY SCORES

National  
Toronto 3, Montreal 3.



B.E. GAMES WINNER—Blond Bill Parnell of Vancouver gave Canada one of its victories at the British Empire games in Auckland, N.Z. Parnell covered the mile in the record-breaking time of four minutes, 11 seconds on the closing day of the games. Here Parnell is shown leading in a heat which he also won. Also in the photo are D. R. MacMillan of Australia, Tom White of England, Rich Ferguson of Toronto and Messie Marshall of New Zealand. (C. P. Photo)

LOCAL TIDES  
Saturday, February 18, 1950  
High 2:31 20.9 feet  
14:25 21.2 feet  
Low 8:27 5.1 feet  
20:44 2.9 feet