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Widespread Search On

Police Spreading Net for Vancouver's Kidnap-Counterfeit Gang

VANCOUVER—Search for an alleged kidnap and counterfeit ring last night spread across Canada as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stepped into the hunt for a gang charged with keeping a 66-year-old engraver prisoner for five days.

Ernest W. Conduit, who came here from Toronto in June, was the victim. He was held in chains and shackled for four days to a bed in an upstairs room of a Dunbar district bungalow and then removed to a cell-like closet in an unheated basement.

Still shaken by the experience, the elderly engraver was considered too weak last night to give reporters a first account of the ordeal. He had given his wife a fragmentary account earlier yesterday at their home.

Inspector R. F. Wilson of the Vancouver city police criminal investigation bureau said last night that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police entered the mystery thriller case in connection with the counterfeiting operations of the alleged kidnaping gang.

Search for the suspects is being aided by bulletins dispatched across the Dominion. Police found Conduit Monday night chained to a heavy iron chest. He was alone in the house. Thirty feet of chains and a padlock had been used to shackle both legs.

Conduit told the police that members of the gang, who at all times concealed their faces with Ku Klux Klan-like hoods and were heavily armed, tried to force him to use his engraving skill to produce bogus bank bills.

The gang consisted of five or six men who openly talked of their counterfeit plan, especially of making of \$20 bills. A neighbor became suspicious when he noticed that no one left the house for days and called the police.

The men burned some papers and left the house fifteen minutes before the arrival of the police. Conduit, who was in the employ of Cleland-Kent Engraving Co., had gone to the house in answer to an advertisement for an engraver.

Twelve Children Burned to Death

CHATEAU D'OEX, Switzerland—Twelve children on a mountain holiday trip and a nurse died in a fire at Les Oisillons children's camp early today. The boys and girls, from seven to fourteen years of age, are believed to have been the children of well-to-do parents in Lausanne and Geneva.



SLIPPERY MOTORING—Traffic crawled across Lions Gate Bridge in Vancouver as ice coated the traffic lanes on the busy bridge. By using extreme care, all got over without accident. A thaw after a heavy snow and freeze-up made all B.C. highways dangerous. (CP Photo)

Britain Alarmed Over Situation in Palestine

WORLD PEACE THREATENED

British Foreign Office Denies Bevin Resignation Over Palestine

LONDON—The British Foreign Office, in a statement yesterday, declared that recent developments in Palestine constituted a serious threat to world peace. Saying that the United Nations security council was losing control of the situation, the statement asserted that the present crisis was the result of Jewish aggression.

Reports current yesterday that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had submitted his resignation to Prime Minister Clement Attlee on account of policy in Palestine were denied.

Some British newspapers, discussing the shooting down of British planes by Israel, question why British planes, pilots and prestige should be risked in independent reconnaissance instead of in co-operation with United Nations observers.

CHARGES DENIED

A Foreign Office spokesman today denied Israeli charges that Britain had supplied arms to the Arab states in contravention of the United Nations security council arms embargo. To the contrary, an embargo had been undertaken "on a massive scale" in the interests of Israel.

"If there is a threat to peace resulting from the Palestine situation, this derives from persistent violations of the security truce by Israeli authorities." The British cabinet was called into session today to study the Palestine crisis.

CLAXTON WANTS WATERWAY SOON

SAULT STE. MARIE—Speaking here last night, Hon. Brooke Claxton, minister of national defence, expressed favor for an early start and speedy completion of the St. Lawrence waterway and power project in the interests of "national defence and international security."

Hotel Clerk Is Beaten to Death

WINNIPEG, (C)—Robert Mabley, aged 48, night clerk in a downtown hotel, was beaten to death Monday night and a beer parlor waiter in the same establishment was questioned by the police. Mabley was found on the floor of the hotel lobby, suffering from wounds.

SCIENCE AND RAILROADS

Diversified Activities at New C.N.R. Research Lab Near Montreal
MONTREAL—Canada's continuing contribution to the science of railroading was spotlighted here today when R. C. Vaughan, C.M.G., chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, officially inspected the new research and testing laboratories of the company at Point Ste. Charles.

Designed primarily to evaluate the merits and qualities of the thousands of dollars worth of materials and supplies purchased daily by the railway, to discover new and better products and to check and revise specifications for the multifarious requirements of the system and its ancillary companies, it has taken two years to bring the three sections of the new laboratories into full operation. Accompanied by S. W. Fair- (Continued on Page 3)

WAGE INCREASE SAID JUSTIFIED

OTTAWA, (C)—The Canadian Congress of Labor said yesterday that it considered a general wage increase for Canadian workers to be justified by present conditions. The Congress issued its statement to this effect after its executive council had discussed the wage question.

The amount of increases to be asked will be determined by individual unions in the light of conditions in their industries and plants.

Pennsylvania Miner Crushed to Death

CAIRNBROOK, Pa.—A band of miners worked more than thirteen hours in one-man relays early today to rescue a fellow worker but he died shortly afterwards in hospital. William Wallace, 27, was crushed under a 20-ton rockslide yesterday in the Cairnbrook mine of the Loyal Hanna Coal Co. He was unconscious when freed.

Year's Sawlog Output High

Sawlog scale in the Prince Rupert forestry district last year was the greatest since 1944 and the second highest for the 10-year period, production figures provided by the office of District Forester M. V. Gormely reveal. Total sawlog scale in 1948 was 259,030,285 board feet. Only year to exceed that amount in the last decade was 1944 when production of sawlogs totalled 263,988,494. However, 1948 production exceeded that of 1947 by about a million board feet.

Production during December, 1948 was 17,331,565, a drop of more than 9,000,000 under November and some 8,000,000 feet less than December, 1947.

Pole and piling production last year was 3,100,804 lineal feet, slightly more than a million feet greater than the previous year. Pole and piling cut in December was 167,965 lineal feet, more than double that of December, 1947.

Railroad the production last month was negligible. During the same period, only 64½ cords of fuel wood were cut.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

| Vancouver | | Lake Rowan | |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|-------|
| Bayome | 06½ | Lapaska | 10½ |
| Bralorne | 9.25 | Little Long Lac | 1.00 |
| B. R. Con. | 02½ | Lynx | .14 |
| B. R. X. | .09 | Madsen Red Lake | 2.74 |
| Cariboo Quartz | 1.45 | McKenzie Red Lake | .43 |
| Congress | .05 | McLeod Cockshutt | 1.12 |
| Hedley Mascot | .50 | Moneta | .51 |
| Pacific Eastern | .07 | Negus | 2.40 |
| Pend Oreille | 5.50 | Noranda | 57.50 |
| Pioneer | 3.50 | Louvicourt | 40½ |
| Premier Border | .03½ | Pickie Crow | 2.32 |
| Privateer | .09¼ | Regocourt | .05¼ |
| Reeves McDonald | 3.05 | San Antonio | 4.10 |
| Reno | .07 | Senator Rouyn | 46½ |
| Sheep Creek | 1.55 | Sherrit Gordon | 2.38 |
| Silbak Premier | .39 | Sleep Rock | 1.65 |
| Taku River | .34 | Sturgeon River | .17 |
| Vananda | .38 | Silver Miller | .37 |
| Salmon Gold | .13 | | |
| Spud Valley | .08 | | |

BRITISH WOMAN HANGED TODAY

MANCHESTER, Eng. (C)—Margaret Allan, 43-year-old spinster, who dressed like a man, was hanged today for the murder of a neighbor. She was the first woman to be executed in England in twelve years.

| Toronto | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Athona | .15 |
| Aumaque | .19 |
| Bevcourt | .29 |
| Bobjo | .13 |
| Buffalo Canadian | .18 |
| Consol. Smelters | 120.00 |
| Conwest | 1.38 |
| Donalda | .63 |
| Eldona | .75 |
| East Sullivan | 3.15 |
| Giant Yellowknife | 5.60 |
| God's Lake | .53 |
| Hardrock | .22 |
| Harricana | .08 |
| Heva | .12 |
| Hosco | .29 |
| Jacknife | .04½ |

JOHNSON NEW TRADE ENVOY

OTTAWA (C)—D. M. Johnson, head of the external affairs department's far eastern and American division, today was named Acting Canadian High Commissioner in Dublin. He replaces Hon. W. F. M. Turgeon, appointed chairman of the Royal Commission on national transportation.

LINSLADE, Bucks, Eng. (C)—Harry Smith has won 1,000 prizes in 50 years with rabbits.



INDONESIAN VS. HOLLAND IN U.N. COUNCIL—Pictured here during a recess at the United Nations Security Council in Paris are Dr. J. H. Van Royen, Dutch delegate, left, and Indonesian representative L. M. Palar (center, group at right) who is seen in earnest conversation with El Khouri Bey, the Syrian delegate. Palar appeared for decisive United Nations action to halt the fighting. Van Royen defended the Netherlands' action. The United States prepared to press a resolution calling for an immediate new truce in Indonesia.

Snow Is Deep On Skeena Highway

Snow is deep on the Skeena Highway between Tye and Terrace, said Superintendent C. A. Berner, speaking yesterday of weather conditions along the river. It will, he expects, remain that way until spring is nearer and there is more reason to assume that winter is really over. So far this season, said Mr. Berner, the slides have been many, often sweeping right across the tracks, highway and well out into the Skeena.

ISLAND TRAPPERS ARE INDIGNANT

Deferment of Opening Date Washes Out Their Revenue

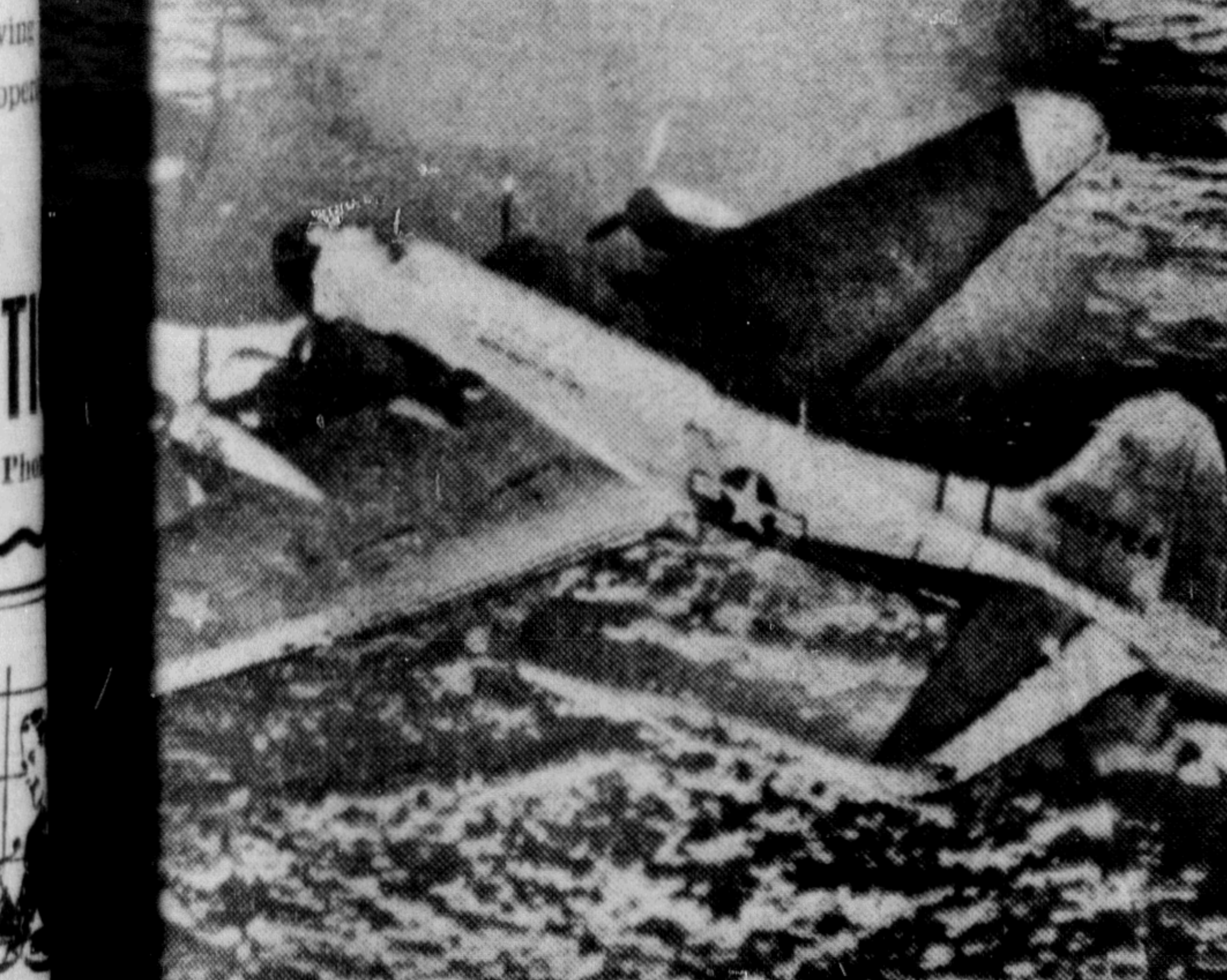
MASSETT—Queen Charlotte Island trappers are all but deprived of their winter livelihood by the new regulations whereby the trapping season is deferred from January 1 to March 1 by which time the skins are past their prime. Much is the indignation among the trappers at the action. Muskrat is the principal skin here and a normal season often nets as much as \$600 in proceeds. The change in the opening date, it is said, will practically wash this out.

ENDED FOR CASE

...case of Gustav Egnal who ... court after he had been ... by city constables on ... Avenue following a theft ... from a downtown ... pleaded guilty to a ... of shoplifting involving ... of a clock from the Kaien ... Monday afternoon. ... change was laid by Joe ... missed the clock after ... visited the store a ... earlier. Egnal was ... on Third Avenue near ... Street with a clock in his ... also pleaded guilty Tues- ... to a charge of wearing an ... serviceman's lapel button ... out authority. ... was remanded for sentence ... both cases.

LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, January 13, 1949
0:32 17.7 feet
12:05 21.5 feet
6:03 9.4 feet
18:56 2.5 feet



AIR FORCE MEN RESCUED—Rescue efforts were finally ... for the crew of the U.S. plane marooned for over two ... a Greenland icefield. Buffeted by a 100-mile-an-hour ... C-47 cracked up on the ice at Narsarsuaq, Green- ... the American Navy's 10,000-ton escort carrier Saipan was ... to leave her base at Norfolk, Virginia and proceed to ... to rescue the men from the icecap with helicopters. ... were dropped by parachute. This rescue plane became ... and to be marooned on the Greenland icecap when it was ... while attempting rescue of those already marooned ... when a glider and crew of two men joined the two plane ... main for help. The third attempt was successful and ... crews were taken to safety.