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Pensions and Allowances Are Being Increased

RAILWAY ACCIDENT ON RAILWAY OF RED PASS JUNCTION

Unique railway accident on Sunday morning, when one box car of a westbound freight train went off the track of the Vancouver line at Canadian National Railways nine miles west of Pass Junction and plunged down a hillside a distance of 300 feet on to the Prince Rupert line 150

et Work mmended

Council Decides In
Meeting of Whole to Go

of up to 10,000 yards of gravel and the necessary asphalt for an extensive improvement project recommended to next night's meeting of city council by the aldermen sitting on the basis of a report last week by City Engineer Howe.

The accident occurred in the mountain area west of the junction where the two lines parallel each other for several miles before the Vancouver line heads off to the southwest and diverges from the Prince Rupert line.

BLAZES FIREMEN BUSY

men, alert to the emergency which accompanied bad weather, spent a busy Monday, putting out fires in less than three hours after the first of the four number of fires during the day.

Fire circuit in the wiring of a house damaged by a fire truck, a light truck and a fire engine. The fire was in the front of the house, Second Ave. and 40 when the firemen arrived.

A telephone alarm was sounded by a fire truck roaring up the street to the Letourneau house where the firemen found a mattress blazing in a room. A cigarette was believed to be the cause of the fire.

Chief H. T. Lock to the firemen. Damage was considerable.

Fire room of the of- fice of Dr. L. W. Ker- shaw and the build- ing with smoke when the back-flashed at 8:20. The fire was put out before the damage was done.

Before noon the fire- men answered a call to the Auto Shop where a fire had broken out. It had been burning for some time.

TEMPERATURE
EGREES

Temperature record- ing by the Digby Island station was 14 degrees below zero. There was no wind.

Dispute In Antarctica

Britain Sends Warship to
Falklands to Watch
Argentine-Chile Moves

JOHANNESBURG, —8,000-ton British cruiser Nigeria sailed for the Falkland Islands to support the British governor in connection with Argentina - Chile dispute claims in the Antarctic, it was learned today.

It was reported that both Argentina and Chile had re- jected British protests against their setting up posts and naval bases on British terri- tory on Deception and Green- wich Islands in the South Shetland gubernatorial au- thority.

Argentina is reported send- ing two cruisers and six des- troys to the disputed islands which are said to contain ur- anium deposits.

EVIDENCE OF PROFITEERING

Prices Increase Committee
Heard at Session in Ottawa

OTTAWA — There was evi- dence of profiteering and hoard- ing in such lines as flour, cof- fee, gasoline, tires, medicinal products, footwear, clothing and radio items, the Combines In- vestigation Act committee of Parliament investigating prices was told yesterday.

There was no evidence of hoarding or profiteering in fruit and vegetables during the past three months.

BARBARA ANN IS BRIDESMAID

ST. MORITZ — Barbara Ann Scott was a bridesmaid while here. The groom was Mr. Brooks of the R.C.A.F. and the bride from Copenhagen.

It was the second time the champion skater had given her services in that capacity and she laughed when mentioning it.

"Always a bridesmaid but never a bride," she chuckled. "Gosh, I hope it won't be me."

CANINE SPENDS 37 DAYS IN WELL

PERTH, Ont.—A spaniel named Nigger, lived for 37 days in the bottom of an abandoned empty well. His persistent barking at last drew attention. The well is on the outskirts of Perth. The dog had dropped in weight from 55 to 17 pounds. A local veterinarian stated it had always been his belief that no dog could live longer than 24 days without water.

FEBRUARY IS POPULAR NOW

OTTAWA — For more years than they care to remember, service men have disliked the month of February because of the hole it made in the old pay envelope. That was because they were paid strictly on a daily basis, not monthly, as is now the case. Now they welcome Febru- ary, with its fewer days and lower expenses but with exactly the same amount of money as they drew in January or will draw in March.

IS CHARGED WITH KEEPING LIQUOR

Frank Wilkie appeared in city police court yesterday charged with keeping liquor for sale and was remanded for hearing until Tuesday without a plea being taken. He was taken into cus- tody by the police in his room on Seventh Avenue West on Sat- urday night. Wilkie is represent- ed by Rod MacLeod, local bar- rister.



DE GAULLE WELCOMES CANADIAN TEAM TO PARIS—Pierre De Gaulle, mayor of Paris, is photographed as he welcomed the Canadian hockey team to Paris. The team won the Olympics hockey title.



CHINESE REDS BOGGED BY NATIONALISTS—This group of approximately 2000 members of the Chinese Communist army was captured in Tsienshan on the Hupeh-Honan-Anhui borders, base of Communist activity in central China. At top, the captives sit on the ground in the compound of a Wuchang school, awaiting disposition of their case. Bottom, some of the women political workers captured among the group. Except for two, none of the girls had any school education, yet all were well indoctrinated in the Communist philosophy.

NEW YORK MEAT PRICES ARE CUT

NEW YORK—Prices on 102 meat items were cut from 2 to 10c in New York stores today.

FORMER PACIFIC OPERATOR DIES

Jack Osborne, for years night operator for the Canadian National Railways at Pacific, died about a week ago in Vancouver, according to the Omicron Herald. He was a veteran of the First Great War and was in his early fifties. Mr. Osborne was well known here, as well as all along the Skeena. His wife died years ago. There is a son, serving with the Black Watch in Palest- ine.

IS CHARGED WITH PURSE SNATCHING

Michael Saxinger, of the Westholme Rooms appeared in city police court yesterday, charged with theft from a per- son after Mrs. Jean Stephens had complained that a man had taken her purse and um- brella from the beverage room of the Commercial Hotel shortly before 11 o'clock Saturday night. According to witness, the man picked up the articles from the table and walked out. He was followed while Mrs. Stephens telephoned the police. Saxinger was later arrested at the Westholme rooms by police who said that he had the articles in his possession when picked up. The purse contained \$17.

AGED CHURCH PRINCE DIES

Cardinal Pignatelli Was
Second Only to His Holiness
In Hierarchy of Catholic
Church

VATICAN CITY, —Gennaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli de Belmonte, aged 96, second only to Pope Pius in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, died today of a bladder ailment complicated by old age.

Cardinal Pignatelli, who was a prince of Italian aristocracy as well as a prince of the church, died in his simply furnished apartment in the historic Vati- can church of Saint Martha.

The aged cleric had known five Popes in his long life and had been an intimate of the present pontiff and his prede- cessor. He had been dean of the College of Cardinals for nearly 18 years.

LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, February 18, 1948
High 6:45 18.4 feet
20:00 14.7 feet
Low 0:14 9.0 feet
13:52 7.2 feet

PLAN INDOOR CARNIVAL FOR CIVIC CENTRE—AGRICULTURE, STAGE SHOW

Civic Centre carnival this year will be an indoor gala, instead of outdoor, as in previous years, the Civic Centre executive de- cided last night. By using the building, the cost of erecting outside shelters and bringing in rides will be eliminated.

Emphasis this year will be placed on development of a first class horticultural and agricul- tural show, reviving the activity in that line that was shown in the earlier years of the city.

The indoor carnival also will feature a first class stage show, the executive decided.

Budget for the 1947-48 fiscal year was established at \$23,275, which will be about \$1,400 higher than the previous year. Higher operating costs plus widening of the school program in the Civic Centre was given as the basis for the increase.

Two dances will be held early this year. The first will be de- signated a "trophy" dance and will be held early in April in honor of the basketball trophy winners. The second will be held on April 30 and will be known as a "May Day" dance. High- light of this function will be a Maypole in the centre of the auditorium with Maypole dancers trained by Neil Ross and Mar- garet Slinn, physical instructors. Committee members, whose names were turned in by chair- men appointed at the annual meeting in January, are as fol- lows:

Finance—M. C. Brydges, chair- man, and the executive, Dr. R. G.

Veterans and Families To Get Better Rates

Those With Families to Benefit Especially,
Under New Schedule Announced by Premier

OTTAWA (CP)—The government announced in- creased rates Monday in payments to disabled war pensioners and widows and to married student veterans which brought their greatest relief to those supporting families.

Prime Minister King disclosed that the govern- ment was proposing that:

Bulletins

TORONTO POWER LOW

TORONTO—Street car ser- vices are curtailed, street lights are being cut off and householders have been dim- med out by order of Ontario Hydro Electric Commission owing to a power shortage due to low water in Quebec. Even hospitals have light and power curtailed. Newspapers came out half an hour late. It will be necessary to continue power cuts until the spring break- up, it is announced.

PARIS IS CHOSEN

LAKE SUCCESS—It was offi- cially announced yesterday that Paris had been chosen for the next session of the United Nations General As- sembly.

CONSERVATIVE WINS

TORONTO—Thomas Pride, Progressive-Conservative, won out in a provincial by-election in Huron riding yesterday over his Liberal opponent.

ADMIT CHINESE WOMEN

OTTAWA—Wives and chil- dren of Chinese men who are Canadians will be admitted to Canada as soon as an immi- gration office is opened up in Hong Kong, it is announced.

FOOD PRICES RALLY

CHICAGO — Many food commodity prices showed gains yesterday as the stock market continued to rally af- ter last week's downward plunge. Grains, hogs and cat- tle were up and butter prices gained 3c.

RESTRICTIONS ARE APPROVED

Government's Dollar Saving
Plan Ratified—Flare-up
in Debate

OTTAWA, —Opposition ef- forts to have Canada's dollar- saving import restrictions ap- plied only against dollar coun- tries were defeated 49 to 42 on Monday in the House of Com- mons after Minister of Finance Douglas Abbott said he was "honestly convinced" that the restrictions were helping United Kingdom trade in Canada.

Howard Green, Progressive-Conservative member for Van- couver South, created a flare-up in the debate when he criticized powers given Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, under the Foreign Exchange Conservation Bill. He said the minister had the power to "arbitrarily" tell indus- tries what they could or could not do.

Mr. Howe said that Mr. Green was being "silly" and that his arguments were "ridiculous."

Hoaxed Hold-Up To Get Name In Paper

TORONTO — Hector Robert reported to the police that he and his wife had been attacked in a park and robbed. He had been hurled to the ground, stab- bed in the arm and relieved of his wallet containing \$10. Since then, Robert has been charged with "effecting a public mis- chief." He confessed that his story was an invention. All he wanted was to get his name, and the name of his wife, in the paper.

LEFT PAPER PADLOCKED

Le Combat Office and
Printing Plant in Quebec
Are Closed

MONTREAL, —Acting un- der an order of Premier Mau- rice Duplessis, the provincial po- lice on Monday invoked the pad- lock law of 1937 and closed the offices of the Leftist French- language weekly Le Combat and adjoining offices of the French section of the Labor-Progressive party.

Padlocking was also carried out at the plant of Le Progres de Villers weekly whose facili- ties are used for printing Le Combat.

All copies of Le Combat were seized from the news stands by special police.