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Palestine Situation Is Looking Brighter



CONGRATS FOR NEW ITALIAN PRESIDENT—Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy is shown (right) as he congratulated Luigi Einaudi on his election as president of the Italian republic.

Celanese Mill Digging Through; Construction Is Due In October

First phase of construction of the \$25,000,000 cellulose acetate mill project for Columbia Cellulose Co. at Watson Island has been finished with completion recently of excavation work on the 20-acre millsite facing Port Edward.

B.C. Bridge and Dredging and Macco Ltd., the contracting company, is now shipping its machinery and equipment south after having blasted and bulldozed a two-level terraced area on which will sit the huge timber conversion plant.

Work on the project began last August and during the fall, winter and spring, up to 100 men have labored in two daily shifts to move 500,000 cubic yards of rock from the barren face of the island, pushing it onto the salt water to expand the area.

RESEARCH BOARD DUE NEXT WEEK

Important Research Group Is Coming to City

Six members of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, accompanied by five other scientists, will visit Prince Rupert next Monday and Tuesday, then leave for the interior to view salmon conservation projects being carried on on the Skeena River watershed.

The party, headed by Dr. G. B. Reed, board chairman, will arrive here on the Princess Adelaide, will meet with the Skeena River Advisory Committee and with representatives of the fishing industry before flying to Lake Lakelse Tuesday evening.

They will be joined here by K. F. Harding, general manager of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative, who is one of the two west coast representatives on the board. Mr. Harding will accompany the party into the interior.

Bernadotte Promises Peacetime Status Quo

CAIRO (CP)—United Nations mediator Count Folke Bernadotte took off for Tel Aviv today to meet Israeli leaders and talk permanent peace plans for Palestine. The first week of the 28-day armistice has now ended with the country fairly quiet.

A letter which Bernadotte wrote to Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Pasha has been made public. It promises that the military situation in the Holy Land will be restored to peacetime status quo.

The Arabs have promised to send four experts Monday to headquarters at Rhodes.

In Tel Aviv Bernadotte intends to ask the Israeli authorities if they plan to send consultants also.

Embargo On Freight Off

WINNIPEG (CP)—Canadian National Railways today announced the lifting of the embargo on movement of freight to Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

The only restriction placed on the traffic is that it will be moved subject to delay because of concentration of track forces and equipment on the sections of line affected by spring floods on the coast.

Will Fight To Last Man

Gas Masks Are Answer to Threat of Great Lakes Shipping Companies

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—Twenty-four gas masks was the Union's answer to tear gas threats by Canada Shipping Lines, Michael Jackson, Canadian Seamen's Union Great Lakes director, said last night.

Jackson said that the Canadian Seamen's Union had 12,000 members who were determined to "carry on a fight to the last man" in the dispute with five Great Lakes shipping companies.

Baseball Standings

Table with National League, American League, Western International League, Pacific Coast League, and their respective standings.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis: The weather situation generally throughout British Columbia shows no sign of any significant change today. Light rain will persist over the southern section of the province with warm sunny weather over the northern section.

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Southern section overcast today with intermittent light rain. Overcast Friday. Wind northwest 15 m.p.h. today, light Friday. Little change in temperature.

B.C. Vote For Japs

Will be Accorded Next Election, it is Clear

VANCOUVER, (CP)—The Vancouver News-Herald, in a dispatch from Victoria, said today that Canadians of Japanese origin will be given the franchise in British Columbia at the 1949 session of the Legislature and for the first time will be allowed to vote in a provincial election 18 months hence.

This, the newspaper said, became clear in provincial circles after the authorities studied the new Dominion Elections Act which gave the federal vote to even those persons denied the provincial vote.

ALL EVEN IN GOLD BENEFIT

VANCOUVER, (CP)—The only winner was the British Columbia Flood Emergency Fund, to the tune of about \$2,000, when Stan Leonard and Fred Wood, Vancouver professionals, met Chuck Congdon of Tacoma and Ed level.

REJECTION IS NOT SURPRISE

LONDON, (CP)—A spokesman for the Russian embassy here, informing Great Britain that Russia cannot accept the six-power London agreement for a separate government in western Germany, said that the Russian ambassador, George Zarubin, had told Sir William Strang, chairman of the six-power conference, on June 7 that the Soviet regarded the agreement as a violation of the Potsdam pact.

Bulletins

CRASH KILLS 41 SUNBURY, Pa. — Forty-one persons are feared to have perished today when a United Air Lines transport plane struck a colliery transformer near here and crashed in flames. The plane was bound from San Diego to New York.

FRENCH CONSUL STRIKE PARIS—More than 25 towns have been hit by a wave of strikes across France and indications are that 100,000 men will be off jobs by tonight. A general strike is called for Saturday.

SENIOR APPOINTED OTTAWA—C. Norman Senior, a well known newspaperman, has been appointed Canadian consul to San Francisco.

EVACUEES MOVE BACK TO HOMES

Even Though Unauthorized Fraser Flood Waters Still Receding

VANCOUVER, (CP)—In spite of the danger of disease and the warning of the health authorities that they should not return to their evacuated homes until thorough inspection has been made and approval of living conditions given, some Fraser Valley evacuees are already returning to their homes while others impatiently await the green light before doing so.

The gauge at Mission dropped to the 22.9 foot level yesterday, the lowest since May 28. Eighteen feet is considered the safety level.

Yesterday a special session of the British Columbia Legislature was called to vote relief funds to speed the rehabilitation plans for homeless families and destitute victims of receding floods. The session will open July 7.

FISHING BOAT IS UNDAMAGED

Capt. Ole Skog's 55-foot beam trawler, which went aground on Grindstone Reef at the harbor entrance to Metlakatla Passage shortly before noon Wednesday in fog, was refloated on the high tide at 10:30 last night. Found to be undamaged, she continued on her way to the Hecate Strait fishing grounds.

British Warships Are Sold to China

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. — The cruiser Aurora and destroyer Mendip have left the Royal Navy. They are to become Chinese ships of war.

LOCAL TIDES

Table showing local tides for Friday, June 18, 1948, with high and low tide times and heights.

Mrs. Black Vice-President of W.A.

NANAIMO, (Special to Daily News)—Mrs. James S. Black of Prince Rupert was elected third vice-president of the provincial command of the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion here.

Four Alaska Ports Accord Royal Welcome to New Prince George

Re-inaugurating the company's service into Skagway after a lapse of almost 10 years, the palatial new flagship of Canadian National Steamships Pacific Coast fleet, the steamer Prince George, Capt. Ernest Caldwell, received a warm and enthusiastic reception at four Panhandle ports — Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau and Skagway.

The vessel was back in port from 7:30 to midnight last evening after her maiden voyage, with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce party on board.

The passengers were ecstatic in their exuberance over the beauties of the trip and the excellence of the fine new ship. Capt. Caldwell and his officers and crew members were well satisfied with the manner in which the vessel functioned.

Considering that, after all, it was something in the nature of a "shakedown" cruise, so hurriedly had the vessel been pressed into service, there were no complaints.

At Wrangell and Skagway, the Prince George and her passengers ran into full-fledged celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the "Gold Rush" and re-enactment of the days of '98 emphasizing the scenic and historic glamor of the cruise. There were also other notable highlights.

A crowning blessing of the voyage was the superb weather prevailing throughout its duration.

Climate is given as one of several reasons why so many persons have gone to Southern California but the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce visitors agreed that the climate of the northern British Columbia and Alaska coast rivals and even surpasses theirs in some

RESERVE IS HOLDING ON

But There Are Still Insufficient U.S. Dollars WINNIPEG (CP)—Canada, apparently, has stopped the "uninterrupted drain on her reserves of United States dollars which took place throughout 1947 and is a little more than holding her own in 1948," Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, said here today. However, the present reserve of \$500,000,000 which might have been adequate when Canada's international trade was at its pre-war level, is now insufficient to meet the vastly accelerated pace of business and higher prices, he said.

French Government Honors Canadians

MONTREAL—During the recent visit of the French training cruiser Jeanne d'Arc here, three officers of the Canadian armed services were decorated by the French government, the ceremony taking place on board the cruiser. Those so honored were Air Marshal H. Edwards, Cmdr. H. R. Rayner R.C.N., and Wine Cmdr. Georges A. Roy R.C.A.F.

INDIANS ARE DENIED VOTE

OTTAWA, (CP)—The House of Commons voted against extending the franchise to the Indians residing on reservations. By a vote of 58 to 39, the Chamber rejected a motion of Don Brown (Liberal - Essex West) which would have extended the vote to the Indians. The motion was in the form of an amendment to the Elections Act.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table showing today's stock prices for Vancouver and Toronto, including various commodities and shares.

"SUGAR" RAY IS FAVORED

CHICAGO, (CP)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson is a 3 to 1 favorite to retain his world's welterweight boxing crown tonight against the No. 1 contender, Bernard Docusen of New Orleans, in a scheduled 15-round bout.

DISABILITY INSURANCE

OTTAWA, (CP)—The best way to provide assistance for incurables and cripples is through a contributory disability insurance plan, Health Minister Paul Martin told the House of Commons yesterday. Those who could not pay their share would have to be assisted by the state.