

# Ship Sinks At Shipyard Following Explosion

## Firemen Walk Out Four U.S. Railroads

CHICAGO (CP)—Railway firemen went on strike today on four big United States Railroad systems. Federal mediators kept trying to halt the strike. It was the first major U. S. railway strike since the May 1946 strike of some 18,000 firemen. The strike is cutting sharply into the country's rail traffic. The strike began at 6 a. m. local time. The areas include Pennsylvania, West of the Sand and Southern Railway. Spokesmen said some 100,000 railway workers would be made idle by the strike.

## Lives Lost in Habano Fire

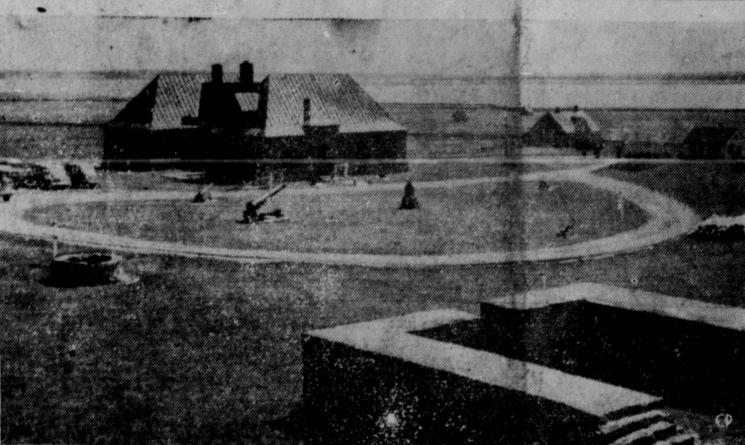
QUEBEC (CP)—A swift fire, half of this city's 3,200 inhabitants, was under control today. Morning rain put the fire out. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire destroyed 300 houses and 100 shops. The fire was the largest in the city's history. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire destroyed 300 houses and 100 shops. The fire was the largest in the city's history.

## Halibut Sales

American  
16,000, 20c, 19.5, and 20.5.  
Canadian  
27,500, 21.10c, 20.5 and 21.0c.  
Royal  
45,000, 21c, 20.5 and 21.0c.  
Beale, 25,500, 20.9c, 20.5 and 21.0c.  
Suan, 23,000, 21c, 20.5 and 21.0c.  
No. 4, 18,500, 21.4c, 21.5c, Booth.  
No. 2, 42,000, 21.1c, 20.5 and 21.0c.  
Storage.  
Co-op  
Star, 3,500; Venetta Prince, 3,500; Prosperity A, 35,000; Mae, 15,000; Oldfield, 20,000; Fatima, 2,500.

## Women, Children Asked to Leave Stricken City

WINNIPEG (CP)—Flood control authorities today recommended that many women and children be evacuated from the stricken city. The evacuation is being carried out by the Red Cross. The evacuation is being carried out by the Red Cross. The evacuation is being carried out by the Red Cross.



HISTORIC AREA—Fort Beauséjour in New Brunswick was built by the French, between 1751 and 1755, during their long struggle with the English for possession of Canada, but before it was actually completed it was captured by the English. During the American Revolution in 1776 it withstood an attack by the invaders. After the war of 1812-14 it gradually fell into ruin and in 1926 it was established as a National Historic Park. This photo was issued by the Department of Resources and Development which maintains the National Parks and Historic Sites Service.

## Flash Burner Causes Smoke Damage

ASTORIA, Ore.—The spring salmon season on the Columbia River is dwindling away, packers and fishermen said today. Salmon catches dropped sharply over the week-end and are down to an average of 100 or 200 pounds a boat. Some fishermen have given up for the season.

## Four Prince Rupert Girls Are V.G.H. Nurse Graduates



MISS AUDREY HUNTER MISS BETTY PULLEN

## Four Rupert Boys Graduate Today

VANCOUVER—Awards to University of British Columbia outstanding scholars announced today included: Heads of graduating classes: Governor General's medal (B.A. degree)—Robin C. Giles Thornton, Vancouver. University Medal for Arts and Science (Humanities and Social Sciences, B.A. degree)—Margaret Ethel Smith, North Vancouver. Convocation prize, \$50 (B.A. in Science degree)—John Wallace Colbert, Victoria. Wilfrid Sandler Memorial Gold Medal (B.S.A. degree)—Robert John Young, Chilliwack. Law Society Gold Medal and Prize (LL.B. degree)—Frank Urquhart Collier, St. James, Manitoba. Prince Rupert students graduating were L. Gwynn G. Holtby, B.A. Sc. (Mechanical Engineering) Class 2; Peter H. North, B.A. Sc. (Mechanical Engineering) Class 2; John Kendall Breen, B.A. Class 2; Peter Postuk, B.A. Class 2; Roy C. Paulson, B. Sc. in Pharmacy, Class 2.

## B.C. Prepares For High Water

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia is taking heed to the flood suffering of her sister province—knowing an ominous cargo held high in the hinterlands can make it happen here. Many communities are preparing for the worst and disaster committees are mushrooming. The most recent snow survey report of the water rights branch of the Department of Lands says, "Peak flows of flood magnitude can be expected on most streams in the province" if the delayed run-off from the mountains comes in one giant rush. A prolonged hot spell would do this. The report says the situation is "very similar" to the disastrous flood conditions of 1948.

## One Hospitalized With Bad Burns, Others O.K.

Frank Cobbeart, about 46, an employee of Millard Cannery was seriously burned in a gas explosion this morning on the company seiner Point Yoha docked at McLean's Shipyard at Seal Cove. Two other men were singed about the face and hands. About 25 vessels were in danger as the seiner burned. Cobbeart attempting to start the engine of the vessel, turned the key and apparently, just pushed the switch when the engine exploded. The blast lifted the hatches off the deck. Manager Jim Bruce was in the cabin and employee Ronald McLagan was on deck when the explosion occurred. After Cobbeart was lifted from the bilge by the two men, a gas drum blew up. Dr. R. G. Large reported Cobbeart's condition in General Hospital this morning as satisfactory. The explosion occurred at about 10:30 a. m. One hour later the vessel sank to the bottom of the harbor. Firemen fought desperately to keep the fire from spreading. It was feared for a while that a third explosion would create havoc at the scene. Manager Bruce lauded the work of the Prince Rupert firemen and men who assisted. Vessels were moved away from the burning boat. Thick black smoke followed by spurts of flames spell doom to the vessel but it is expected the seiner can be salvaged as the structure will probably be still intact. The men were preparing the vessel for the salmon season up the Skeena.

### Tides

Thursday, May 11, 1950

High	9:45	16.6 feet
	22:22	18.4 feet
Low	3:50	8.0 feet
	15:57	6.6 feet

### THE WEATHER

Synopsis

A weak weather disturbance has crossed over most of the province during the night. A few showers were reported in the interior and some rain fell on the coast. Sunny weather should prevail today and again tomorrow in the interior, while skies will be predominantly cloudy on the coast. A second storm about 600 miles west of the coast is expected to cause rain and strong westerly winds on the north coast tomorrow morning but will have little effect on the south coast. Afternoon temperatures in all interior regions will range into the high sixties or seventies today and tomorrow. The freezing levels which have assumed such an importance lately will remain at or above the 7000 ft. level.

Forecast  
North Coast Region—Cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle today. Little change in temperature. Rain overnight and tomorrow morning. Cloudy with a few showers in the afternoon. Winds southeasterly (15) increasing to south easterly (25) tonight and shifting to south westerly (20) about noon tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow at Port Hardy, 45 and 55; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 43 and 52.

## House Defeats Red Outlaw Act

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons, accepting the Government's claim that Canada's anti-subversive laws were adequate, yesterday rejected a Progressive Conservative move to outlaw Communism and other such activities as a threat to the security of the state. By a vote of 147-32 the chamber turned down the motion by George Drew for an amendment to the Criminal Code to make Communism and "other similar activities" a criminal offence. The vote ended a lengthy and far-reaching debate. C.C.F. and Social Credit parties voted with the Liberals.

## Gordon Doing Thorough Job

JASPER—Donald Gordon, C.M.G., Chairman and President of the Canadian National Railways is doing a thorough job of his inspection trip of the western region. Arriving at Jasper today, he was met by Robert Summer-ville, general manager of C.N.R. hotel system and Harold Gunning, manager of Jasper Park Lodge. Together with vice-president Dingle, he made a careful tour of the Lodge and really had a good look at things. While standing on the first tee of the golf course, he got his great thrill of the trip when a mother bear and her cub ambled across the fairway. Suddenly the animals stopped and staged the most wonderful tumbling and wrestling act imaginable. Ringling Bros. would play a million for such a team. Leaving Jasper Mr. Gordon, accompanied by his son Donald, jr., will find out what makes the wheels really go round as he will join Engineer Landell and Fireman Louis Broton on the engine cab and ride the engine from Jasper to Red Pass Junction, where the president's party will leave the main line to Vancouver and start for Prince Rupert.

## BASEBALL SCORES

TUESDAY

American  
Detroit 1, Boston 6  
St. Louis 2, New York 4  
Cleveland 8, Philadelphia 9  
Chicago 2, Washington 3  
National  
New York 0, Chicago 6  
Brooklyn 5, Pittsburgh 10  
Boston-St. Louis, postponed.  
Western International  
Salem 3, Yakima 2  
Wenatchee 3, Spokane 2  
Victoria 7, Tri-City 2  
Tacoma at Vancouver, rain  
Pacific Coast  
Sacramento 2, Portland 1  
Hollywood 5, Los Angeles 0  
San Diego 8, Seattle 6  
Oakland 7, San Francisco 7 (11 inning tie).



SPRING BEAUTY—Pussy willows against a cloud flecked sky herald spring for the prairies. These are growing near Saskatoon where farmers are beginning to prepare land for grain crops. (CP Photo)