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**B.C. PREMIER
TO TALK P.G.E.
AT WASHINGTON**

SEATTLE (C)—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer said in a Friday edition that Premier Byron Johnson of British Columbia has been invited to Washington, D.C., next week to "discuss the Pacific Great Eastern Railway" with government officials.

The newspaper said that President Truman presumably would be one of those taking part in the discussion.

The British Columbia-owned railroad has been discussed as a possible link in a proposed rail line to Alaska.

**TRUSTEES DIFFER
OVER PRINCIPALS**

Board Debates Zip and Lack of it Among Schoolmasters

WINNIPEG (C)—Which is the better school principal—the man who laughs and slaps pupils on the back, or the man who is reserved and doesn't laugh easily?

A debate on that question brought forth differing opinions at a meeting of the school board of suburban St. James.

School Inspector E. D. Parker advised the trustees that children soon "got on" to the type which "laughed and slapped them on the back. That makes an impression on the public—but you can't fool the youngsters."

"They size a man up, and soon know just how far they can go," said Mr. Parker, who favored the "reserved" type.

Trustee A. Conklin took the opposite view. He complained of a "lack of zip" among principals in St. James.

He explained that he meant principals—with exceptions—did not show enough interest in extra-curricular activities.

"Experience doesn't cut much ice with me," he said.

Chairman T. B. Findlay feared a "reserved type" was not suitable. "In the long pull, the extrovert is the man we want. A reserved man, true, was better in dealing with complaints of parents. He would listen to them patiently.

In such circumstances, even the public did not want to be slapped on the back, another trustee suggested to Mr. Parker.

When Mr. Parker remarked that one teacher was "good in dramatics," Trustee R. H. Funnell said, "that is just the trouble with him; he dramatizes himself all over the field."

After the discussion, the trustees referred to the staff and management committee the appointment of a principal.

**Earl Johnson
Acquitted On
Murder Count**

Earl Johnson, 34-year-old Nanaimo fisherman was acquitted at 12:45 this morning of a charge of murdering his brother, Capt. Vic Johnson last August 13, by an Assize Court jury which returned its "not guilty" verdict three hours after the conclusion of the two-day hearing.

The verdict was brought in as climax to a night session which concluded the second day of the trial before Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson and in which Johnson himself took the stand to tell the court that he had shot his brother to protect himself from a violent knife attack aboard the seine boat Izumi III.

In the knife attack in the crowded fore-castle of the fishing boat, Johnson said, he had received a two-inch wound on the left arm. He had picked up a 22 rifle from a bunk and shot his brother to protect himself from further attack.

The Crown, supported by testimony from Mrs. Janet Johnson, the slain man's widow, claimed that the accused man had received the wound on his arm from Mrs. Johnson when she hysterically attacked him with an axe following her husband's death.

In his charge to the jury, which began at 8:10 p.m., Mr. Justice Wilson suggested that "if you find Janet Johnson's story is correct, then you must find murder, or, if you find that Earl Johnson's story is correct, then it is not murder or manslaughter, but an acquittal on grounds of self-defence."

Both Mrs. Johnson and Corporal A. H. Taylor of the provincial police, testified that Mrs. Johnson had caused the cut on the arm of the accused after she returned to her husband's boat from telephoning the police about the shooting.

Corporal Taylor said that he had received a cut on the finger as he tried to stop the axe blow which Mrs. Johnson aimed at her husband's brother.

In telling his story before a packed court room, Earl Johnson said that the trouble between himself and Vic, who was owner and skipper of the boat, started when he returned to the vessel at 6 p.m. on August 13. He found Vic and his wife in the galley.

His cheerful greeting to his brother was responded to by an accusation from Vic that he had been making improper advances to Vic's wife. He told Earl that he was fired.

Earl said that he went below and began to pack when another brother, Clifford Johnson, accompanied by Mickey Dolan, a brother-in-law, and Tony Silvey, a friend, came on board. Vic made similar accusations to Clifford and an argument ensued in the fore-castle while the two men were packing.

Testimony of Mrs. Johnson and some other witnesses indicated



This young woman was trained by The Canadian National Institute for the Blind as a Home Teacher. It is her job to teach Braille, typing and many crafts to those who have newly lost their sight. Because she is without sight, she can encourage others to do the things which she has successfully accomplished. Here, an alert pupil receives a lesson in Braille while another is taught how to make bags. Such skills are first steps on the road to complete rehabilitation—to a new way of life. No matter where a blind person lives, the services of a Home Teacher are available without charge. Blind Canadians look to the Institute for the training they need. And the Institute looks to you. Will you help? The I.O.D.E. is sponsoring a Tag Day in Prince Rupert Saturday in aid of the C.N.I.B.

**WILLIAMS GETS
FOUR YEARS**

Peter Williams, Kitwano Indian, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary this morning by Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson, following his conviction here Wednesday by an Assize Court Jury on a charge of rape.

The sentence was handed down by Mr. Justice Wilson at the conclusion of the week-long trial which saw two murder charges and one rape charge before the court.

In handing down the sentence Mr. Justice Wilson termed Williams' offence a "beastly crime." He was charged with attacking a 13-year-old native girl at Casiar cannery on August 13.

On a secondary charge of having carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 14 years, Williams received a similar four-year sentence, to run concurrent to the first.

A plea in mitigation was put to the court by Indian Superintendent F. E. Anfield, who outlined Williams' background as a church and community leader in the upper Skeena River village. Mr. Anfield said that Williams had had a good record and that he had been a "good citizen and a leader among his people."

Williams wife also pleaded for leniency, declaring that he had been a good father and provider for his family.

The brine shrimp is the only creature, except a species of fly, that lives in the Great Salt Lake of Utah.

**BASEBALL SCORES
THURSDAY
American
Cleveland 8, Chicago 8**

**Premier Johnson May Visit U.S.
To Talk On P.G.E. Extension**

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Byron Johnson and the Cabinet probably will make a decision today as to whether or not the Premier will accept an invitation to discuss railway connections between Alaska and the state of Washington with the United States government.

Premier Johnson is leaving at the week-end for Ottawa to discuss the housing situation and he may go from there to Washington.

On several previous occasions, the Premier has made it clear that he is willing to discuss extension of the government-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway, providing the plans of U.S. authorities were free from promotional aspects and did not involve large grants of British Columbia's resources.

**Farmer-Scientist
Is Petunia Expert**

EDMONTON (C)—At a glance, Robert Simonet of Edmonton is an ordinary citizen-farmer who can be seen any Saturday morning selling his produce at the city market place.

But Mr. Simonet also is a scientist. Unknown to many of his fellow Edmontonians, he is one of the world's leading producers of 100-per cent pure strain, double-headed petunia seeds.

His laboratory is the hot-house in his back yard. His laboratory technicians are five or six young girls who, with the aid of tweezers, artificially cross-pollinate hundreds of petunia seed specimens.

Mr. Simonet's method of deriving pure strain double-headed petunias began by crossing two doubles. The next year 75 per cent were found to be doubles, the rest singles. Doubles then were crossed with singles. In the third year, one-third of the original 75 per cent turned out doubles.

Theoretically, this one-third was pure strain double-headed petunias. But the proof of purity is further cross-pollination. Mr. Simonet spends most of his time on his knees, continuing his research among his beloved petunias.

**High-Heel Warning
Meets Cold Front**

LONDON (C)—A London surgeon has plenty to say about women's high heels—none of it good.

Writing in the medical publication, Practitioner, Dr. Norman C. Lake, senior surgeon of Charing Cross hospital, warned that from a medical point of view high heels were all wrong and could, in time, do harm. But he held little hope women would depart from "the fashion" because of that.

The high heels caused thinning of the natural protection under the forefoot bones, caused calluses and a tendency to "turn" the ankle. But women appeared unable to resist their "tapering effect," the camouflaging of size and shape of the feet and the effect of greater height.

"Apart from fashion for fashion's sake (and women readily conform to the herd instinct in this respect) these are probably the main reasons which influence the choice of high heels," Dr. Lake wrote.

But, unless "fashion" can be made subservient to anatomical and physiological demands, as there was little hope women could be persuaded that they should not wear high heels."

**P.C.L. PLAY-OFFS
IN 4-WAY TIE**

LOS ANGELES (C)—Pacific Coast League playoffs are squared at one-all after Sacramento scored two unearned runs in the tenth inning to down Hollywood 4-2, and San Diego scored six runs in the first three innings to take a 9-6 decision from Oakland. Each of the four clubs have lost one and won one.

**Downtown Toronto
Once Given Away**

Grant of 1,000 Acres Made to French Aristocrat in 1787

TORONTO (C)—Land ownership, it seems, is a tricky business. But for a curious twist of fate, for example, Toronto might have become the personal property of a mysterious French aristocrat, who, in the late 18th century, was damned as a visionary and idealist.

Philippe Francois de Rastel, Sieur de Rocheblave et de Savournon, of the Chevalier de Rocheblave, as he was more familiarly known, was granted 1,000 acres on Toronto Bay for services to Lord Dorchester, Governor of British North America back in 1787.

De Rocheblave, familiar with what is now Ontario, helped military authorities in their struggle against attacks from the United States.

But when Upper Canada became a separate province the newly formed land board declared the grant invalid and he had no one to press his claims.

As late as 1933 and 1934 a descendant instituted inquiries at Ontario's parliament buildings to see what had become of the claim.

**Ancient Whaleback
Still Plies Lakes**

Grain Carrier John Ericsson Was Built 53 Years Ago

FORT WILLIAM (C)—One of the last of 27 or 28 ships of its type, the S.S. John Ericsson—a whaleback" grain carrier— attracts a lot of attention among young seamen as it passes up and down the Great Lakes.

The 53-year-old vessel, built at West Superior, Wis., was one of the ships known in the old days as "McDougall's dream." More recently the ship has been called the "cigar boat" and the "pig boat."

The 5,000-ton vessel, 400 feet long with a 46-foot beam, justifies the names which have been applied to it.

Revolutionary in design, especially for the period in which it was designed by Alexander McDougall, the craft, from its rounded, snub-nosed bow to its curved stern, is entirely encased in rounded steel plates. Curved hull and necks give it a tubular whale-like appearance.

There is only one other self-propelled craft like it left on the Great Lakes, Capt. H. B. Bazeley said. The other ship is the Meteor, which has been converted into an oil carrier.

USED AS BARGES

There are, however, two barges, the "137" and the "Alexander Holley," once self-propelled, which are still carrying grain.

The John Ericsson is a regular caller at Fort William and Port Arthur, usually stopping over once in very 10 days. Its other ports of call are Toronto, Fort Colborne and Sarnia.

The design of the ship and the narrowness of its 11 hatches makes the unloading and loading of other cargoes such as iron ore a little slower than the more conventional craft.

The Ericsson is owned by the Upper Lakes and St. Lawrence Transportation Company in Toronto.

W. J. Hill returned this week from a two weeks' visit to Seattle and Vancouver

Bertram Evans McKay, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKay of Greenville sailed recently on the Catala for Milner, B. C. to conclude his senior matric at the Langley Prairie High School.

**BUMS ADVANCE
TO FRONT IN
PENNANT RACE**

NEW YORK (C)—The dauntless Dodgers squeezed past the St. Louis Cardinals into first place in the National League pennant race Thursday.

The battling Bums did this by defeating Boston twice, 9-2 and 8-0. The Cardinals lost again to Pittsburgh Pirates 7-2 in the only games scheduled in the National loop yesterday.

The Dodgers now lead by a half game, with two to play, both at Philadelphia. The Cards have three games left, all with the Chicago Cubs.

The equally hectic American League flag chase was sidetracked for the day as rain washed out the Boston-Washington game. The New York Yankees were not scheduled to play.

**CANADA IN FORE
GERM WARFARE**

By DOUGLAS HOW

Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (C)—The big hush-hush name in Canadian defence comes from a small community 16 miles from Medicine Hat, Alta. It is Suffield.

On 1,000 square miles of prairie, Canada is making experiments that are believed to have put her in front among the Allied nations in the haunting fields of chemical or gas, and bacteriological or germ warfare.

This is probably the most spectacular if most underpublicized example of the growth of Canadian defence preparedness beyond the limits of the three forces.

Maj-Gen. Brock Chisholm, a Canadian and director-general of the World Health Organization, said recently there is a biological product, seven ounces of which is enough to kill everyone in the world. Suffield knows all about it.

Canadian scientists say there are a number of germ agents capable of fantastic human havoc. The great obstacle is distribution, the problem of spreading them around. That problem is being tackled but is far from licked.

**EDSON BRIGADE
LEADS PROVINCE**

Volunteer Firefighters Show Up Professional Big-City Brothers

EDSON, Alta. (C)—Led by one of the youngest fire chiefs in the country, Edson's volunteer fire department is causing quite a stir among Alberta firefighters.

One of the reasons is that 30-year-old Chief Don Riggan and his 12 men believe that vigilance is the price of fire safety even in the smallest town.

The department has competed against fire departments, some of them full-time paid brigades—in many smaller towns and larger centres such as Lethbridge, Red Deer, Calgary and Edmonton. In Calgary, they defeated all comers in the provincial hose-laying contest recently, laying 200 feet of hose in 32 4/5 seconds.

matter of working at hose-laying matter of working at hose-laying. Their proficiency isn't just a thing in preparation for such competitions. Recently they held a safety drill at Edson's hospital, evacuating walking patients within 19 seconds of the alarm and having bed-ridden patients ready to leave by a fire chute in the same time.

Chief Riggan says continued vigilance and weekly practices are the secrets of the department's success



Saturday, October 1, 1949

High	10:04	16.9 feet
	21:38	17.4 feet
Low	3:22	6.6 feet
	15:53	10.5 feet



"APOSTLE OF LOVE"—Rev. Riccardo Lombardi, the Italian priest whose "crusade of love" is credited with helping swing his country's people against communism, is in Canada on a speaking tour. At a Montreal press conference, where this photo was taken, he described his crusade as "the gospel sincerely applied." (C. P. Photo)

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

A weak weather disturbance passed over the B. C. coast last night and is moving over the interior sections of the province this morning. Skies will be generally cloudy in most regions of the province today with a few widely scattered showers expected in the coastal areas.

Another storm entering the Gulf of Alaska this morning is expected to bring rain to the north coast by tomorrow afternoon.

Forecast

North Coast Regions—Cloudy with widely scattered showers today. Cloudy Saturday with intermittent rain commencing in the late afternoon. Little change in temperature. Wind northwest 15. Becoming light overnight and increasing to southeast (20) tomorrow afternoon. Low tonight and high tomorrow, at Port Hardy 51 and 63; Sandspit, 50 and 58. Prince Rupert, 52 and 60.



FLIES TO FIANCE'S SIDE—Harriet Freidman, 22, right, is shown with her sister, Elaine, 24, shortly after landing at Montreal aboard a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane. Harriet was enroute to Chicago where her fiancé, Milton Freudenheim, a reporter for the Akron Beacon-Herald, had been stricken with poliomyelitis. The girls were aboard a liner at Liverpool when they received an urgent call to return home to Freudenheim who is paralyzed from the neck down. (C. P. Photo)