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NEWFOUNDLAND HOLOCAUST—

# Old People's Home In St. John's Burns; 34 Die

Five Zero Gale  
Ups Ghastly  
Inflamation

St. John's, Newfoundland (P)—At least 34 persons were killed or died of burns in a fire that destroyed the old people's home here today. The death toll may be higher. Four are still missing. The fire was whipped up by gale winds up to 100 miles an hour during the night. The cause of the fire was not ascertained. The flames broke out in the building at about 11 p.m. and spread rapidly. Nine bodies were recovered from the ruins. Some of the victims reached windows and were seen jumping. The building, known as Hull House, housed forty-three elderly and infirm people.

## Hospital Board Lets \$11,000 Contract for Remodelling Wing

**Greer and Bridden To Do Work Which Will Add 60 New Beds To City Institution**

An \$11,000 contract for remodelling the former military wing of Prince Rupert General Hospital was signed today by the Hospital Association and the contracting firm of Greer and Bridden, hospital secretary D. C. Stevenson announced.

The alterations will double the present bed capacity of the hospital, increasing it by 60 beds to 120, he said. The work, which will be begun immediately, is expected to be completed in about three months.

### LOOK FOR LOST NEWSPRINT TOW

VANCOUVER — Search is being made in Queen Charlotte Sound for a scow containing \$100,000 worth of newsprint, being towed from Ocean Falls to Vancouver, which broke away from the tug Dola in the week-end storm up the coast.

## Showdown Is Sought

**Chamber of Commerce Wants to Know What is Being Done With Waterfront Installations**

Irritated by what are considered unsatisfactory answers to recent inquiries as to disposal by War Assets Corporation of former United States Army waterfront installations here including the large terminal warehouse, ocean dock and administration building, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce executive, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to seek from War Assets a statement clarifying the terms under which Kenneth Meek of Calgary continues to hold control of these installations.

The Chamber executive also proposes to prepare a brief for submission to the War Assets Corporation and the Department of Trade and Commerce urging the retention of the installations intact pending possible constructive use rather than demolition. Suggestion that the installations be handled separately instead of lumped together as at present will be reiterated.

At the end of last year Mr. Meek appealed to the Chamber of Commerce to institute a fund raising campaign locally for the purpose of purchasing the installations, the upshot of the matter being the recommendation of a public meeting that Mr. Meek be given an extension of time on his option so that he might submit a better and more definite plan for his "open port" proposal. Since then Mr. Meek has confided no further in the Chamber as to further progress, if any, he may have made in his plan to put the installations to use in port development.

## Five Mile Street Surfacing Program Offered Council

**Engineer's Scheme Would Undertake \$50,000 of Work In Various Parts of City**

A street re-building program that will give the city 10 miles of newly surfaced roadway this summer at a cost of \$85,000 was presented to city council last night by City Engineer C. B. Howe. The plans will be decided by the aldermen before any decision on the project is reached.

Committee Chairman J. Meek said that the program would exhaust the \$143,000 in the city by the end of the year. Some of the work has been used already for wartime street work but that "1 for one, 1 for one" plan in favor of seeing this work carried out. Some of the work has been used already for wartime street work but that "1 for one, 1 for one" plan in favor of seeing this work carried out.

which can be obtained from Highway Construction Co. at a cost of \$3.40 a yard. This is less than the cost of quarrying low-grade rock at the city quarry, he added. The gravel would come from Denise Arm.

The gravel would be crushed to any size and landed anywhere in the city where it would be required for the figure mentioned, Mr. Howe said.

Second and Third Avenues would be paved to the full width of the street to prevent water getting beneath the hard-surface.

Hard-surfacing in other areas would be of 20-foot width, with the possible exception of Seventh Avenue East, which might be somewhat wider.

Eleventh Avenue was left off the list of streets to be repaired because the city has hopes that the provincial government will class it as an arterial highway and assume responsibility for it.

**SITE FOR ASPHALT MIX PLANT**  
Council is seeking to get a lease from Canadian National Railways for land at the Morse Creek "Y" as a site for the new asphalt hot-mix plant that was delivered last week and for a stock pile of road building material.

City Engineer Howe said that the work can be completed this summer. Actual yardage of surfacing material to be processed by the hot-mix plant would keep the plant in operation for only 60 days, he said.

**IS NOT ENGAGED**  
WASHINGTON—The White House today denied rumors that Margaret, the daughter of President and Mrs. Truman, was engaged to Frank Handy, son of an Ypsilanti, Michigan, newspaper publisher.

Regular courts and judges have existed in Ireland since ancient times.

## HEAVY BATTLE IN PALESTINE

**Biggest Fight Yet Between Jews and Arabs—British Troops In Action**

JERUSALEM (CP)—British troops went into action in Jerusalem today and laid down a barrage of mortar fire as the heaviest yet battle between Jews and Arabs flared up in different parts of Jerusalem.

## Fire Takes Seven Lives

**Tenement in North End of Maritime City Consumed**

HALIFAX (CP)—Seven persons were burned to death and one was severely injured in an early morning fire that swept a wooden frame tenement in the north end of Halifax during a below zero weather.

Four others were injured as they jumped from the blazing building which housed 33 persons.

The dead include Mrs. Joseph Gaudet, aged 32, and her sons Patrick, 4, and Joseph, 7. William Greencorn, 29, his wife, 34, and their four year old daughter.

### LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, February 11, 1948  
High 2:34 19.6 feet  
14:15 20.8 feet  
Low 8:20 6.9 feet  
20:40 3.1 feet

### DEATHS FROM SUFFOCATION

Suffocation causes an estimated 80,000 deaths a year in the United States.

## Two Hundred Million Dollars In Windfall for Prairie Farmers

OTTAWA (CP)—Announcement of a financial windfall of nearly \$200,000,000, injecting new purchasing power into retail trade channels in Western Canada, is expected shortly for 225,000 prairie wheat producers. It works out at roughly \$800 per producer.

This huge sum will come when initial wheat payments, retroactive to 1945, will be increased, possibly boosting the payment from \$1.35 per bushel to \$1.60 and possibly more.



From garbage dumps and litter piles the survivors of the war in Europe and Asia seek to eke out food so that they may live. Many children are in this throng—some estimates placed at more than 400 million. To help save these children, Canadians are being asked to contribute \$10 million to the Canadian Appeal for Children. Similar Appeals will be made in 26 other countries. Canadians are being asked to contribute one day's earnings.

# Greek Guerillas Shell Salonika

## RUSSIA BLAMES UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE FOR LAST WAR

MOSCOW (CP)—The Russians Monday night accused the United States, Great Britain and France of allowing Adolf Hitler, through their policies of appeasement and credits, to start a second world war and branded as "falsifications of history diaries of the Nazi Foreign Office which were released recently by the United States Department dealing with the Russo-German treaty of 1939 which held during the early stages of the war."

"It was a golden rain of American dollars that fertilized heavy industry for Hitler's Germany and in particular the war industry. It was billions of American dollars invested by overseas monopolies in the war economy of Hitler's Germany that re-established Germany's war potential and placed into the hands of the Hitler regime the weapons it needed for aggression."

United States Secretary of State George Marshall on January 21 made public captured Nazi documents baring purported details of secret partnership between Russia's present leadership and Hitler's Reich for the division of eastern Europe.

## BARBARA ANN AWARD WINNER

TORONTO (P)—Barbara Ann Scott has been awarded the Lou Marsh trophy for 1947 as the year's outstanding sports competitor. Elwood A. Hughes, chairman of a five-man selection board, announced today.

Miss Scott, who won the award in 1945, is the only person to be named twice by the committee.

## Big Mountain Gun Used; British Soldiers Are Killed and Wounded

SALONIKA, Greece (CP)—A large force of guerillas fired twelve mountain artillery shells into the city this morning, killing four persons, an official announcement said.

Using a 75-millimetre gun as well as mortars, the guerillas kept up the shelling for an hour and a half, starting in the early hours of the morning.

The dead include a British soldier who died in a billet in the heart of the city when a shell exploded. Two British soldiers in the same billet were wounded. Two women and a man were also killed and nine other civilians were wounded.

## IMPROVEMENT IN PENSIONS

National Liberal Association Asks Ottawa Government To Do Better

OTTAWA (P)—The National Liberal Association, in resolutions made public today, urged that the government consider increases in veterans' pensions and give special attention to widows with dependent children.

A resolution, passed by the Federation's advisory council at the annual meeting here January 20 and 21, asked for increases "where the pension awarded is established to be of below the necessary living allowance."

## TO DEPORT COMMUNIST

High Official of United States Red Organization Being Held

WASHINGTON, D.C. (P)—The Department of Justice today announced that John Williamson, Labor secretary of the American Communist Party, had been arrested at his home on a deportation warrant.

Justice Department officials in Washington said that Williamson was "the most important figure in the Communist Party" against whom the government has taken action so far.

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Clear and cold today. Increasing cloudiness tonight, becoming overcast on Wednesday. Snow flurries Wednesday evening.

Milder Wednesday. Winds light. Lows tonight and highs Wednesday—At Port Hardy 30 and 39, Massett 25 and 37, Prince Rupert 26 and 36.

## Bulletins

**NEW BANK HEAD**  
MONTREAL — B. C. Gardner, executive vice-president, was elected president of the Bank of Montreal today, succeeding the late G. W. Spinnery.

**B. C. IS COLD**  
VANCOUVER — Vancouver people slipped and slithered to work today as the thermometer went to 24 above following the worst snowstorm of the season. Prince George, with 30 below is the coldest spot in British Columbia.

**NO ACQUITTAL**  
TOKYO — The tribunal, trying former Premier Tojo and 24 others on war crimes charges, rejected the defence application for acquittal. It is expected the death penalty will be demanded.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	9.60
B.R. Con.	.03
B.R.X.	.08
Cariboo Quartz	2.25
Dentonia	.11 1/2
Hedley Mascot	.80
Minto	.02 3/4
Pend Oreille	2.55
Pioneer	3.30
Premier Border	.04 3/4
Privateer	.26
Reeves McDonald	1.30
Reno	.10
Salmon Gold	.21
Sheep Creek	1.02
Taylor Bridge	.48
Congress	.03 1/2
Pacific Eastern	.06
Hedley Amalgamated	.02 1/2
Spud Valley	.12