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City Back at Work After Long, Quiet Yule Weekend

No Major Mishaps Mar Observance of Christmas Here

The long Christmas week-end past, Prince Rupert returned to work this morning with mingled feelings of regret for a departed holiday and eagerness to get back to a more ordered form of living.

The three-day holiday was unmarred by major mishaps or tragedies such as accompanied the observance in other parts of Canada, despite spells of violent weather and ice-clad streets which made walking and driving both hazardous.

Between Friday night and this morning, practically every type of weather possible visited the district. It included snow, rain, gales and bland sunshine.

Casualties, however, were confined to bruised anatomies, caused by falls on icy streets and to the reaction to an excess of good cheer.

City police reported one of the quietest Christmas week-ends in years and with amiability customary with the Yule season, acted as guides and counsel to befogged celebrants, rather than their nemesis.

Prince Rupert General Hospital reported no Christmas babies.

The fact that there was less general public merriment than usual was attributable, perhaps, to the weather and the condition of the streets. Most people observed the holiday in their own homes, following the Christmas feast with visits to neighbors and friends. There was less widespread visiting than usual.

Rainfall between Friday night and this morning totalled more than an inch, most of it falling Christmas Eve and night. Snowfall was slight.

Despite street conditions, church services were well attended, with communicants flocking to services both Saturday and Sunday.

A highlight of the season was the community carol singing program at the Civic Centre Sunday night.

TELEPHONES OUT

The spirit of fellowship suffered somewhat by the fact that between 300 and 400 telephones were out of commission. Rain penetrating the cables was responsible in practically all cases.

City telephone superintendent Bruce Love said that the fact that the cables were admitting moisture in widespread parts of the city made it impossible to give speedy repair service.

The situation inspired a repeated radio broadcast to the effect that complete service was impossible to maintain and that consideration be used in employment of the telephones still in operation.

NAME CHANGE BACKS SUPPORT

SAINT JOHN, N.B.—To avoid confusion after Newfoundland becomes the tenth province of Canada, a movement was introduced here to change the name of this city, but the suggestion lost out.

The Board of Trade appointed a committee to study the idea, and since then the Common Council went on record declaring that the city has no intention of making any change.

Various organizations have been protesting any change.

Saint John was incorporated in 1784. The chief city in Newfoundland is St. John's and with Newfoundland as much a part of Canada as any other province, it is feared by some that two cities, each with almost the same name and each on the same Atlantic coast cannot to some extent conflict.

"PAUPER" HAD SEWED UP

CALGARY, @—Lemuel Barlow, 65-year old pencil peddler, died today that he was penniless pauper. A search revealed only five cents in his pockets, he had sewed them \$5,000 sewed underwear.

ONTARIO USES EXTRA WATER

WASHINGTON @—The United States state department said Thursday that it had approved plans by the province of Ontario for the diversion of water from the Welland Canal to help meet the Ontario power shortage.

An international treaty governs the use of Great Lakes water by either Canada or the United States.

SUMNER WELLES' CONDITION SAID 'SATISFACTORY'

WASHINGTON, @—The condition of former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, who was found Sunday in an unconscious condition in a frozen field near his home was today described as "satisfactory." Police, who earlier wanted to investigate, said today that there was definitely no foul play. They believe that he suffered from a heart attack.

SLAVIC PRELATE IS THREATENED WITH EXILE

BUDAPEST—Ten high ranking members of the Catholic Church in Hungary have been taken into custody by the Communist government of Hungary. It was announced here today.

VATICAN CITY (CP) —Vatican sources said Monday that Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, who has been placed under arrest by the Hungarian authorities, may face exile in Siberia. They did not say how that could be done.

The Hungarian government announced in Budapest that Cardinal Mindszenty is being held on suspicion of plotting against the government, spying, treason and black market money dealings.

He is the highest-ranking prelate of the church to be arrested in the conflict between church and state east of the iron curtain.

'CEASE FIRE' DEMANDED IN HOLY LAND

PARIS, @—Britain called today for an immediate "cease fire" in southern Palestine and the withdrawal of Israeli forces in Negev. The demand came as the Security Council of the United Nations debated Egypt's claim that Israel violated truce pacts in their coastal attacks of December 22.

AIRMEN RESCUED FROM ICE CAP

WASHINGTON, @—The United States Air Force announced today the rescue of 12 airmen who had been stranded on an icecap in southern Greenland since December 9.

They were picked up by a C-47 plane equipped with skis. Most of the men had been stranded after their plane was forced down while others were crew members of a plane which tried to effect a rescue.

Extensive rescue efforts during the last three days had included the dispatching of the aircraft carrier Saipan to Greenland with helicopters.

U.N. DEMANDS FREEING OF INDONESIAN

PARIS, @—The United Nations Security Council today adopted a Chinese resolution calling on the Netherlands government to release political prisoners in Indonesia forthwith and report back to the council within 24 hours.

The prisoners, including Republic President Doctor Soekarno, were taken when the Netherlands seized Jogjakarta in its newest "police action" in Java and Sumatra.

Truman Hints Cold War May Be Nearing End

RUHR VALLEY POTENTIAL FOR WAR RESTRICTED

LONDON (CP)—The Western Powers today set up strict international control system to bar Germany's industrial Ruhr Valley from war production.

The decision was announced after six weeks' conference here of representatives of Britain, United States, France, Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. It contained no admission of Russia as a partner in the control board to be known as "Ruhr Authority."

The move is regarded as a framework of the plan to keep the Ruhr from once again becoming a war-making industrial machine as it did under Hitler and the Kaiser.

C.N. REVENUES, EXPENSES UP

MONTREAL, @—President R. C. Vaughan said today that the Canadian National Railways has just completed "one of the most trying years in its history," even though gross income had reached an all-time high.

The gross of 1948 revenues, with December estimated, reached \$492,000,000, an increase of \$54,000,000 over 1947. Operating expenses were \$466,000,000, an increase of \$69,000,000.

MISSING PLANE SOUGHT IN GULF

MIAMI, Florida @—A charter twin-engine plane with a crew of three and twenty-eight passengers aboard was reported five hours overdue today on a flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Miami. A great aerial search was at once launched as the fuel supply was believed exhausted at five o'clock this morning.

SEATTLE MAN FROZEN DURING XMAS TREK

FAIRBANKS, @—William S. Street, 18, of Seattle, is in serious condition in hospital here today after a five-day trek in sub-zero weather in an effort to get home for Christmas. He got lost near the Canadian River country and suffered frozen toes. Finally with the help of an Indian guide he made Scott Creek Lodge and was thence taken to hospital.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
A fairly active storm approaching the Charlottes this morning is expected to have crossed all of the B.C. coast by tonight. Light rain is expected to precede the storm in the coastal area while snow flurries will accompany the storm in the interior sections of the province. Cold air is following this storm and snow flurries should be general in the Northern coastal section by tonight.

Forecast
North Coast and Charlottes—Overcast with rain this morning, becoming cloudy with showers this afternoon and evening. Cloudy with scattered snow flurries Wednesday. Winds southeast 35 this morning, shifting to westerly 25 to 30 this afternoon and decreasing to northwesterly 20 Wednesday. Continuing cool. Lows tonight and highs Wednesday: Port Hardy 33 and 37, Massett 29 and 36, Prince Rupert 26 and 35.



GERMAN RABBI LEAVES FOR CANADA—German Rabbi Abraham Davidson and his family leave Genoa, Italy, for a new life in Canada. The rabbi and his wife spent six years in a German concentration camp. They sailed aboard the SS. Nea Hellas under International Relief Organization sponsorship.

WHALE INDUSTRY OVERWORKED

OTTAWA—Unless the recent international agreement for protecting the world's whale herds is followed to the letter, the great mammals are threatened with extinction, according to W. T. Larmour, Ottawa writer. Canada, he says, must set an example to the other 15 nations who signed the convention. "Besides keeping it herself she must help to see to it that the others do the same."

Deploing the lack of protective laws until recently, the writer says they could easily have resulted in Canada having an important and lucrative whaling industry. Today, whale products have a multitude of uses; in the production of margarine, lard and soap, to mention but a few.

There are 10 species of whales found in Canadian waters. Of these, three are on the verge of extinction, five are at a dangerously low population level and two are not commercially important.

"The salient fact concerning Canada," he continues, "appears to be that she has sat back since time immemorial, unconcerned, while foreign whalers pillaged our waters."

In 1948, the one whaling industry operating off the British Columbia coast caught less than 200 whales. In 1911, the take was 1,193. The catch of whales in Quebec waters in 1935 was 577. In 1945 it was 66. A Newfoundland whaling station reported 105 whales taken in 1948 against 500 in 1947.

Summing up, the writer says the slaughter of the world's whale herds is a classic example of the predatory nature of modern civilization. And today the future of the great creature is uncertain in spite of the fact that it got an eleventh hour reprieve by the International Convention of 1946.

ACTRESS CUTS HER WRIST

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., @—Faye Emerson Roosevelt, beautiful actress wife of Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late president slashed her left wrist with a razor, early Sunday, police said today. Police said that the wound was self-inflicted but Roosevelt maintained that it was an accident.

CHINA PEACE RUMORS BLOOM

NANKING, @—A new crop of peace rumors blossomed today in China's capital. Several sources hinted at plans to reorganize the government as a preliminary step to a negotiated peace with the Communists.

Top government sources vehemently denied the reports. Meanwhile Nationalist forces poured into the city here but the Communists continued their onward roll.

JEWS WINNING DESERT FIGHT

TEL AVIV, @—Israeli blows appeared today to have cut the Egyptians' coastal corridor to Gaza. An Israeli spokesman said that the battle in southern Palestine was slackening. The fate of Gaza, Egyptian garrison point north of the Egyptian border, seemed to end the second fight for control of the Negev Desert.

FIFTEEN JAP LEADERS FREED

TOKYO @—A surprise amnesty order freed 15 high-ranking Japanese war criminal suspects this Christmas Eve.

Three of the men were members of Tojo's "Pearl Harbor" cabinet and some other, former cabinet members. Most of the 15 had been imprisoned for three years awaiting trial.

TO STOCKPILE WAR MATERIALS

OTTAWA, @—Defence Minister Claxton said today that steps were being taken to stockpile certain strategic materials which Canada might find hard to get in event of war. He said there were six or seven materials but declined to name them. He also announced the production of an American jet fighter in Canada anticipated for 1949.

PRINCESS MAY VISIT CANADA

LONDON, @—The "London Star" predicts today that Princess Margaret Rose will make a "personal rather than official" holiday trip to Canada and the United States during the coming year.

Some Reds Anxious for U.S. Accord

KANSAS CITY (CP)—President Truman disclosed for the first time Monday that "certain leaders" in Russia are "exceedingly anxious" to reach an agreement with the United States to end the cold war.

Talking "off the cuff" at a luncheon here, the President accused the Russians of violating "sacred" agreements and said that the Soviet government has a "system of morals that are not morals."

He added that "there are certain leaders in the government of that great country are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us. He did not identify the leaders or suggest what overtures may have been made by them.

WEEK-END DEATH TOLL HEAVY IN CANADA, U.S.

TORONTO @—Canada's Christmas toll of violent deaths stands at 61, a cross-country survey showed today.

Nineteen persons died in fires during the holiday period, 21 were victims of traffic accidents; four succumbed to asphyxiation and the rest from drowning, shooting and falls.

Canada's record brings to well over 400 the total of holiday deaths on the continent. At least 55 children died in the United States in accidents which took nearly 400 lives.

Fires took 32 young lives, mostly in homes. The predominance of fire deaths was in contrast to the chief cause of adult fatalities—traffic accidents.

CHINESE SHIP MAY BE STOLEN

SHANGHAI @—The 5,000-ton Chinese steamer Haichi was reported missing after radioing that explosives had been discovered in the hold. The ship, which carried 80 passengers and military supplies, is thought to have been seized by the Communists.

HELICOPTER BEATS STORK

ANCHORAGE @—A baby girl, Winnie Marie, was born Monday to Mrs. Freida Johanson, wife of a Kenal homesteader, who was rescued by helicopter in a blizzard from a frozen lake last Wednesday.

The infant, weighing six pounds nine ounces, and the mother are both doing well.

Mrs. Johanson was being flown here when the plane was forced down on a lake southeast of Point Possession on Cook Inlet. Three rescue planes tried to rescue the stranded passenger and pilot before the helicopter succeeded.

NEW SKIPPER FOR NAVAL VESSEL

OTTAWA @—Lieutenant-Commander William S. T. McCully, 29, of Vancouver, was today appointed Commanding Officer of the frigate H.M.C.S. Antigonish, a unit of the Pacific coast fleet.

U.S. Congress Faces One of Biggest Years in History

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The New Year shapes up in advance as one of the biggest in United States Legislative history.

Congress, with victory-proud Democrats holding the reins as a result of the November 2 election upsets, will tackle matters ranging from history-making foreign aid to the still-irksome question of how to beat the housing shortage.

This is the 1949 timetable:
Dec. 31—The 80th Congress, Republican and Whipped, meets to adjourn.

Jan. 3—The 81st, Democratic and full of big ideas, convenes to hear President Truman's proposals as laid down in his State-of-the-Union Speech (equivalent to the Governor-General's Speech from the Throne to the Canadian Parliament).

Jan. 4-10—Truman delivers his budget-economic message, amplifying his Legislative suggestions.

Jan. 20—Truman and Vice-President-Elect Barkley are officially sworn into office for the next four years.

Easily the most noteworthy piece of legislation Congress will get is the proposed North Atlantic Security Alliance. Its implications, in terms of formal United States military agreement with non-North American countries, will make American history.

Terms of the Pact, a two-continent reply to Russian tactics in Europe, still are being threshed out in a series of top-secret talks here.

It is the Senate, with its treaty-ratification powers, which must make the final decision for the United States. The alliance providing it reserves for Congress the final say on the United States going to war (as required by the Constitution) seems assured of approval.

Government leaders hope, meanwhile, that it will also get the approval of the House of Representatives. That is not legally necessary but is considered of great moral-support value to the Pact.

Two big money bills will be closely tied to the Atlantic Alliance question. One concerns the amount the United States should provide to bolster the military strength of Britain, France and the benelux countries. The other involves the European Recovery Plan, which cost the U.S. \$5,300,000,000 this year.

The Domestic Defence Budget, which Truman suggests should be \$15,000,000,000 may spark another fight.



INDIA'S PREMIER LEARNS ABOUT JET PLANES—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, prime minister of India, is shown in the cockpit of one of the Vampire jet planes, recently acquired by the Royal Indian Air Force, during a demonstration at New Delhi. An officer of the R.A.F. is explaining the controls of the speedy aircraft to the premier. The R.I.A.F. also acquired some Liberator bombers from the R.A.F.

INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL
KETCHIKAN All-Alaska Champs vs. PRINCE RUPERT B.C. Champs
THURSDAY, 9 P.M.
FRIDAY, 8 P.M.