

Greatest Robbery In United States History

Million Dollar Fires

Two major fires broke out yesterday in British Columbia, causing estimated damage of \$1,500,000. One of the fires was a residence where a 13-year old girl, who had travelled from Vancouver, was slightly burned. The other was a violent explosion in a street block of the town of Kaslo, which destroyed the Fraser Valley. The fire was slightly burned. The other was a violent explosion in a street block of the town of Kaslo, which destroyed the Fraser Valley. The fire was slightly burned. The other was a violent explosion in a street block of the town of Kaslo, which destroyed the Fraser Valley.

Invasion Is Impossible

Communists Cannot Take Hainan Declares Nationalist Commander
TAIPEI, Formosa.—The Nationalist Chinese commander at Hainan Island reported tonight that Chiang Kai-Shek's air force and navy had made an impending Red invasion of the big island impossible. The Hainan ground commander said that the two Nationalist services had sunk over 2000 invasion craft, mostly junks, massed by the Reds opposite Hainan on Luichow Peninsula. He claimed that Nationalist forces were mopping up remains of 17,000 Communist guerrillas and were in control of the central and western portion of Hainan.



UNCERTAIN PEACE DESCENDS ON U.S. INDUSTRIAL SCENE—While the U.S. steel strike came to an end, its full effect on U.S. and Canadian industry has not reached its peak. In the photo, left, are some of the thousands of persons filing jobless claims on social insurance. While miners stream back to work in U.S. coal mines, right, in what U.M.W. Chief John L. Lewis called "an act of good faith designed to contribute to public convenience," the threat of further strikes and unemployment continues.

Mild Weather Here At Last

The persistent cold weather which has gripped this area since before Christmas finally comes to an end. Its finality commenced this morning as snow began falling and temperature rising. Prediction from Digby Island promises light winds, overcast skies with snow and milder weather. The present snowfall is expected to change to rain tomorrow.

Avenue Is Frozen

Water main frozen in intense cold recently, first Avenue line which is new Legion building construction, Don Stewart, engineer announced today. After becoming milder, mean water pipes will be freezing, the city estimated.

DAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	.05
Quartz	9.05
Quartz	.07
Quartz	1.27
Quartz	.16
Mascon	.26
Eastern	.06
Orville	5.70
Border	3.15
Border	.03 1/2
McDonald	.12
McDonald	2.60
McDonald	.02 3/4
Creek	1.17
Premier	.39
River	.11 1/2
Gold	.11 1/2
Gold	.07
Valley	.05
Canadian	4.45
Canadian	.22
Canadian	1.65
Canadian	.52
Canadian	7.60
Leduc	1.43
Oil	12.75
Oil	.09 1/2
Pete	1.75
Pete	4.85
Canadian	.38 3/4
Canadian	.05 1/2
Canadian	9.20
Toronto	.08 1/2
Toronto	.12 1/4
Toronto	.55
Toronto	.25
Toronto	.13
Canadian	.09 1/2
Smelters	101.00
Smelters	1.16
Smelters	.55 1/2
Smelters	.30
Smelters	4.85
Smelters	6.35
Smelters	.35
Smelters	.32
Smelters	.07
Smelters	.09
Smelters	.09
Smelters	.06
Smelters	.77
Smelters	.5 1/2
Smelters	.5
Smelters	.43
Smelters	.3
Smelters	3.0
Smelters	.9
Smelters	2.1
Smelters	.23
Smelters	1.29
Smelters	.63
Smelters	.16
Smelters	1.50
Smelters	.64 1/4
Smelters	4.35
Smelters	.31 1/2
Smelters	2.13

Oil Refinery For Winnipeg

Imperial to Erect Ten Million Dollar Plant
WINNIPEG—Imperial Oil will build a refinery at Winnipeg of about 10,000 barrels per day capacity at a cost of roughly \$10,000,000. G. L. Stewart, President, announced today. The contract will be let shortly and completion of the project is scheduled for May 1951.

Forest Official On Mission Here

Conducting moving picture illustrated lectures on forest conservation and allied subjects, W. N. (Rusty) Campbell, veteran forest ranger from Prince George, is spending a few days in the city. He is appearing before student bodies and service clubs.

Federal Cabinet Shuffle Announced

Session Opens February 16

OTTAWA.—Second session of Canada's twenty-first Parliament will open Thursday, February 16. The date was announced last night by the office of the Prime Minister after a three-hour meeting of the cabinet. There were no other disclosures. Speculation is that there will be legislation to extend floor prices possibly to include fish and agricultural products. A public works program to relieve unemployment may also be considered.

New Dep't Minister Is Named

OTTAWA.—Prime Minister St. Laurent reshuffled his cabinet today, bringing his parliamentary assistant, Walter E. Harris, into the ministerial ranks to take over the new department of citizenship and immigration. The appointment of Mr. Harris, 46 year old Liberal member for the Ontario constituency of Grey Bruce, was one of several announced by Mr. St. Laurent after a morning session of the cabinet.

Bulletins

DEFENCE OF CANADA

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Chas. Foukes, Chief of Staff of Canada's army, said today that the General Staffs of Canada and the United States have taken steps to meet all problems arising with the defence of this continent. "It was a very successful meeting," he told the Canadian Press as he boarded an R.C.A.F. transport to return to Ottawa following a one-day conference on continental defence planning with the Chiefs of Staff of the American forces. With him were Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, Chief of Staff of the R.C.A.F., and Vice-Admiral N. T. W. Grant, Chief of Staff R.C.N.

OPPOSED WALK-OUT

LAKE SUCCESS—Alexander Rudzinski, one of the Soviet-Bloc delegates who walked out of a United Nations Committee Monday in a general demonstration against Nationalist China, has resigned from the Polish delegation as a protest against the walkout, it was learned today. The walkout was part of a Russian campaign to have the U.N. kick out Nationalist Chinese delegates.

DANISH SHIP SAFE

HALIFAX—The 50-foot Danish supply vessel Maagen, unreported for nine days with nine men aboard along Greenland's west coast, turned up safely at Ivigtut, Greenland, early last night, the R.C.A.F. reported here today. An extensive air and sea search for the converted fishing schooner had been cancelled by bad weather for the last few days.

Labor Course Is Unchanged

LONDON—Prime Minister Attlee's Labor Party today promised to keep Britain on her socialist course with new Nationalization of industry and continued rationing and price controls. If Labor is returned in the Feb. 23 general election, the pledges were made in a 6000-word manifesto containing the campaign platform of the labor party. Principal aim of the Labor program, said the manifesto was full employment.

Not Breaking Over China

HONG KONG—There is no rift between the United States and the other western powers because some have recognized Communist China, Phillip C. Jessup, roving United States Ambassador, said today. Commenting on reports of a possible break with the British over their recognition of the Red Peiping Regime, Jessup told a press conference: "Because we reach different conclusions, this does not impair our basis friendship and cooperation."

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast
San Diego 9, Vancouver 2
San Francisco 4, Fresno 2
Victoria 3, Seattle 3 (tie)

What Are Proposed New Power Rates? Here Is Quick Comparative Schedule

"What are the new rates?" is the first question to be asked in discussion of the new proposals of the Northern British Columbia Power Co. Ltd. which has opened negotiations with the city council to renew for another twenty-five years its franchise to supply the city with electricity.

The keynote of the new rate structure appears to be the encouragement of consumption of more power, an analysis of the rates, old and new, showing increased net bills for smaller consumption accounts with decreased bills for those who use more.

Rates, present and proposed, can be compared in the following tables:

RESIDENTIAL (per month per consumer)	
PRESENT	PROPOSED
First 20 K.W. Hrs. at 7c per K.W. Hr.	(Minimum demand set at 2 k. W.) First 40 K. W. Hrs. at 7c per K. W. Hr. Second 120 K. W. Hrs. at 2c per K. W. Hr.
Second 20 K.W. Hrs 5c per K. W. Hr.	Balance K. W. Hr. at 1c per K. W. Hr.
Balance K. W. Hrs. at 2c per K. W. Hr.	Minimum Monthly Bill—\$1.00 (at 50c per K. W. Demand.) On larger residences with larger electrical installations minimum demand is set at 3 K. W. Flat Rate water heating eliminated. Water heater to be on same meter as lighting, appliances, etc.
Minimum Monthly Bill 75c.	
Water Heaters—Flat Rate per month per 1000 watt capacity \$3.60.	

COMMERCIAL

PRESENT	PROPOSED
Commercial Lighting General—First 100 K. W. Hrs. per connected K. W. at 8c per K. W. Hr. Over 100 K. W. Hrs. per connected K. W. at intermediate rates down to 720 K. W. Hrs. per connected K. W. at 2c per K. W. Hr.	First 100 K. W. Hrs. at 8c per K. W. Hr. (Min. demand set at 2 K. W.)
Minimum Monthly Bill \$1.00.	Second 100 K. W. Hrs. at 2c per K. W. Hr. Balance K. W. Hrs. at 1c per K. W. Hr.
Window Lighting—First 100 K. W. Hrs. per connected K. W. at 8c per K. W. Hr. Over 100 K. W. Hrs. per connected K. W. at intermediate rates down to 480 K. W. Hrs. or over per connected K. W. at 2c per K. W. Hr.	Minimum Monthly Bill \$2.00 (at \$1.00 per K. W. demand.) On larger commercial installations maximum demand will be as determined.
Small Single Phase Motors—First 100 K. W. Hrs. per connected K. W. at 4.2c per K. W. Hr. Over 100 K. W. Hrs. per connected K. W. at intermediate rates down to 640 K. W. Hrs. or over per connected K. W. at 1c per K. W. Hr.	Maximum Demand on larger installations is expected to be considerably below previous connected load shown as present billing basis.
Minimum Monthly Bill 75c per connected H. P.	This proposed rate will apply to general store lighting, window lighting, small motors or appliances, signs and water heaters.
Signs and Outside Display Lighting—Flat Rate Per Month: 50c per 100 watts (sunset to midnight), 75c per 100 watts (constant service) or av. 1c per K. W. Hr.	Flat rates for signs and water heaters eliminated.
Water Heaters—Flat Rate per Month:—\$3.60 per 1000 watts capacity (April to October inclusive) or av. 1/2c per K. W. Hr.	Where a number of small motors are used in normally constant operations, or are of three phase type, they may be combined and metered under the secondary power rate.
\$5.40 per 1000 watts capacity (November to March inclusive) or av. 3/4c per K. W. Hr.	
Commercial Heating and Cooking—Small Appliance—Service charge \$1.80 per month plus 2c per K. W. Hr.	Minimum Monthly Charge \$1.00.

Biggest Robbery— Million Dollar Job In Boston

BOSTON.—The largest robbery in American history was pulled off last night in Boston when a bandit gang made off with more than \$1,500,000 from an armored truck firm. Police Superintendent W. Fallon said that "over \$1,500,000 was stolen and they missed we don't know how much more because they couldn't carry it away."

Seven robbers, following a carefully laid plan, walked into the office of Brink's Incorporated, international armored car truck firm, at 6:10 p. m. with Halloween masks on their faces.

Police said that a man, "probably with a pass key," opened six locked doors to reach second floor offices. The money was all in paper bills. It was scooped up from an open vault into two laundry bags which had been brought in by the robbers. They left behind nearly fifty bags of silver lying in the vault.

The money had been collected from business firms during the afternoon and was to have been banked today.

A sweeping bandit hunt was under way today for the seven grotesque - masked gunmen. Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and state police joined local police who were under orders to "break this thing up before a new outbreak develops."

The gunmen in a 20-minute prevision raid, snatched the money last night from an open vault in the sprawling waterfront garage of Brinks Incorporated. They gagged and trussed five employees. Along with the \$1,500,000 in cash the gunmen grabbed \$500,000 in cheques. "This job was definitely pulled by somebody who knew every inch of the company's lay-out," said the police.

Hockey Is Coming Up

Station CFPR Authorized To Air National Hockey Broadcast Saturday

Station CFPR of Prince Rupert has received the green light to go ahead with the Imperial Oil Hockey broadcast on Saturday evening of this week, thus culminating the long campaign to have this popular weekly program aired as a public service from the local station.

The emission from here of the hockey is preliminary to the putting out from the local station of the full Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network program under arrangement which are being closed between the various departments of government concerned.

Girl Located In Vancouver

MONTREAL.—Mrs. W. L. Fraser said early today that her granddaughter, reported missing since Dec. 15, was on her way back from Vancouver today, accompanied by a Montreal detective. Reached by phone early today Mrs. Fraser said the girl, 17-year-old Beverly Jean Home, great-granddaughter of Sir William van Horne who was the former president and founder of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was found on her way back home. She refused to elaborate. The girl was found working as a dishwasher in a Vancouver cafe.