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**UMMERLIN
Press Staff Writer**

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Where's My Vest?

THIS HORSE is not trying to be as funny as he looks, nor is he a teen-age colt trying to look the part. Wearing a pair of levis with the cuffs turned up and tied above the hoofs, the animal was clothed by his Glendale, Calif., owner for protection against insects following a leg injury.

First Pro-Con in 19 Years Elected in Saskatchewan

REGINA (CP)—Two provincial by-elections Wednesday gave the 53-seat Saskatchewan legislature its first Progressive Conservative member and increased Liberal strength.

First Progressive Conservative elected to the legislature in 19 years, 32-year-old Robert Kohaly, an Estevan lawyer who also had Liberal backing, won in Souris-Estevan constituency.

Lake Tanker Blows Up

CHICAGO (CP)—A lake tanker loaded with 500,000 gallons of gasoline exploded in Lake Michigan today, killing one crewman and injuring two others. Eight others aboard the tanker escaped.

The Blue Comet burst into flames in Calumet harbor.

The dead crew member was identified as Edward Surville of Kingston, Pa.

The fire was reported extinguished two hours after it erupted.

German Ship Docks Here

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The charts and text indicated that most of the atrocities occurred in the first year of the war, when the Communists invaded South Korea and overran American and South Korean troops.

To the Chinese were charged 27.3 per cent of the war crimes alleged. The North Korean Reds were blamed as the greater barbarians.

The army said "it is an interesting fact that the North Korean people's army slaughtered most civilians during September, 1950. Of these, 14,602 or 84.6 per cent were slain in the last four days of the month."

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Pulp Workers Reject Offer; Strike Vote Set For Weekend

Preparations Made For Mill Closure

Members of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (AFL-TLC) are preparing for a government-supervised strike vote to be taken Saturday to Monday.

This was disclosed today after it was announced that the union had rejected "by an overwhelming majority" the latest offer by Columbia Cellulose Company to increase the wage rate by five cents an hour.

Results of a referendum taken at nine British Columbia pulp and paper mills was announced by officers of the international union at Tacoma, Washington.

Basic wage in the industry at the present time is \$1.50 an hour.

Meanwhile, Local 708 has called a special meeting of members at the Civic Centre tomorrow night.

The company announced that arrangements are being made for possible closure of the giant Watson Island plant if workers favor a strike to back up their demands.

Some 4,500 employees of eight B.C. pulp and paper companies are involved. Of the total, about 400 are employed by Columbia Cellulose Company.

Local 708 officials said this morning that the vote here was 96 per cent in favor of rejecting the company's latest offer.

A union spokesman said that after the strike vote is completed and results made known, each local is entirely on its own so far as strike action is concerned.

It is believed that should the vote favor a strike, the union's international office (in Tacoma) will set the date for a strike.

An official statement by D. E. Blair, manager of the Pulp and Paper Industrial Relations Bureau, said:

"It is understood that a majority of employees at some mills voted to accept the five-cent offer."

"In those mills where the forthcoming strike vote favors strike action, it must be expected that a strike will ensue and preparations for a plant closure are already being taken."

Mr. Blair said that "should a strike come in the industry, it would be the first pulp and paper industry-wide strike since group bargaining began in 1937."

Firms involved in the dispute are Alaska Pine and Cellulose Ltd.; Canadian Forest Products Ltd.; Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd.; Elk Falls Co. Ltd.; MacMillan and Bloedel (Alberta) Ltd.; and MacMillan and Bloedel (Harcourt) Pacific Mills Ltd., and Powell River Co. Ltd.

Tugboat Split In Collision With Cynthia

VANCOUVER (CP)—A tugboat was cut in half and her seven-man crew rescued from her sinking hull in heavy fog Wednesday night in the third collision at sea near here in the last week.

It was the second such crash in 24 hours.

The tug Dola, owned by Associated Tug Boats, was pulling a string of Pacific Great Eastern Railway freight cars on barges off Whytecliffe, B.C., 10 miles west of here near the entrance to Howe Sound, when she was struck amidships by the Lady Cynthia, owned by Union Steamships Ltd.

The Cynthia, a 1,300-ton passenger-freighter, was inbound from Britannia Beach, and the Dola was headed for Squamish, B.C., 40 miles north at the head of Howe Sound.

The tug Black Bear was immediately dispatched from Vancouver to pick up the Dola's drifting tow.

The Cynthia was due in Vancouver this afternoon with the rescued seamen aboard.

Last Friday, the SS Princess Elizabeth and the Union's SS Cardena collided at the entrance to Vancouver harbor, badly damaging the Cardena and injuring two members of the crew.

Earlier Wednesday, the Catala, another passenger-freighter, collided with a barge near the entrance to the harbor.

Fishpacker Abandoned

VICTORIA (CP)—The 60-foot Vancouver fishpacker Newcastle IV, which ran aground near Magdalena Point on Vancouver Island Sunday, was abandoned as a total wreck when she began breaking up Wednesday.

All salvage efforts ended after a heavy ground swell moved the B.C. Packers, Ltd., vessel 50 feet further up the beach, smashing her bottom and opening her seams.

WEATHER

Forecast
North coast region — Cloudy with scattered showers today and Friday. A few sunny periods in the afternoons. Little change in temperature.

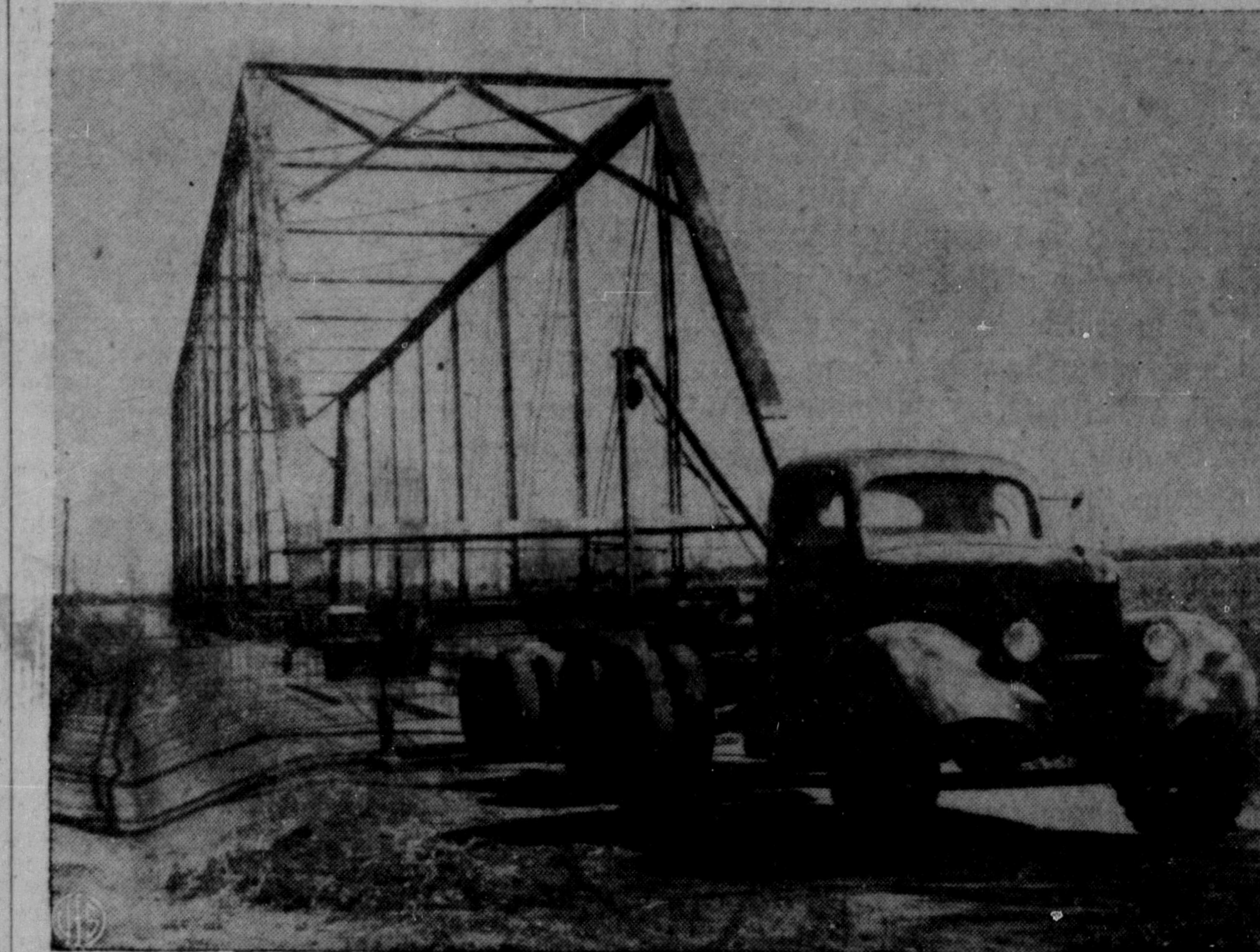
Light southerly winds, occasionally reaching 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy and Sandspit, 40 and 50; Prince Rupert, 38 and 48.

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO (CP)—A British Commonwealth Pacific DC-6 Airliner with 19 persons aboard crashed in rugged coastal hills today within two minutes of its scheduled landing at San Francisco after a flight from Honolulu.



T. H. MANNING, of Ottawa, 42-year-old veteran explorer, has spent four months gathering sea and air defence data on a lonely but strategic island in the western segment of the Canadian Arctic, accompanied by Capt. M. I. Sparrowe, 25, a British army engineer. Mr. Manning is dressed for the severe weather on Banks Island, about 1,200 miles north of Edmonton.



THE SIGHT OF A BRIDGE being towed along the road from Solomon, Kansas, to New Cambria may have surprised local residents, but authorities saw no point in scrapping the big span. It was used to replace one that had been washed away more than 12 years ago, and in its place a brand-new one will be constructed. A house mover provided the equipment needed.

Canada's Annual Forest Fire Toll Reported Near \$4,000,000

WASHINGTON (CP)—Canadian forest fires take an average yearly toll of nearly 2,000,000 acres of timber, valued at about \$4,000,000, Resources Minister Lesage said here today.

In a speech prepared for the fourth American Forestry Congress, Mr. Lesage said this rate of fire loss is estimated at double the rate "that could be tolerated for the practice of sustained-yield forestry."

He told an audience of forestry experts from across the United States that fire protection continues to be a principal concern of all provincial governments, accounting for half of all expenditures on forest management.

The federal government, he said, conducts research into fire protection methods and has developed a means of measuring fire danger which is widely used by protection services.

IMPROVING FORESTS

Mr. Lesage said the threat to Canada's forests from insects and disease continues to be serious, but that it is being met by constantly improving silvicultural practices. He cited an instance in New Brunswick where the Canadian government is paying one-third of a \$9,000,000 project to rid 4,000 square miles of pulpwood forest of budworm.

Noting the common interests and objectives of foresters in the United States and Canada, Mr. Lesage declared:

"Our association in forest products research has grown increasingly intimate, and we

Seguin to Hang

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—A Supreme Court jury here has convicted 28-year-old Henri Seguin of the murder of taxi-driver Leonard Hurd. The Cornwall laborer was sentenced to hang Jan. 19.

Seguin was arrested at Williams Lake last winter following an abortive bank holdup.

Weaker Sex? Rubbish!

'Women Smarter Than Men'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Weaker sex?

Rubbish! says Dr. William G. Leaman Jr., Philadelphia heart specialist, who stunned Oklahoma Clinical Society delegates, mostly male, with the bold statement:

"Women are smarter than men!"

This "weaker-sex myth," he said, "just permits ladies to live a less-exerting life—and outlive their male counterparts by an average of six to seven years."

"The man beyond 50 can't

resist the temptation to shovel snow," said Leaman. "Men like to show off, to prove they are big and strong."

But by keeping alive the weaker-sex idea, women did not have to over-exert themselves to prove they still had their old vim and vigor.

Added proof to explode the age-old myth of female weakness was offered.

"Women can lose more blood."

"Women can stand more shock."

"They are far better drivers. They can go into a profes-

sion and hold their own provided men don't give them an inferiority complex.

"They can hold down a job, take care of a home and family, and, at the same time, guard the supposedly-stronger male."

As a finale, Dr. Leaman added:

"It is a woman's world if she wants to admit it and claim it. But perhaps she would be unwise to do so."

Dr. Leaman is chairman of the department of medicine at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

would welcome closer contact, especially in the fields of silviculture and forest management studies."

Canada has the largest reserves of potential forest products in the "free world" outside of the tropics, with a total area of some 1,300,000 square miles in all classifications of timber. Only Brazil and Russia exceeded this figure, Mr. Lesage said.

SENIOR CITIZENS PROMISED FREE TAXI TRIPS TO TOWN

Senior citizens living at the Pioneers Home soon will be given the opportunity of coming into town twice a week.

City council has passed a recommendation that arrangements be made to bring them in by taxi at the cost of 75 cents per trip.

Residents of the Home have had no transportation to the city since the bus company suspended operations on the route.

Black Pledges Improvement Of B.C.'s Municipal Code

VANCOUVER (CP)—Sweeping revision of laws covering municipal government will be undertaken by the provincial government next spring, it was announced Wednesday by Municipal Affairs Minister W. D. Black.

One of the most important changes, Mr. Black said in an address before the 50th annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, will be to "relieve municipal councils from the onerous task" of acting as courts of revision to hear assessment complaints.

"I intend to have a new municipal code prepared and ready for consideration," he announced, "as soon as possible. The Municipal Act needs reorganizing, rewriting and modernizing."

He said the revision will provide for a new urban classification of towns.

Other steps planned include a start on "research" into municipal problems, new civil defence assistance, and giving of greater provincial guidance in municipal planning.

A change in the Municipal Act to eliminate municipal courts of revision on assessments will still protect the right of each property-owner to have his assessment reviewed by an independent tribunal, he said.

He said municipalities could look forward to standardization of fire house connections and couplings throughout B.C.

Delegates approved a resolution urging exemption from sales and excise taxes of all machinery and equipment purchased by municipalities and another calling for taxation of all crown property.

Attending the convention from Prince Rupert are Mayor Harold Whalen, Ald. Mike Krueger and Ald. Kay Smith and City Clerk Bill Long.