

MORROW'S TIDES—

Thursday, April 23, 1953
Pacific Standard Time

9:38	16.1 feet
22:25	17.2 feet
3:48	9.3 feet
16:02	7.1 feet

SCHOOLHOUSE COLLAPSES LAST CHILD RUNS OUT

FLORENCE, Italy (AP)—When teacher Cecina Leonori stood up during class in her one-room schoolhouse in nearby Quinto Saturday, she saw a big crack in the ceiling getting worse and hustled her 20 pupils out. As the last child ran through the door the building collapsed into a heap of timbers, and plaster.

Indian Village Still Without 'Freedom'

Pioneer Metlakatla Resident
Says Enfranchisement Halted

This is the first of a two-part story concerning the status of the nearby Indian village as seen through the eyes of one of its best residents.

By LARRY STANWOOD

"Give me liberty, or give me death." The well-known phrase was re-echoed in all the hearts of a crowd of people here recently by the area's original pioneers who, with others, had a valued dream shattered.

A grey-haired man who has been known as Peter Leighton Metlakatla, and he referred to the village after 10 years of his effort and much of his life to gain the right of enfranchisement, recognition as Canadian for himself and his fellow Indians. But today, because a deep-rooted argument between the province of British Columbia and the federal government has been revived after many years of dormancy, the enfranchisement of Metlakatla has been halted indefinitely in its snarl of red tape and political issues.

es Dream Will Come True

Peter Leighton, now 66, has lost hope—he never will be the first coastal Indian to accept civilization. He has been the first Indian in Canada to become a citizen. He has been rumored that the Metlakatla no longer has any hope of enfranchisement; that he better off as wards of the state, that there'll never be an attempt for enfranchisement by an Indian village in the province. He has been alleged that the federal government has no intention of enfranchisement so that the Metlakatla can be told they may lose.

We Started 10 Years Ago

It is a little more than 10 years ago that the move for enfranchisement of Metlakatla was officially started. The desire to be "independent" has been in the villagers' hearts since the early 1890s to take on supplies after fighting the Russians in the northern Pacific during the Crimean War. Capt. Prevost, later commissioned admiral of the British Fleet, reported that the natives of Port Simpson were highly intelligent and would, he thought, respond remarkably to Christian teaching. Duncan volunteered to go to Simpson as a lay missionary. Port Simpson at the time was the northern coast headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Trading Company. For that reason, the nine tribes of the Tsimpsan nation had gathered there to live. See INDIAN VILLAGE Page 5



A POLICE CAR goes the trunk in which the body of six-year-old Audrey Ann Nield of Hamilton was found strangled. Searching the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nield, found the body in the trunk on a shelf in the basement. The baby had been reported kidnapped. The baby's mother, Mrs. Nield, 33, has been charged with murder.

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New Friends

SGT. RED CRAMPSEY OF TORONTO makes friends with Japanese school children while sight-seeing in Tokyo. Sgt. Crampsey is in charge of maintenance at the RCAF detachment in Tokyo of RCAF North Star aircraft on the Korean airlift.

Transport Controller Not 'A Negotiator'

VANCOUVER.—Transport Controller R. W. Milner said Tuesday that he is not here to negotiate a settlement of the 65-day walkout of 250 Vancouver and New Westminster grain handlers.

Shipping Act Amendments Approved

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons Tuesday gave third and final reading of amendments to the Canada Shipping Act, tightening up requirements for ship-to-shore communication facilities on Canadian vessels.

The series of changes in the Act will give the cabinet power to order radio-telephone facilities for ships over 500 tons generally.

Howard Green (PC Vancouver Quadra) commended the government measure, but he said he hopes the transport department will be very careful about granting exemptions to ships on carrying of wireless operators.

He did not think vessels operating in the Inside Passage between Vancouver Island and the British Columbia mainland should be exempted, as some operators had suggested.

"Lives could be lost for lack of wireless telegraphy," he stated.

Logger's Body Lashed to Wheel Of Battered Boat

MASSET — Body of a New Brunswick-born logger was found lashed to the wheel of a storm-battered power boat off here Monday, and search is continuing for his companion.

Body of Eldon W. Russell, 38, was found where he made a desperate fight for life in a gale that swept across the Queen Charlotte Islands.

RCMP said search is continuing for Orville Gray, 46, employer of Russell.

Charles Hopper Succeeds Melrose

VICTORIA (CP)—Charles Edward Hopper, assistant deputy lands minister, will take over the post of deputy minister July 1, Lands Minister Robert Sommers announced Tuesday.

Mr. Hopper succeeds George Melrose, who is retiring to go into private practice. Mr. Hopper has been a civil servant for 50 years.

UN Seeks Special Meet To Discuss Repatriation

Wounded Prisoners Tell of Death March

By The Canadian Press

PANMUNJOM, Korea.—The UN command today called for a meeting with Communist liaison officers Thursday touching off speculation that the allies might again ask the Reds to return more disabled captives.

Halibut Convention Adopted

Special to The Daily News

OTTAWA.—The bill to confirm the convention between Canada and the United States for preservation of the halibut fishery of the North Pacific Ocean was adopted in principle this morning.

The House of Commons unanimously gave it second reading.

The new treaty will enable the commission to provide for split seasons in the halibut fishery and also provides for the appointment of one additional commissioner for each country.

Introduced by Hon. James Sinclair, minister of fisheries, the bill was accepted on behalf of the official opposition by General Peakes.

E. T. Applewhite, Liberal member for Skeena, welcomed the bill as the "successful outcome of several years' work by and for the halibut fishermen of the coast."

The measure has been referred to the fisheries committee for study in detail.

Prince Ends 11-Day Tour Of Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—Crown Prince Akihito of Japan entered the United States today, his 11-day official tour of Canada from Victoria to Montreal ended.

The 19-year-old Prince sails late today from New York aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth for England where he will attend the Coronation.

He will make an official tour of the United States on his way home.

Last official function in Montreal Tuesday was a reception for 800 members of Japanese-Canadian organizations in the city.

Prior to this, Prince Akihito held a small private reception and among guests was Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal who founded and directed a seminary in Japan for some years.

Bonner Gets Nomination In Pt. Grey

VANCOUVER (CP)—Cabinet ministers Robert Bonner and Mrs. Tilly Rolston and insurance salesman Tom Bate were nominated Tuesday night to carry the Social Credit banner in Vancouver-Point Grey in the coming provincial election.

Unanimous support was given the nominations of the attorney-general and the education minister, and Mr. Bate also won nomination without a fight.

Some 400 delegates attended the convention and were told by Mr. Bonner: "We're not afraid to ask the voters for a decision again."

UN prisoners already freed have told of many sick and injured Americans and other prisoners still in Communist prison stockades.

An official announcement said only that the meeting was called "to discuss matters in connection with the current repatriation operations."

The request for Thursday's special liaison session was unexpected. Full-scale negotiations on the overall prisoner exchange—last major barrier to Korean armistice—are scheduled to resume Saturday.

There have been increasing indications that the Reds are not honoring their agreement to exchange all sick and wounded.

MORE AMERICANS

Fourteen more Americans, possibly including recently-wounded Marines, were promised by the Communists for delivery Thursday.

UN prisoners who were returned to freedom Tuesday arrived in Japan on their way home.

Accounts pyramided of brutal death marches through North Korea which killed at least 867 U.S. and South Korean prisoners.

The return of 14 Americans tomorrow will bring to 79 the number of U.S. soldiers freed in the historic break in the long impasse with Asian Reds.

In addition to the 14 Americans, the Reds said they would return five Australians and six Colombians, plus 75 South Koreans.

The United Nations will return 500 North Koreans to the Communists Thursday.

Today's exchange involved 100 Republic of Korea soldiers for 500 Communists, including 150 Chinese. It brought to 700 the number of Chinese returned to Red rule.

The UN command will return 5,800 Reds for 605 Allied sick and wounded.

Survey Ship Refloated From Rock

VICTORIA (CP)—The eighty-foot government survey ship Parry was refloated from a rock 160 miles north of here late Tuesday night after being grounded most of the day.

None of the crew of 13 was injured when the vessel went aground in Okisollo Channel.

The Parry pulled herself off the ledge under her own power at high tide. Damage was not serious and the vessel is continuing its survey work.

Word of the Parry's plight was relayed by Cape Lazo radio and picked up by the tug Hecate Straits which went to the scene immediately.

The Parry, a 90-ton diesel vessel, grounded in relatively sheltered waters.



NATURAL ENEMIES—if you go by names—have united against the Communists in Korea. Pictured in a lifebuoy is Scrumpy, meowing mascot of HMS Sparrow, British frigate. A proven sailor and popular with his shipmates, Scrumpy came through patrols in winter's icy winds and rough seas like an old hand. A British fleet joined the U.S. Navy in the very first days of the Korean conflict and British ships have been there ever since.

Stevens, Gordon Returned To UFAWU for 15th Time

VANCOUVER (CP)—Re-election of Homer Stevens as secretary of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (UFAWU) was reported here Tuesday night.

Ted Foort, secretary of the UFAWU's central election committee, said in making the report that Alec Gordon has been returned as business agent.

Mr. Foort said the fight for the presidency between Reg Payne and Bert Larsen has not yet been decided. Name of the winning candidate is expected to be announced May 1.

Announcement that Mr. Stevens and Mr. Gordon had been re-elected to office for the 15th time was made at a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council.

The election committee chairman said he was able to announce their re-election on the basis of returns from 16 of 27 locals. To date approximately 2,400 ballots had been counted.

B.C. Places Reserve On Watershed

VICTORIA (CP)—The provincial government has placed a reserve on waters of the sprawling Atlin watershed in northwestern British Columbia.

The move apparently is designed to prevent alienation of the area because of the possibility of establishment of a huge mining, hydro and smelting development.

Profisher Ltd. of Eastern Canada is carrying out surveys in the area.

Major lakes affected are Teslin and Atlin Lakes.

CCF Leader Nominated In Vancouver East

VANCOUVER (CP)—Arnold Webster, new provincial leader of the CCF, was nominated Tuesday night along with Arthur Turner to contest Vancouver East riding in the June 9 election.

Former leader Harold Winch spoke briefly at the convention, predicting that the people of B.C. will turn to the CCF for efficient government.

Mr. Webster said he will continue his job as high school principal while campaigning.

—WEATHER—

Synopsis
The westerly flow of moist Pacific air which is bringing cloudy skies to most sections of the province shows signs of weakening and slow improvement in weather conditions is looked for tomorrow.

Forecast
North Coast Region: Cloudy and mild. Rain Thursday afternoon and evening. Winds light increasing Thursday afternoon to southeast 30.

Lows tonight and highs Thursday—At Port Hardy, 38 and 54 Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 3 and 52.

Queen Becomes Owner of Fine Vegetable Garden at Castle

LONDON (AP)—The Queen is the proprietor of a truck garden which peddles carrots and tomatoes to the London public, it was disclosed today.

The vegetables are grown at Windsor Castle, where a 40-year-old Scottish gardener has transformed 30 weed-choked acres into one of the finest truck gardens in that part of England.

David Stevenson, appointed head gardener at the castle only 20 months ago, said his yield was so great that the Royal Family and its servants could eat only 40 per cent. The rest is sold through Covent Garden, big vegetable and flower market in the heart of London.

Much of the Royal acreage went to pot during the war years and the post-war period when there was an acute manpower shortage. The six walled gardens near the castle were bristling with weeds when Stevenson took over.

In addition to the vegetables Stevenson is raising all the flowers which will be used to decorate the Royal premises during the Coronation in June. Stevenson has a staff of 25 gardeners.