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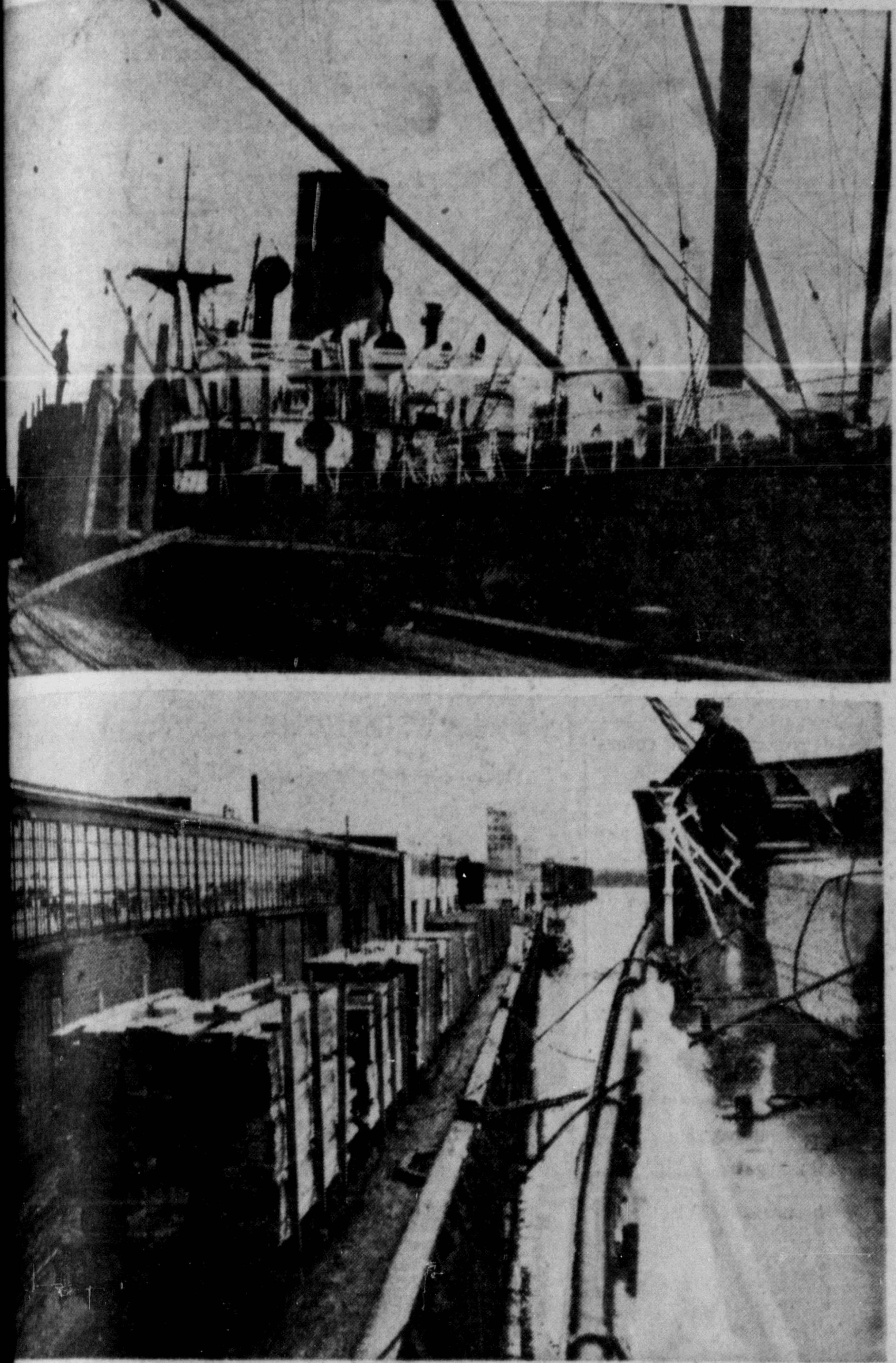
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TOMORROW'S TIDES

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1:32	22.9 feet
4:37	19.9 feet
8:15	0.2 feet
20:17	6.5 feet



BOUND FOR LONDON was loaded aboard the SS Jersey City (top) in a three-day operation at the CN Ocean Dock here last week. The Jersey City, of the Anglo-Canadian Ship Company, was chartered by a group of Terrace lumber operators, who under the "Sirena Timber Products" plan a series of shipments to the U.K. Part of the first load, comprising about 675,000 board feet, is shown alongside the ship (above) on some of the flat cars which brought it from Terrace to Rupert. The next shipment is scheduled for July.

Six Aboard Halibut Boat Safe After Vessel Grounds, Sinks

Plane Crash Kills Nine, Injures Five

U.S. Army Craft Plunges in Pit

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota National Guard plane, bucking low visibility in a heavy fog, plummeted into a gravel pit near Duluth airport last night, carrying nine troopers to their deaths and injuring five others, four critically.

"We heard the roar of the plane's engines so close and loud we thought it was coming down on 'em," said Mrs. Russel Westberg, who lives about a block away.

"Then there were a couple of terrible crashes and everything was quiet."

The plane was returning from a practice flight to Indianapolis, where the 14 aboard had seen the annual Memorial Day speedway race.

Bodies of six men were taken from the scattered wreckage and three more died enroute to or shortly after reaching hospitals.

Mrs. Westberg called police after the crash but they had difficulty finding the wreckage in the widely scattered gravel pit. A ceiling of 500 feet was reported at the airport.

While she was on the porch a man staggered up and asked, "get us some help." He was Sgt. Earl Sugars, who with Sgt. William Willeck had been tossed free of the plunging craft and into a pile of dirt made soft by two inches of rain.

The control tower said the plane's pilot, Maj. Frederick A. Kemp Jr., Duluth, reported only seconds before the crash that he had sighted the runway lights. Both he and Capt. Victor Graboski, Cloquet, Minn., the co-pilot, perished.

Killed also was retired Col. A. C. Ott, former commander of the 125th field artillery in Duluth.



A PRINCE RUPERT SOLDIER, Cpl. Con Dumas, (right) is shown above with Pte. Art Candalle of Winnipeg, Man., as they string wire across a field during recent manoeuvres in Germany. Both are members of the Royal Canadian Army Signal Corps, part of the First Canadian Infantry Brigade. Conrad Dumas, 25-year-old son of Frank Dumas, Eighth Avenue, and nephew of Mrs. Stephen Dumas, 616 Sixth Avenue West, worked at Columbia Cellulose before joining up about two years ago.

Captain, Crew Taken To Camp on Langara

A skipper and his five crewmen were saved early this morning after the well-known halibut vessel Prosperity A went aground and sank off Frederick Island, about 30 miles south of Cape Knox, on the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The Prosperity A, which has fished these waters for almost 30 years, ran aground at tiny Frederick Island at 1:15 a.m. today, and sank in about six fathoms of water.

The skipper, Capt. A. C. "Andy" Christiansen, and his crew made their way ashore and were picked up 1 1/2 hours later by the halibut vessel Bate Pass of Vancouver. The Bate Pass carried the men to the Fishermen's Co-operative camp at Langara Island, at the tip of the Charlottes.

A Queen Charlotte Airlines plane from Prince Rupert was scheduled to fly to the islands to pick up the Prosperity A crew and bring them here, but at latest reports this afternoon the weather was too rough to allow landing at Langara, where landing on the open sea is necessary.

NO ONE HURT

Capt. Christiansen, in a radio-telephone interview with the Daily News this morning, said that none of the crew had been hurt in the wreck. The boat had struck the rocks off Frederick Island. He could give no reason for the wreck and was unable to say, without further investigation, whether or not the vessel would be salvageable. However, the boat was insured, it was learned.

Capt. Christiansen lives in New Westminster but has fished in this area for many years. His Prosperity A was built close to 30 years ago.

Crew members of the boat are Haaken Skipness of Houston, Ragnvold Spring of Deep Cove, Alan Ronneseth of New Westminster, and Runar Hedkrok and Ole Webstad of Vancouver.

Today's sinking is the second of the current halibut season. On May 16 the seiner Victora sank in Fitzhugs Sound off Hecate Island.

Accidental Death Verdict Reached by Inquest Jury

A verdict of accidental death was brought in yesterday by a coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Lloyd Joseph Pedersen May 25, following a car accident on Sixth Avenue East May 22.

Pedersen died in Prince Rupert General Hospital almost 72 hours after the car in which he and two companions were riding smashed up in the 1000 block Sixth Avenue East after a fast down ride back from Seal Cove.

HIGH RATE OF SPEED

Five witnesses testified to the high rate of speed with which the doomed car returned from the joyride.

Interrogating witnesses on behalf of the city was T. W. Brown, Q.C. who asked that relatives of the dead youth be allowed to ask questions of the witnesses following their testimony.

First witness was Peter Moroz who told the jury he had last seen Pedersen after 4 a.m. May 22 after he and the dead boy had had a few drinks from a bottle of rum that Pedersen had brought to the Gondola Cafe.

Arnold Mervin Jonasen, passenger on the ill-fated ride said that Pedersen had returned from Seal Cove after finding the police van parked at the gates to the B.C. Packers plant. Jonasen estimated the speed of the car at between 75 and 80 miles an hour just prior to its going out of control.

IGNORED WARNINGS

The other companion on the ride, William Le Roy Krossin, reported that Pedersen, the driver of the smashed car, refused to heed repeated warnings from Jonasen to "slow down."

RCMP Constable G. Grey and Cpl. Wildgoose who attended the accident stated they were on routine patrol out at Seal Cove when they first noticed Pedersen drive up, turn the car around and head back to town.

Father of the dead boy, John S. Pedersen challenged police witnesses, asking if the trio would have had a better chance if the police van had not taken after the car.

Injured Logger Brought Here

A Queen Charlotte Airline mercy flight today brought an injured logger to Prince Rupert from the Columbia Cellulose camp on Khutzeymateen Inlet.

The logger, Al Singer, suffered an arm injury in an accident at the camp, about 40 miles north of Prince Rupert.

The QCA plane, piloted by Norm Jermyn and carrying Dr. W. S. Kergin, left Seal Cove at 12:55 p.m. today and returned with the injured man at 1:50 p.m.

Chetwynd Firm On Extension Of Rail Lines

CLINTON, B. C. — Pacific Great Eastern Railway's southern extension will be pushed through to North Vancouver, Railways Minister Ralph Chetwynd assured members of the B.C. Beef Cattle Growers' Association here Saturday.

Mr. Chetwynd, adding his voice to last week's denial by Premier Bennett of reports that the southern extension would be dropped, told the growers' annual meeting:

"We'll 'steam diesel-wise' into North Vancouver. The government made a decision and it's going through with it."

He described last week's reports that the Squamish-North Vancouver section would be dropped as "politics and poppycock."

He also said the 275 miles between Prince George and the Peace River would be started next spring.

Child Dies Second Time

TRAIL, B. C. — Diana Lyne Woodburn, 3 1/2-year-old Castlegar girl who was revived by heart massage two weeks ago after she had "died" under anaesthesia on the operating table, died at Trail-Tadanac hospital Sunday.

Diane, who was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woodburn, was dead a minimum of seven minutes, probably 10, two weeks ago. The actual heart massage then lasted 6 1/2 minutes.

Helicopter Picks Up Hurt Climber

McKinley, Heads for Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — A broken in a 1,000-foot fall that killed a companion, was alive but unconscious when lifted from the mountain by a helicopter pilot who "squeezed every inch out of the altimeter" to reach him on the ice of Mulrow glacier.

He was reached at about the 6,500-foot level of the 20,690-foot peak, highest in North America.

Argus was flown in the helicopter to Kantishna, a small mining community at the foot of the mountain, where he was placed in a small plane and taken to Minchumina. A two-engine plane met the party there to fly him to Fairbanks.

The helicopter, piloted by Capt. Ralph Searle of the United States Air Force's 74th rescue squadron, returned to the mountain to begin evacuation of eight members of the rescue party who brought him down the ice-covered mountain.

Legislature Not Meeting This Fall Says Bennett

VICTORIA — There will be no fall session of the B.C. Legislature, Premier Bennett said Monday.

He said last year's fall session was called complete business left following the spring session. Government met defeat on the floor of the house. Premier's announcement means the house will next meet in the spring of 1955.

Photos To Be Featured In New B.C. Travel Folder

Prince Rupert in the Cariboo and north-land tourist pamphlets by the B.C. department of industry travel bureau.

Ernest Evans of the department, and Bernard Atkinson, Victoria photographer in Prince Rupert, are preparing material for the folder.

Arrived here yesterday after travelling the Cariboo and north-land, and yesterday, Photos of the Cariboo and north-land, B.C. tourist council here, took advantage of the bright sunshine, hills and even rooftops in the city and north-land. They found a vantage point for a top view of the city.

Landy Mile Fastest

FINLAND — Australian Landy, who has been with the four-minute mile for the last two years, ran a 4:01.6, equalling the fastest performance ever recorded.

Today's Price Tops for '54

Top prices of the 1954 halibut season were paid at the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange this morning when the Fisher Lassie unloaded 51,000 pounds from Area 3 at 17.3 cents for 35,000 pounds of mediums.

Booth Fisheries paid the top price for the catch, which included 15,000 pounds of large sold at 16.8 cents and 1,000 pounds of chicken at 14 cents.

Three Co-Op boats brought in catches totalling 77,000 pounds. They were the Advance with 25,000 pounds, the Helen II with 35,000 pounds and the P. Doreen with 17,000 pounds.

Prices have shown a gradual increase since Wednesday's announcement of the season closure for Area 2 June 5. Yesterday's prices of 16 cents were the season's highest at that time.

The rise to more than 17 cents may mean an overall higher price being paid this year. Average price paid last year for the first 11 days of the season was 13.8 cents for mediums.

Smithers Man Ticketholder

Continued buying of sweepstake tickets for 24 years may pay off today in a fortune for a CNR trackman from Smithers if Cloonroughan wins the Derby at Epsom Downs.

Whatever Cloonroughan does, 53-year-old Gordon H. Rockwell will be more than \$2,000 richer when the race is over. He holds ticket LQ-47732 on the 75 to 1 Cloonroughan.

Rockwell, a widower with no children, was surprised, but not excited when he learned of his good fortune. He said he will get more excited if the long shot horse comes in first.

With the money he knows will be coming in, Rockwell says he plans to make his small home in Smithers more comfortable. If Cloonroughan romps in first, then that's another matter.

The CN trackman says he will invest in government annuities to insure a comfortable living and enjoy himself with the rest.

Rockwell has lived in Smithers since 1948 and has been with the CNR as a trackman for 11 years. He was born in Nova Scotia, started work on a harvester's excursion in 1920 and in 1923 moved up the Jasper-Prince Rupert line of the CNR.

Indian Superintendent Presented With Life Membership of Museum

A life membership in the Museum of Northern B.C. was awarded to F. E. Anfield last night at the final museum board meeting he will attend before leaving his position here as Indian Superintendent.

Mr. Anfield was also presented with a book on Haida Myths.

In reply to W. C. R. Jones who made the presentation on behalf of the board, Mr. Anfield spoke of his affection for the museum and of his enthusiasm over the progress it was making. He said that he hoped some day to come back for the opening of the proposed new building.

Mr. Anfield added that he was leaving as a gift to the museum a large chief's bowl which has been on exhibit there. His son, Frank, is leaving a totem pole which is also among the displays.

In other business at the meeting it was agreed that Mr. Jones should continue his enquiries to determine what financial sup-

THE WEATHER

Forecast

North coast region: Cloudy today and Wednesday with partial clearing Wednesday afternoon. Occasional rain beginning this afternoon, ending towards midnight. Scattered showers on Wednesday, not much change in temperature. Winds southeasterly 30 this afternoon and evening in exposed areas, otherwise light. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy and Prince Rupert 46 and 58, Sandspit 46 and 56.