

**TOMORROW'S
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March 17, 1954
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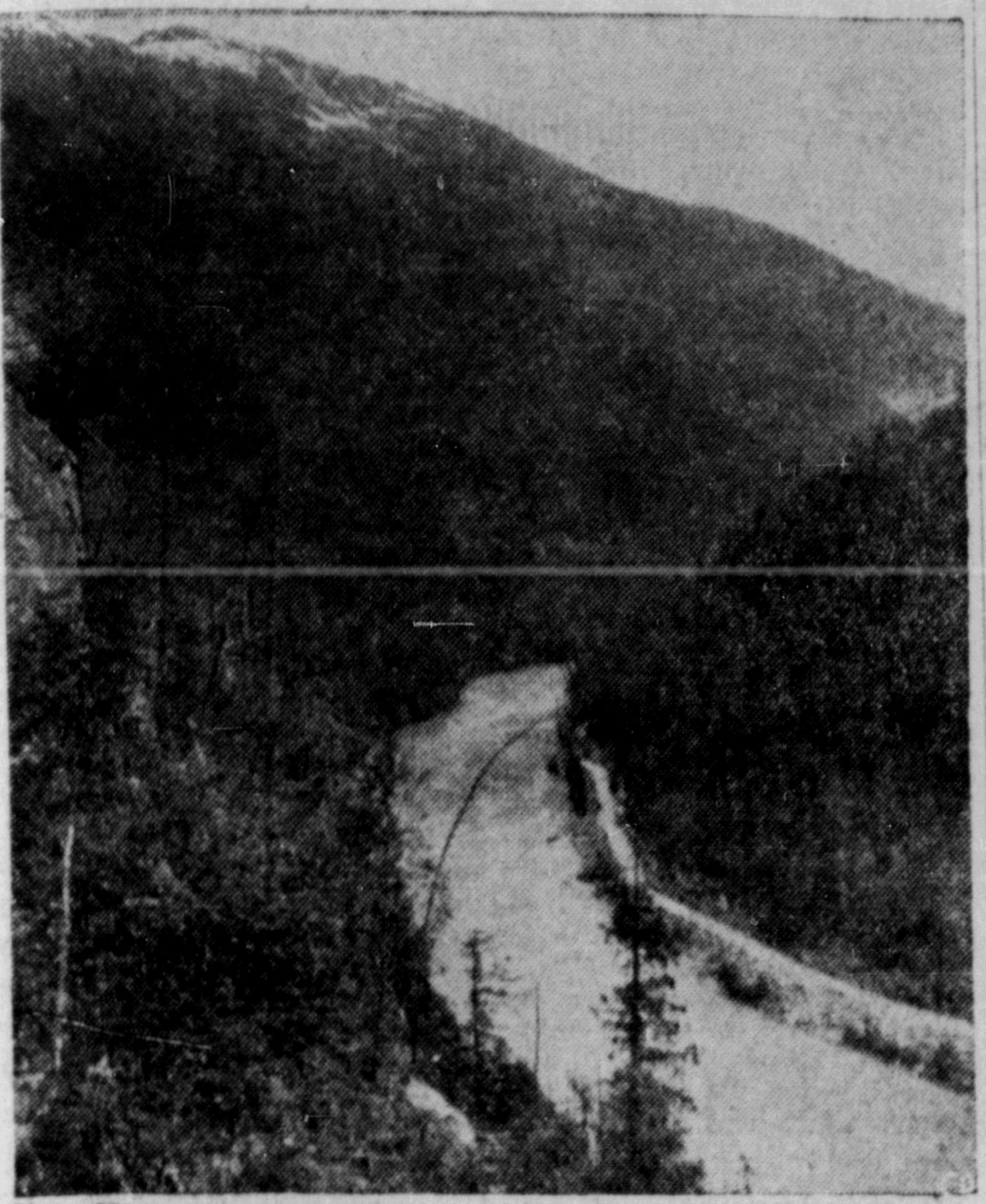
Marshall, Golden Gloves middleweight champion
members of Joe Ward's Civic Centre boxing club
honored by the City of Prince Rupert and the Elks
a banquet to be held at the Broadway Cafe Saturday
Among those present will be Golden Gloves contend-
Morrison, heavyweight and Billy Tsuchiya, lightweight.
George Hills or a representative of the city council will
in the evening the boxers and Mr. Ward will be
guests of the Prince Rupert Elks Lodge at a public
held at the Elks Hall.

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PROPOSED DAMSITES in a vast development plan for British Columbia's mighty Columbia River are shown in this map. A long-range plan disclosed by Lands Minister R. E. Sommers of B.C. calls for constructing nine hydro dams on the Columbia and Kootenay rivers, including a \$400,000,000 development at Mica Creek where the Columbia bends southward. Shown here also are dams already constructed, including the development between Trail and Nelson. Top photo shows Mica Creek at the big bend in Columbia river which may be the scene of a big hydro project.

French Fight Desperately Against Fanatic Rebels

By LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, Indo-China (AP)—Broken, bullet-riddled bodies of thousands of Vietminh troops dangled like scarecrows in the barbed wire of Dien Bien Phu as heavily outnumbered French Union troops fought desperately today to keep their last big fortress in northwest Indo-China out of rebel hands.
It was the most savage battle of the Indo-China war, now in its eighth year. Early today the outcome, certain to have a major effect on the Geneva conference next month, was still in doubt.
The fighting, which began Saturday, raged furiously through last night as thousands of wildly-screaming Communist-led rebels, backed by Chinese artillery, charged repeatedly into the bristling U.S.-armed defences of the fortress plain.

Rent Control Changes Mooted

VICTORIA (CP)—Labor Minister Lyle Wicks said Monday the government hopes to introduce legislation affecting existing rent control regulations at this session of the legislature. He gave no details.

French Fight Desperately Against Fanatic Rebels

The "do or die" fanatic rebel charges over the mounting bodies of their own dead duplicated the Communist onslaughts on United Nations troops in the Korean war. For the first time in the long Indo-China war, the Vietminh abandoned their guerrilla tactics for an all-out frontal assault.
CAPTURE STRONGPOINTS
In the first 48 hours of fighting, the Vietminh wrested two northern and northeastern strongpoints from the French Union defenders. But the French high command said the centre of the Vietminh-encircled plain was still intact and the balance of the outer perimeter also was still holding.
The French in Saigon predicted that the Vietminh could not maintain their intense attacks of the last 48 hours longer than two more days.

Japanese Seek Explanation Of Atomic-Burned Fishermen

TOKYO (Reuters)—Japan today asked the United States government to find out why 23 Japanese fishermen were burned and charred by radioactive "death ashes" which rained from the sky after a mid-Pacific atomic explosion March 1.
Government sources suggested the U.S. may be asked to pay compensation if an official Japanese investigation of the accident shows the claims are warranted.
Scientists here today confirmed the radioactive nature of the ashes, but said it will take at least a week to test their strength.
But doctors said it is clear that the effects of the blast were 10 times greater than from an ordinary atomic bomb.
The fishermen walked ashore

Dead Woman May Have Lived If Given Medical Aid Sooner

Liberals Fail To Halt Deal on PGE

VICTORIA (CP)—A Liberal member's last-ditch stand in the early hours of the morning failed to stop legislative approval of government's plan to extend Pacific Great Eastern Railway into North Vancouver.
Gordon Gibson talked to 12:55 a.m. in an effort to stop the amended resolution virtually approving the granting of \$30,000,000 in borrowing power to the PGE for southern and northern extension.
To get approval the government had to ignore a precedent of almost 20 years standing and override a ruling of the speaker of legislature.
During debate, which started at 5 p.m., the CCF twice helped the government by moving that the motion be put and thus cutting off two Liberal speakers.

Lands and forests minister R. E. Sommers charged that the Liberals were attempting to block the extension and that the object behind a request for an inquiry was to "substantiate a prejudiced and preconceived idea."
Opposition members counter-charged that the government was forcing extension through without reference to committee. Premier Bennett said there could be no time lost in the clearing of the PGE right of way because it had to be done before the fire season.
"We want to build this railway and build it we will... we will not falter."

Spring Knives Target of Code

OTTAWA (CP)—The Criminal Code will outlaw sale or possession of spring knives unless a person can prove he has a right to sell or own such a weapon.
The Commons Monday wrote this provision into the revision of the Criminal Code now before Parliament. The idea is to prevent juvenile delinquents obtaining possession of them. Maximum penalty is a \$500 fine, six months in jail or both.



THESE TWO PARISIAN GENDARMES show they are as handy with paint brushes as they are with their traditional white batons. They are putting the finishing touches to the paintings they will display at the annual Art Exhibition of French Police.

Mrs. Marguerite Hills, Wife of Mayor, Dies

Mrs. George E. (Marguerite) Hills, 47, wife of Prince Rupert's mayor and well-known city resident, died in hospital here this morning.
She had been in ill-health for the past 16 months.
Born in Rossland, B.C., Mrs. Hills came here as a child with her parents, Alderman and Mrs. George B. Casey.
NOTED ATHLETE
She received all her education in Prince Rupert and in her younger days starred on the basketball floor and was a member of the famous Maple Leaf team in 1922.
Mrs. Hills also was an ardent skier and while living in Prem-

Calder Asks Skeena Band Fire Coverage

VICTORIA (CP)—Frank Calder (CCF-Atlin) asked the government yesterday to establish an agency to sell fire insurance to Indians of the northern Skeena band on an experimental basis.
Speaking in the legislature Mr. Calder said Indians cannot get fire insurance coverage at the present time although the value of property in the Skeena agency is about \$400,000.
He also asked the government to encourage private insurance companies to sell fire insurance to Indians.
In Vancouver, Andy Paull, president of the North American Brotherhood said Indians in the Skeena agency cannot get fire insurance because of lack of fire fighting equipment.
"Most of the homes up there are wooden and there are no hydrants," he said.
Mr. Paull said he has fire insurance and many of those on the Squamish Reserve in North Vancouver are covered.
"We have adequate hydrants," he said.

RCMP Investigating Threats Against Judge and Witness

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Vancouver newspaper said yesterday RCMP officers are investigating threats made against the lives of Mr. Justice A. M. Manson and a key crown witness during the recent trial of narcotics kingpin George Mallock.
In a front page story, the paper said the threats were made during and immediately after the trial which closed March 1.
"The RCMP believe a threatening letter received by the jurist might have been the work of a crank but took every precaution to safeguard his life while he was sitting last week at the Nanaimo assizes," the newspaper said.
The threatening letter, partly printed and partly written, fol-

Doctors Tell Court Of Cause of Death

Dr. L. P. Charbonneau said today Violet Annie Sampare "might have had a slightly better chance of living if she had received medical aid sooner."

The 27-year-old native died in hospital here Feb. 16.
The doctor was testifying at the preliminary hearing of Charles Robinson, 31, on a charge of murdering the woman.
Another city doctor, Antony Ralling; Rudolph Kitritsch, a taxi driver, and Evelyn Wesley, common law wife of Lloyd Wilson, who testified at the opening of the hearing last Wednesday, also gave evidence before Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court this morning.
The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon so crown prosecutor, T. W. Brown, QC, could call two more witnesses.

SOON AS POSSIBLE
Dr. Charbonneau said he was called to the home of Charles Robinson about 1 p.m. on Feb. 15 and "told him to bring Violet Sampare to hospital by ambulance as soon as possible."
In answer to a question by Mr. Brown, he said he was "quite sure no one saw her before me or she would have been taken to hospital."

He said he found a deep wound on the left side of her face and told Robinson her condition was "very severe." She died about 10 p.m. February 16.
Under cross-examination by defence counsel Gerry Pettenuzzo, Dr. Charbonneau said "anyone could have realized there was something seriously wrong with the woman."
Dr. Ralling told of performing a post mortem on Feb. 18 "approximately 48 hours after her death," and said he believed she died as a result of a large clot of blood on her brain.

BLOW CAUSED CLOT
"There was nothing in the lump on her face which would indicate cause of death," the doctor said. "Some blow most likely caused the clot of blood and injury to the brain."
Dr. Ralling told of visiting the home of Lloyd Wilson where Evelyn Wesley, Violet Sampare and Robinson held a party on the night of Feb. 12.

Wilson testified last week that Violet Sampare was pushed down the front stairs at his home and landed against a huge timber.
Dr. Ralling said he went with police to the home to take some pictures.
APPEARED DRUNK
Kitritsch told court that a man, whom he identified as Robinson, went to his taxi stand early on the morning of Feb. 13 for a cab and they went to Wilson's home to get Violet Sampare and take her to his (Robinson's) home. He said that from his observation she appeared to be drunk. She did not speak.
Evelyn Wesley told court that she "passed out" from drinking wine at the party and did not recall anything that happened.

Trio Fined Total of \$250 After Fight

Fines totalling \$250 were levied in police court here yesterday against three men following their conviction of a charge of assaulting a police constable.
Walter Carlson was fined \$150; Stanley Scharff, \$100, and Victor Johnson, \$50. A fourth man, Elmer Kulpa was given a suspended sentence.
Evidence disclosed that Carlson was arrested in a downtown cafe Sunday night following a disturbance and while being escorted to the police van attempted to resist arrest.
Police said Scharff and Johnson went to Carlson's aid and additional police were dispatched to the scene before the men were taken into custody.
Carlson also was fined \$15 for causing the disturbance in the cafe.
T. W. Brown, QC, prosecuted and Gerry Pettenuzzo appeared for Carlson, Johnson and Scharff.
In levying the fines, magistrate W. D. Vance warned the men that they were "lucky" to get off with a fine and "any future instances of this nature will bring straight jail sentences."

Steen Funeral Set Thursday

Funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church for James Godfrey Steen, 81-year-old Prince Rupert pioneer who died Saturday night in hospital here after a lengthy illness.
Born in Glasgow, May 1, 1872, Mr. Steen came to Prince Rupert in 1911 and in the following year opened a sheet metal business, Steen and Helbert. During the First World War, he entered another sheet metal concern, Steen and Longwill, and after 1922, carried on business on his own for many years. His last business location was on First Avenue.
During the Second World War he was employed at the drydock, retiring at the end of the war, but remaining in Prince Rupert.
During his earlier years here he was prominent in the Liberal Association and the St. Andrew's Society. He was also a charter member of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club, a past master of Tyee Lodge, AF & AM, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and active in many other community activities.
Predeceased by his wife several years ago, he is survived by several relatives in Scotland.
The Rev. Dr. E. A. Wright will officiate at the funeral service at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Princess Better

OSLO, Norway (AP)—Norway's crown princess Martha was reported "somewhat improved" today her physician said.

MORE THAN 100 CANVASSERS SET FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Plans were completed this morning for the annual one-night drive for funds for the Canadian Red Cross Society.
More than 100 volunteers will begin a city-wide canvass starting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. Citizens are urged to turn on porch lights so canvassers will know they are home.
Quota for Prince Rupert has been set at \$5,500.

DON'T FORGET TOMORROW IS RED CROSS DAY

