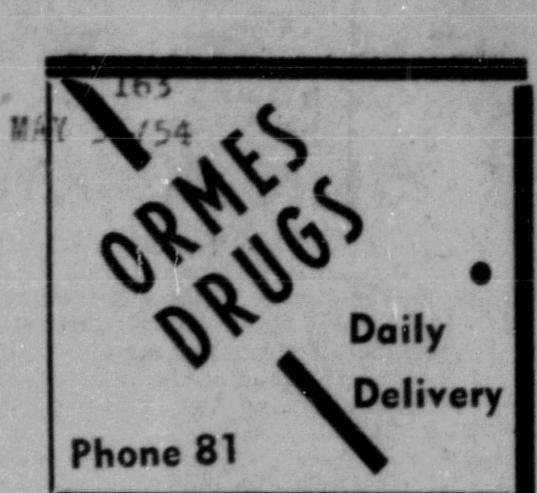
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Yacht Gets Reprieve

CHOONER FANTOME II, one of the world's most luxurious yachts, is spending the at Sorel, Que., after a voyage from the west coast where she was tied up for 14 years. he sails along in a happier day when she was owned by such millionaires as the Duke tminster and Hon. A. E. Guinness of the Irish brewing family, both now dead. Originally ed to be broken up for scrap she has been given a reprieve.

ath Toll Rises as Record erms Buffet Eastern U.S.

down today on cities and fields, early today and was moving ORK (A)-Flakes, per- a white blanket bordered in the a northeasterly direction along last, of the worst storm | black of more than 50 deaths. | the New England coast and car e northeastern United The weather bureau here said to sea five years filtered the storm was in its final stages

HERO GETS SPANKING TER RESCUING FRIEND

NCOUVER (CP)-Terry Ihaski, 9, decided today there's re in being a hero.

iday he helped rescue a playmate, Marshall Magnon, the waters of Burrard inlet reward when his mother learned about it: A good

ng for being near the water. has been told time and again not to go near the

said his mother. "So hero or no hero, he got a good

ung Magnon fell 15 feet from a wharf into the water he tried to jump to a barge.

ephone Experts Check tomatic System Here

phone Superintendent Haspel, dial engineer.

w system which is ex- wrong number. be ready in mid-Octoserve some 4,300 termin- Power Cut All direct listings will

pment, exchange build- Power Company. loads on the switch- utes.

Rupert's automatic board since the automatic board system took a step will function without manual aid in Maine. completion with in- and therefore the board can by two equipment ex- never "be too busy." clear streets. New York City's

b have been conferring | The automatic system, inventgarbage pick-ups were forgotten, with the 8,000-man sanitaed in 1886, does exactly the same tion force attacking the snowas a telephone operator, setting piles. Kelly, sales engineer of up a series of relays and switches Travel on such highways as Electric of Canada, until connection is made with the Merritt Parkway between vincial headquarters in the number dialed. The only New York and Connecticut, the r, came to check pro- thing an automatic telephone New Jersey Turnpike and the the new phone system. cannot do is give a person a Pennsylvania Turnpike was slowed. Airlines flights were de-

Lights in a major part of the ur-digit numbers and city flickered off briefly at mide preceeded by any call morning today, due to a faulty connection at the Cow Bay suby's new system, with its station of the Northern BC.

ide plant, cables, lines | Emergency repairs were made northern interior and across the will cost in the neigh- to end the short-lived blackout coast just north of the Queen of \$675,000. When com- and period of low voltage power | Charlotte Islands. Cloudiness is will remove the possi- lasting only two or three min- increasing in these areas as the



ICE JACOBS (right) of Tecumseh, Ont., is one of four larged by Michigan state authorities with an assassinaempt on CIO president Walter Reuther in Detroit in confers with his lawyer, Ross Liddell of Windsor, Ont. will appear Thursday when a date for an extradition will be set.

Cold. Wave

Canadian

By The Canadian Press

Cold weather continued to grip most of Canada

A snowstorm that moved across the lower Great Lakes Monday night was expected to enable a fresh outbreak of polar air to invade Ontario for the next day

The Ontario storm, which left a foot of snow at Hamilton and three inches in Toronto, was blamed for at least one death. Mrs. Emily Banas, 39, holding her coat collar over her face as protection against the winddriven snow, walked into the path of a street-car.

Fifteen-below-zero weather

a wave of freezing air was forced the Davie Shipbuilding due to move in on the area from and Repairing Company to can-Canada after the snowstorm. cel outdoor work at its yards at Sleet extended as far south as Lauzon, Que. Four hundred men North Carolina Monday, with were sent home Monday with orsnow registered in Georgia. ders not to report for work to-North of Washington, sleet coated heavy drifts 'inhuman" to ask the men to snow with a treacherous ice surface, crippled traffic and brought accidents on roads river would "whip the skin off

PLUMBERS BUSY The death toll rose with these

streets and sidewalks.

DEATH TOLL RISES

or tried to shovel it.

15-inch fall in 1949.

layed or grounded.

of midnight, the most since a

Temperatures plunged, hit-

City employees worked to

Schools were closed in rural

New Jersey, Delaware, Philadel-

phia. New Haven, Conn., and

- WEATHER -

There will be rain showers

flurries in the interior sections

Forecast

North Coast Region Cloudy

today and Wednesday, A little

ting 27 below zero in one spot

In many southern Ontario pioneer fisherman of Prince Ru- Prince Rupert close to 40 years, accidents, sledding mishaps and communities, plumbers were heart attacks as many persons bucked the snow and sleet afoot kept busy answering calls to homes where waterpipes had Up to a foot of snow piled up snapped in the cold. The Ontario in some places Monday. Phila Motor League reported hund eds delphia had 10 inches, its heavof calls from stalled and strandiest in seven years. New York recorded a 9.6-inch blanket as

Representative Canadian cold spots Monday: Churchill, 28 below; Kapuskasing, Ont., 22 below; North Bay, 20 below; Winnipeg, 18 below; Ottawa, 18 below; Toronto, zero; Montreal, 16 below; Quebec, 22 below; Saint John, N.B., six below; Moncton, previous year, personal income Gunderson N.B., five below.



Funeral service will be held pert who died Sunday.

he died in Royal Columbian hos- his appeal. pital after a long illness. Born in Sweden, he came to this city in about 1915 and became well-known throughout

> time active in the Valhalla Lodge Survivors include his wife, Ir-

VICTORIA (CP)_Finance Min-

ister Einar Gunderson will resign to Mr. Brown's tactics, saying: closing at 6 o'clock, the only from the provincial cabinet next "I must protest this bullyrag- place to get liquor was from month, but it won't mean he's ging by Mr. Brown. This man "private enterprise." out of politics forever "I may come back later if a he should be given a chance." seat is open," said Mr Gunder-

the community. He was at one

He will resign when the 1954-55 budget has been completed. "I won't stay on as finance

minister without a seat," the minister said.

The whereabouts of Edward sought by his family in Grande Prairie, Alta., due to a serious

He is believed to be employed reports that the fire had done in Prince Rupert district and anyone knowing him is asked to The blaze destroyed a large contact RCMP here, or tell him warehouse and storage building to contact Mrs. L. S. Shumard in Grande Prairie.

Action Deferred Again on Appeal

City council chamber took on a court room atmosphere last night as James Dale again appealed for an order reversing the decision of RCMP Sgt. H. L. Norman, Prince Rupert police chief, in refusing to issue him a city chauffer's permit.

Opposing Dale, who was convicted of keeping liquor for sale during his sojourn in Prince in June, 1953, was city prosecu- Rupert and his cab had been tor T. W. Brown, QC, who in a held by the police for 212 final summation suggested that months until he was forced out council set a period before of business. He had applied for chauffer permits are reinstated renewal Dec. 15, he said.

derman George B. Casey, de-policy of reinstating permits of ferred action on a motion tabled persons convicted on liquor December 28 which urged coun- charges after six months cil to grant Dale a new permit brought a reply from Mayor and instruct Sgt. Norman to is- George E. Hills that what was sue same to the former taxi set out by council was one thing

viction last June was the first permits, was another.

A query by Alderman Bill Council, on a motion by Al- Bremner as to a former city but what was laid down by law. Dale told council that his con- which was cancellation of such

had been fully employed up un-

Sold Bottle to "Stool Pigeon"

Representing the RCMP, Mr. through which he would have Brown asked Dale if, last June, to go. He admitted under queshe had sold a bottle to "stool tioning by Mr. Brown that he pigeon." The former taxi driver said he had.

"Did you not tell Sgt. Norman til Dec. 20. Since then he had at that time that all taxidrivers been unemployed, he said, and bootleg? And did you not also it Mr. Brown knew of a way he say that there are so many could get a job and earn enough taxis in Prince Rupert that the money to pay off the debts he only way a driver can make a had incurred since losing his in asked the appellant.

Dale said he did not and also ness.

regular meetings because he he would merely have to pay didn't know the procedure \$300 fine.

The 63-year-old fisherman, living is to bootleg?" Mr. Brown permit, then he'd be "very happy to forget the taxi busibefore leaving about three years denied asking for a special Much of the evidence Mr. ago for New Westminster, where meeting of city council to hear Brown was placing before the council was not brought out in Dale said that he had a dis- court. Dale said, adding that he cussion with the city clerk re- had pleaded guilty last June to garding a meeting apart from simplify matters, believing that

Not Interested In Bootlegging

ford and that the only way they his car back. could make a living was by Alderman Casey said: "You bootlegging, Dale said: "I could- can't make Prince Rupert a n't say. I'm not interested in goody-goody town." While the bootlegging."

is here to appeal his case and "I don't patronize bootleggers

Mr. Brown said that he would forgive Alderman Lyons for the term "bullyragging" for such was up to the discretion of the was not his intention. He was police chief who was entitled there on behalf of the police under law to divorce a man who were "trying to stamp out from his business if it was the an evil," and sought co-opera- bootlegging business, by revoktion of council.

He refused to confirm or deny "What the police are opposed admired Sgt. Norman, Ald. Casey reports that he will contest the to in Dale's case," he said, "was said—"he is straightforwind and Peace River seat in a by-election | the fact that having sold one conducts his business in a bottle he tried to sell more." forthright manner."

When Mr. Brown asked The city prosecutor said that whether it was true that there when he was prosecuting the were more taxi drivers in Prince case last June, he had tried the Rupert than the town could af- hardest of anyone to get Dale

Alderman Phil Lyons objected stricting its sale of liquor by

myself. I can't afford to."

Regarding permits he said it ing his chauffeur's permit. He

Government Recognizes Weakness

victed bootlegger can apply for are alike." a new permit and if refused "I am in complete agreemen" can appeal to the city council that council has the power to to override the chief of police." override the police chief. You

open bootlegging, nor approve bility to the people. It is up to of the breaking of the law, but you to do as common sense dic he felt that a man who had tates," he concluded. paid his fine and lost his car A move by Alderman Norman for the length of time Dale had, Bellis to have the Attorney had paid a fair penalty.

might be wise for council to set hours of the government lique a period of time before a li-store here was deferred until cence should be reinstated in proper motion can be formulate these cases and also consider: Whether the conviction was

for selling liquor to an Indian or to a juvenile or for "rolling" purposes, which should preju-She has never been positive-dice a council in the appellant's Fatal to 100 disfavor; whether it was just Fatal to 100 selling liquor out of hours, or ed the appellant had a record persons died in an avalanche in visited Ritchie in his hotel of previous convictions, which the Vorarlberg region of Austri he added was not true in Dale's Monday, police said tonight, and case. Further, he said, council a total of more than 100 ar each case carefully.

"There are more taxi drivers in snow slides in years. The cheque, O'Brien said, this town than can make a legit- The avalanches stopped the imate business if they are re- flow of the small Luutzbach rive she and Ritchie opened in a stricted to carrying fares," the and many of the missing are

"However, the provincial gov- consider whether you are going ernment recognizes that weak- to allow this man to go back to George Laharty, 29, are being nesses exist in human beings, compete with others. You should even the police, and to prevent be careful, conscientious and a man being persecuted a con- wary," he said, "no two cases

He said he didn't condone are a jury, you have a responsi-

General's department contacte Mr. Brown suggested that it in the hope of extending the

straight bootlegging; or wheth- VIENNA (CP) - More than 5 should scrutinize the details of feared dead throughout the country in the worst series of

city solicitor said, "you have to feared to have been drowned.

B.C., both visiting Vancouver, examine the bright red berries, harbingers of spring, in Vancouver park. day. An official said it would be Charlie Johanson, Pioneer work outside in the severe cold, as the wind blowing off the City Fisherman Dies

WHILE MOST OF CANADA shivers in a January cold wave

Vancouver is enjoying weather in the mid-40s. Betty Morrison

(left) from Progress, B.C., and Enid Campbell of Isle Pierre,

in New Westminster tomorrow Karl (Charlie) Johanson, born in Sweden had lived

Weekly Wage Average Up \$4 Last Year

VICTORIA (CP)-British Col- here. umbians average weekly wage jumped from \$59.46 in 1952 to ma, a son, Irving, both in New \$63 in 1953, Labor Minister Lyle Westminster, and some sisters i Wicks reported.

Overall employment in 1953 was up three per cent over the was up six per cent, value of production in the manufactur- To Resign Post ing industries up five per cent and bank clearings up four per

The minister said workers the construction industry were among the highest paid in the province, with an average weekly salary of \$79.

Fire Causes At Air Base

my authorities belatedly con- E. G. Laharty firmed that Dec. 29 fire at Ladd Air Force Base near Fairbanks, Sought Here destroyed an estimated \$1,000,-

000 worth of ordnance material The confirmation from the said today Premier Bennett Fort Richardson headquarters of the Army in Alaska came several days after interior Alaska illness in the family. newspapers printed unofficial

Heavy Damage ANCHORAGE, Alaska (A)- Ar-

Low tonight and high Wednes- 16. The newspaper also says \$1,000,000 worth of damage. at the Ladd airbase.

The Vancouver News-Herald

tion minister.

(above) will become minister of finance when Einar Gunderson resigns shortly before the spring session opens Feb. day at Port Hardy, 32 and 45; Attorney-General Bonner will continue to double as educa*

Reward Money From Auto Workers Union 'Aids' Flight of Reuther Shooting Witness paid the \$5,000 to Ritchie. DETROIT (A) Walter Reuthconference of subordinates and law-enforcement agencies."

er's CIO United Auto Workers union paid Donald Ritchie \$5,000 in reward money for his story of the union president's attempted murder.

Presumably what might be left of the money is aiding Ritchie today in his flightthe fifth day since he slipped out of Detroit police "protective custody" and never reappeared.

The big auto union, a participant in total offers of \$220,000 in rewards in the Walter and Victor Reuther shootings in 1948 and 1949, said Monday night that it had

Ritchie, 33-year-old petty thief from the Windsor, Ont. area, is the missing key witness in the assault conspiracy case against four men, and new is also a defendant himself. A warrant was sworn out against him here Monday.

As the case brought new

ramifications, there were these

developments: • The two policemen guards who permitted Ritchie to slip free from a Detroit hotel suite

were given lie-detector examinations. • Gerald K. O'Brien, Wayne county prosecutor, ordered

others to get all the facts relating to the payment of Ritchie.

The prosecutor, whose case against the four men named by Ritchie as Reuther conspirators threatens to collapse without him, said he had not been aware of the union's pay-

where, when and to whom the money was paid, O'Brien said. The union's formal statement said an "arrangement" for the payment of the money to Ritchie's wife was worked out "without the knowledge of

"I intend to find out how,

Mention of "Ritchie's wife" added a further element of mystery.

ly identified. It is assumed, however, that she was the "Elizabeth" or "Betty" who confinement and later signed a \$1,400 cheque for Ritchie's purchase of an automobile in Windsor Saturday, 24 hours after his disappearance.

was drawn on a \$3,500 account Chatham, Ont., bank Friday.