

Friday, December 4, 1953  
Pacific Standard Time)

0:06	17.7 feet
11:43	20.4 feet
5:42	9.2 feet
18:31	4.4 feet



**Sea-Borne Rickshaw**

STRANGE VEHICLE to be gracing the flight deck of this aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Kearsarge, is the rickshaw that Rear Admiral Robert F. Hickey purchased in Hong Kong and brought aboard. The coolie duty is Lt. (j.g.) V. E. Curtis of Callicoon, N.Y.

## Referendum on Municipal Buildings Largest of 4 To Go Before Electors

This is the first of a series of referendums explaining the four referendums to be placed before the voters next Thursday.)

By DICK AYRES

As voting for a mayor, aldermen, three parks board commissioners and two school trustees, voters are asked their opinion on questions at the polls next Thursday.

The referendum asks if citizens are in favor of a special mill levy to be added to the tax rate for municipal buildings.

The referendum is merely an expression of opinion and is not binding on council.

It is not necessary under the Municipal Act that the council hold a referendum when it wishes to set up a fund for a project, holding a referendum is a way of getting an expression of opinion from the voters.

taxpayers. If it wished, council could include it in the new mill rate when it is brought down.

Largest assessment asked in referendums concerning the addition of mills to the tax rate, is the referendum on new municipal buildings.

Alderman Ray McLean, at a meeting of the Prince Rupert Civic Affairs Association earlier this week said it was decided the fund is necessary after it was brought to the attention of council that cost of needed repairs to the present city hall and firehall were so extensive that a start on a municipal buildings fund would be more advisable. Repairs have been deferred pending the outcome of the referendum.

Ald. McLean said it was impossible to start planning new city buildings until 1955 when the city's present debt of \$160,000 would be wiped out. By that time, he said, if two mills a year (with a mill being worth approximately \$6,500) is set aside in a special fund the city would have about \$28,000 to make a start on needed buildings. By that time also, the city's borrowing power would be completely restored.

"The basis of determining borrowing power in accordance with the Municipal Act is 20 per cent of the average of the last three year's assessments plus the value of any public utilities whose rates have not been pledged," Ald. McLean said.

## Heart Drug Could Save Many Lives

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE  
ST. LOUIS (AP)—Blood-thinning drugs might have saved 640,000 Americans who died of heart attacks in the last 10 years, a life every eight minutes, a physician said today.

The drugs, anticoagulants, help dissolve or prevent blood clots which block the main artery to the heart. Dicumarol and heparin are main examples.

How they are proved their lifesaving ability was described to the American Medical Association by Dr. E. Sterling of Miami.

In 10 years, probably 8,000,000 Americans have been stricken with these heart attacks, he said.

"If anticoagulants had been used in all cases, the death rate would have been reduced from 24 to 16 per cent, which means 640,000 lives might have been saved. Actually, less than one-fifth of the cases were treated, but even so at least 100,000 probably have been saved."

The drugs can work if given before, or even after some heart attacks, Dr. Nichol said. The heart attacks often give warning signals, hours or even weeks before the damaging blockade of the heart. Pains are a main warning signal.

The drugs must be used carefully, to prevent haemorrhage from too-thin blood, Dr. Nichol said.

## Operators Reject Bennett Bid

By The Canadian Press  
VICTORIA.—A union spokesman said Wednesday that the operators have rejected Premier W. A. C. Bennett's proposal for mediation of the three-month-old strike of interior lumber workers.

George Mitchell, secretary-treasurer of B.C. district No. 1, International Woodworkers of America (CIO-CCL), made the announcement following the fourth and apparently, last union-management talk with government representatives.

However, the union has accepted another proposal, from the northern interior operators, that calls for a meeting in Prince George Thursday. The union added that the operators will have to produce a better offer than the proposed three-cent-an-hour increase made recently.

For the first time the details of Premier Bennett's proposal to mediate the strike of 3,500 men to back up demands for higher wages in the northern and southern interior were released to the press.

Mr. Mitchell said the union accepted, but management rejected, a proposal whereby operators and union would each appoint four men who would then elect one of their number or try to agree on an outside mediator to act as mediator in the dispute.

The mediator would try to bring management and labor together.

Mr. Mitchell said management rejected the idea because "they were afraid" and could not justify their case.

The union originally asked for an 18-cent hourly wage boost to the present basic wage of \$1.29½.

## Police Seek Missing Native Youth

Police are still investigating the disappearance of Jefferey Russ, 21, who has been missing since the morning of Nov. 8.

Russ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosiland Russ, Skidegate, was reported absent from the fishing vessel West Jack after other crew members returned from town to the Atlin Fisheries dock and discovered the boat unoccupied. Before the crew came upon town, Russ was preparing for bed, Vernon Jones, cousin of Russ, told police.

Dragging operations around the boat and in the area have produced no results.



VIOLETTE ELVIN, 26, of London, ballet star with Sadler's Wells Ballet Company, was left behind when the company passed through Vancouver on tour. She suffered a torn ligament while dancing the "Coronation Ballet." Miss Elvin, who will be out of action for two months, is shown looking at photos of herself in a magazine while resting in hospital.

## 'Unfit' Veal Being Eaten Daily in Greater Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Province says in a newspaper story that large amounts of veal which would be condemned as "unfit for human consumption" by federal government inspection are being eaten daily in Greater Vancouver.

Reporter Bruce Larsen, who conducted a survey for his newspaper, said Wednesday a double standard of inspection poses a problem.

There is federal inspection

and Vancouver city inspection, the latter, he said, with lower standards.

Some veal, he added, passes all inspection, and another problem is purchases by citizens from private sources for food locker storage.

The reporter saw two calves pass city inspection after a federal inspector said he would condemn them. Two similar calves were condemned in federal inspection.

## Battle Against 'Horror' Comics Begins in Victoria

VICTORIA (CP)—The B.C. Parent-Teachers Federation has been asked to take up the matter of "horror" comic books available to younger readers.

## Jack Dempsey Voted Greatest Prize Fighter

MILAN (AP)—Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler who held the world heavyweight crown from 1919 to 1926, was voted the greatest prize fighter of all time in a poll of boxing journals in 22 countries.

Results of the poll were published Wednesday in the Italian weekly magazine Tempo.

Dempsey was followed by four other Americans—Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong and Gene Tunney.

The request was made by the Victoria and District Parent-Teacher Council which is up in arms over the flood of crime comics which, it says, are seeping into local news stands and magazine outlets.

It asked the federation to bring the matter to the attention of the attorney-general's department.

The protest has been joined by Stan Wright, managing partner here of Lovicks News, which handles 200,000 comics per month on Vancouver Island, who said he had cancelled 64 "horror" comics that were being shipped to him.

## Laniel Arrives

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (CP)—Premier Joseph Laniel of France arrived in Bermuda by air today for the Big Three conference opening tomorrow.

## Parks Board Trio, Two Trustees Named

Three parks board commissioners and two school board trustees were declared elected by acclamation when city clerk R. W. Long announced at noon today that nominations for the December 10 civic elections were closed.

Re-elected without opposition were former commissioners Robert L. Eby and Charles P. Balagno. The latter filed his nomination papers yesterday afternoon, proposed by Pat Forman and seconded by Art Murray. Also elected to the parks board for the years 1954 and 1955 was Duncan McRae, proposed by R. L. Eby and seconded by W. F. Stone.

Returned to the school board by acclamation were trustees Joe Scott and A. J. Dominato. Mr. Dominato's nomination papers were signed by W. D. Lambie and T. R. Boulter.

Facing the Prince Rupert electors next Thursday will be the choice of a mayor from two candidates, the choice of four aldermen from 11 candidates and the task of answering four referendums.

George Edwin Hills, secretary-manager of Kalen Co-Operative association filed his papers yesterday afternoon to make it a two-way contest for the mayoralty seat, against Mayor Harold S. Whalen who is seeking re-election. Mr. Hills' papers were signed by Kenneth F. Harding and Arthur S. Nickerson.

Four seats are vacated this year by Aldermen George B. Casey, Mike Krueger, John Currie and Herbert F. Glassey, all of whom are seeking re-election.

Ald. Krueger filed nomination papers yesterday, proposed by L. M. Greene. Ald. Glassey filed his papers this morning signed by Mary V. MacLaren and Jack Mussalem.

Running against the four aldermen are August S. Wallin, carpenter at Prince Rupert Drydock whose papers were signed by J. E. Crowe and R. E. Johnson; Phillip Lyons, proposed by M. E. Brechin and seconded by Astrid Strand; Walter J. Smith, Norman Bellis, J. H. Mair, James W. Prusky and Thomas H. Elliott.

Voting will be held at the Civic Centre, Thursday, December 10 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

## Vancouver Gets 24th Rainy Day

The weather worm has turned at last, and Vancouverites have stopped pointing to Prince Rupert as "rain-town."

Today Vancouver chalked up its 24th consecutive day with measurable rainfall.

Today's rain down south came with another Pacific disturbance which brought tight snow to many points in the interior.

The system moved inland during the day, bringing partial clearing along the coast in the afternoon. Another weaker storm should reach the coast late tomorrow.

North Coast Region: Variable cloudiness today. Cloudy and a little cooler on Friday with occasional rain ending in the afternoon. Winds northwesterly 25 in exposed areas, otherwise light. Low tonight and high Friday at Sandspit 36 and 45, Prince Rupert 36 and 42.

## No Replacement For Gunderson, Says Liberal

OTTAWA (CP)—James A. Byrne (L—Kootenay East) said Wednesday in the Commons that members of the British Columbia Social Credit government know so little about Social Credit monetary theory that none of them is able to take over the finance portfolio.

He said the B.C. government is unable to find a replacement for Finance Minister Einar Gunderson, defeated in a by-election last week. Mr. Gunderson himself was an "orthodox" finance minister, Mr. Byrne said.



BARBARA MCCHIRICK, 18, recently selected Orange Bowl Queen for 1954, prepares to indulge in the kind of two-for-one activity Florida is famous for, as she kicks a football off a diving board in Miami.

## Chevrier Orders Probe Of PWA Charge

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister Chevrier today told the Commons he has asked for an investigation into claims that an Air Transport Board official used improper tactics in inquiring into operations of Pacific Western Airlines.

Russ Baker, PWA president charged Tuesday at Vancouver that an ATB inspector had "walked off" with books of Coastal Air Services, a subsidiary.

British Columbia Commons members today received telegrams of protest from PWA.

Mr. Chevrier told them the officer involved is "efficient and competent" and has made investigations for many years.

He had ordered an investigation and would later give the House as much information as he could. However, this might be somewhat restricted because of legal proceedings in the case.

## Royal Couple Near Equator

ABOARD S.S. GOTHIC (CP)—The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, voyaging toward the Fiji Islands, are expected to cross the equator at midday, ship's time, Friday, and may watch the traditional ceremony of King Neptune being received on the escorting cruiser, HMS Sheffield.

No ceremony is expected to be held aboard the Gothic as most of those on board have already crossed the line. The Queen did so in HMS Vanguard on her South African trip in 1947.

At noon today, Gothic was 130 miles north of the Galapagos Islands, which straddle the equator.

## Bartlett Ill

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hugh Bartlett, 40, member of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's morning program "The Happy Gang," was reported seriously ill in hospital here today. Nature of his illness was not disclosed.



GRAND FINALE OF A GRAND CONCERT was this scene taken Sunday night at the conclusion of the Elks variety show "Gags and Gals." The entire cast was on stage to take bows as emcee Harley Lewis (at microphone) said "thank you" to all. Part of

the standing-room-only audience shows in the foreground. The show, which brought warm applause from the crowd, was the first of a proposed winter series to be staged by the Elks with proceeds for the lodge's various projects for children.

—Photo by Van Meer Studio.