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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Thursday, December 20, 1955.
(Pacific Standard Time)

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Low	7.12	6.7 feet
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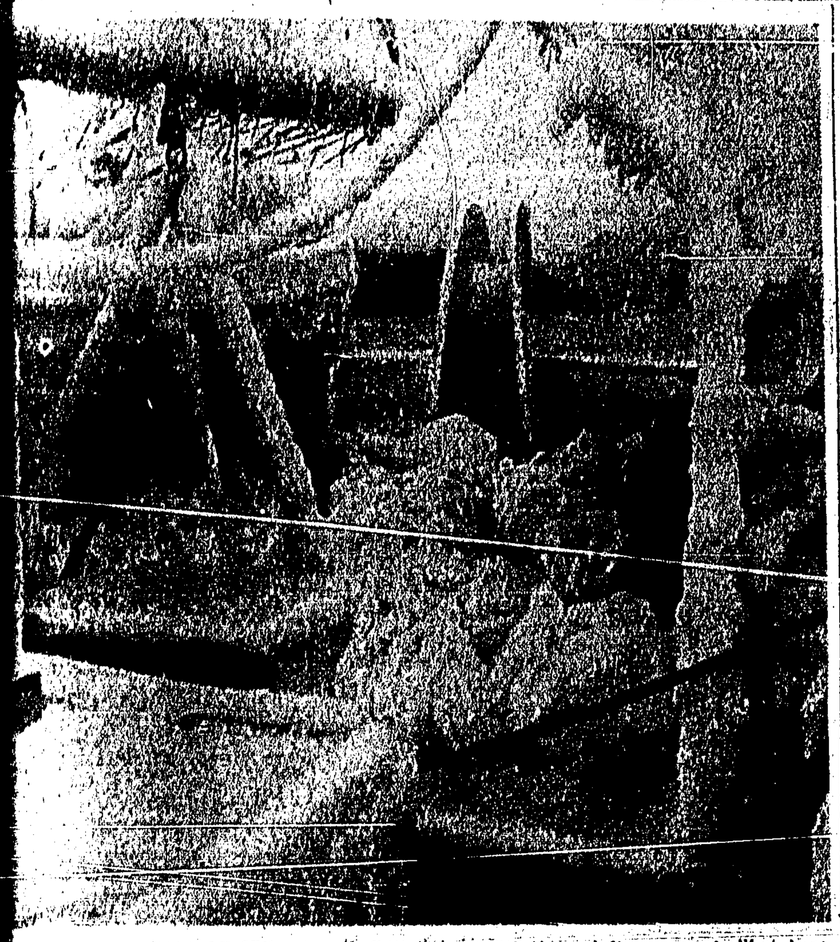

TO FOUR INCHES OF ICE covered after-deck and rigging of Vancouver halibut boat "Aleutian Queen" when she called in at Prince Rupert last week on her third and last tagging trip of the year for the International Pacific Halibut Commission. Skippered by veteran Norwegian-born Halftan Novik, the vessel fished Area 3 waters but weather conditions permitted only 50 per cent of the time. Crew of seven and three Halibut Commission staff members aboard Aleutian Queen sailed south for Christmas December 20.

Record High Traffic Toll Seen For U.S. New Year's Weekend

Tupper To Make Report

Hopes Inquiry Over in Month

VANCOUVER (CP) — Royal Commissioner R. H. Tupper said today he will submit an interim report on law enforcement and the administration of Vancouver's police department to the provincial government within a few days.

The long-adjourned inquiry into charges of corruption and bribery in the force will probably resume in the first two weeks of January, Mr. Tupper told a press conference.

"I will be very disappointed if it continues for much more than a month," he added.

Mr. Tupper said he made the interim report because the police commission will shortly present its 1956 budget to city council, the legislature meets January 17 in Victoria and George Archer, former RCMP superintendent, takes over as chief constable January 2. He succeeds Walter H. Mulligan who was fired October 31 at his own request.

A special five-man RCMP team is continuing investigations into allegations of a criminal nature which were brought out during the hearings between July 13 and October 12.

POLIO VICTIM ABLE TO JOIN FAMILY HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

It was a happy Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Nystedt, 344 Sherbrooke Street over the weekend as the family was joined by son Dennis, 11-year-old Prince Rupert boy who was stricken with poliomyelitis last March.

Dennis, who has been at the Pearson Hospital of the Vancouver General Hospital in Vancouver returned to the city by plane December 19, with his sister Phyllis, who is home on vacation from the British Columbia Bible College, North Vancouver. Phyllis, a third year student at the Bible college, is able to see Dennis whenever possible during his stay in Vancouver.

Also welcoming Dennis was his twin brother, David and older brother Alvin, 16.

Although still confined to a wheelchair, Dennis is responding to treatment and is regaining the use of one hand. He was able this Christmas to get down on the floor with his brothers and Dad to supervise and help operate his best Yuletide present, an electric train.

He will return to Vancouver for continued treatment when Phyllis goes back to college January 2.

Christmas Holiday Deaths Total 609

CHICAGO (AP)—Experts who forecast an all-time high traffic toll for the Christmas holiday now predict a record for the New Year's weekend.

The National Safety Council estimated today that 420 Americans will be killed on streets and roads during the three-day New Year's celebration "unless there is a sharp improvement in the driving habits that shocked the nation last weekend."

The council had predicted 560 motor vehicles fatalities for the three-day Christmas holiday. The number added up to 609.

The record for traffic deaths during a New Year's extended holiday is 407, set during a four-day weekend period at the end of 1952 and start of 1953.

UP 7 PER CENT

Motor vehicle fatalities in the United States this year through October totalled 30,980. They show a gain of seven per cent over the corresponding months of 1954.

Statisticians figure that year's toll won't come up to the record of 39,969 set in 1941, but it may approach 38,000.

The blackest of the "cold figures" were recorded this year on five U.S. holidays. The loss of life broke four records.

Here are this year's holiday tolls, with traffic deaths listed first and deaths from all accidental causes second:

New Year's—296 and 302.

Memorial Day—360, a traffic record for that holiday, and 596, over-all record for that holiday.

Independence Day—407 and 805, an over-all record for any holiday period.

Labor Day—438 and 611.

Christmas—609, a traffic record for any holiday, and 732.

The New Year's holiday period was two days, the others three.

Canadian Toll 67 Dead

By The Canadian Press

Canada's Christmas weekend closed with a total of at least 64 persons killed accidentally.

Forty-seven were killed in traffic mishaps between 6 p.m. local times Friday and midnight Monday. Eleven were burned to death in a Canadian Press count. Miscellaneous accidents accounted for the other deaths.

The provincial breakdown with traffic deaths in brackets: Ontario 20 (24), Quebec 13 (12), British Columbia 7 (4), Nova Scotia 4 (3), New Brunswick 5 (2), Alberta 4 (1), Manitoba 2 (1), and Newfoundland 1 (0).

No accidental deaths were reported in Prince Edward Island or Saskatchewan.

Within the same 78 hours last year 52 Canadians were killed. The total was 63 in 1953 and 66 in 1952.

Two level-crossing collisions between automobiles and trains in Montreal and Toronto—each claimed four lives.

Two persons were frozen to death in Kirkland Lake, Ont., and in Brandon, Man., a man died of carbon-monoxide poisoning while sitting in a parked car. Edmonton and a man was accidentally shot to death with his own gun near St. Stephen, N.B.

TWO SLAIN

In addition two persons were slain. One man was charged with murder following the shooting of another in Hope, B.C. Montreal police sought a man in connection with the shooting of a woman.

It was reported Friday that 2,391 Canadians had been killed in highway accidents to that date in 1955. The fatality toll for 1954 was 2,586.

Ontario topped the list this year with 1,002 deaths. Quebec had 674, Alberta 206 and British Columbia 205.

City Tug Answers Call Of U.S. Ship in Distress

The 60-foot tug Kwatna, owned by Armour Salvage Ltd., is on her way this afternoon to Ketchikan with a disabled United States tug which radioed early this morning it had broken her crankshaft and was drifting off Hodgson Reef in Chatham Sound.

The disabled tug, the Nile, with three men aboard, had a 34 by 90 foot barge in tow and was on her way south when she sent out her distress call, relayed to RCMP in Prince Rupert from the Department of Transport radio station at Digby Island.

The Kwatna, skippered by Capt. Rayner Montgomery, notified Armour Salvage officials this morning that she had taken the Nile and the barge in tow and was on its way to Ketchikan.

In addition to Capt. Montgomery, the Kwatna is manned by Ruben Scherk and Hans Husvik.

Separate Accidents Fatal to Two

A four-year-old girl was fatally burned Christmas Eve at the home of her parents at Takush Harbor, according to a brief report from Ocean Falls received by RCMP in Prince Rupert this morning.

Dead is Norah Dick whose clothes became ignited when they came into contact with a hot stove. An inquiry is being held into the mishap today. No other details were available.

Meanwhile, at Burns Lake, police report that Axel Bernard Larson, 70, of Forestdale, B.C. died Monday of a gunshot wound, which is believed to have been self-inflicted. He has no known next of kin, police report. An inquiry into his death is also being held.

City Carpenter Ole Tweed Dies

Well-known city carpenter Ole Tweed, 1030 Ambrose Avenue, died in Prince Rupert General Hospital Sunday at the age of 67.

Born in Trenngen, Norway, Mr. Tweed came to Canada from the United States in 1913 and to Prince Rupert in 1941. He worked as a carpenter at the Prince Rupert drydock and shipyard until that plant closed down.

A member of the Moose Lodge, the Sons of Norway and the Odd Fellows, Mr. Tweed will be buried in the Odd Fellow Plot tomorrow afternoon after funeral services at 3 p.m. to be held from Ferguson Funeral Home. Rev. A. S. Olson will officiate.

He is survived by his widow Helen S. Tweed at home, three sons, Arnold in Edmonton, Richard in Falconbridge, Ont., and Omar in Prince Rupert, two daughters, Mrs. Clara Bellamy and Miss Hazel Tweed, Prince Rupert, two step-daughters Miss Sylvia Johnson, Prince Rupert and Mrs. Gladys Isert, High Prairie, Alta., 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Driver Remanded After Accident

Only one major accident was reported after the four-day Christmas holiday although the Sunday snowfall and icy condition of city streets saw several cars slip into ditches and off the road.

Extensive damage was inflicted to two cars Saturday evening when a car driven by Philip John Andrew Lyons, 110 Fifth Avenue East, was in collision with a parked car on Fifth Avenue East. This morning when Lyons appeared before Magistrate W. D. Vance, charged with driving without due care and attention, he pleaded not guilty and was remanded until January 3.

WEATHER

Cloudy today and Thursday. Snow beginning towards evening and becoming showers of mixed rain and snow Thursday. Warmer tomorrow. Winds southerly 15 occasionally increasing to 25 Thursday. Temperatures rising slowly reaching 35 at Sandspit and Prince Rupert this evening and 35 on Thursday.

Police Probing Woman's Death

The RCMP here is investigating the death of a Porcher Island woman who was found dead at her Humback Bay home Saturday.

Dead is Mrs. Christina Dean MacLeod, 59-year-old wife of Alick MacLeod.

Remains have been brought to Ferguson Funeral Home in Prince Rupert and will be forwarded Friday to Nanaimo for burial there.

Mrs. MacLeod is survived by her father, George White, four brothers, and one sister in Nanaimo, one sister in Bellvue, Alta. and two sons, one in Edmonton and one in Cumberland, Vancouver Island.

Ferry Halted As Lake Solid

Special to The Daily News

FRANCOIS LAKE — The ferry made its last run here Saturday night as Francois Lake froze solid in the earliest recorded freeze up.

The lake was almost frozen solid last Monday and by Friday the ferry was having all it could do to push across. There are now about 4½ inches of ice and will be thick enough for people to walk across.

The temperature here has been 10 degrees and lower for weeks now.

Soviets Back Cut In Defence Costs

MOSCOW (Reuters)— The Supreme Soviet Council of Nationalities today approved next year's budget proposals, which provide for a 10-per-cent cut in defence spending and greater development of heavy industry.

One of Russia's two top men—Premier Bulganin or Nikita Khrushchev, Communist party chief—will report later today or Thursday to both houses of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's parliament, on their recent tour of Asia.

At the end of today's debate in the Council of Nationalities, Finance Minister Arsenl Zverev said the government had accepted amendments proposed by the budget commission to the house and approved by deputies.

In the last two days, members of both chambers had submitted amendments, and some criticized ministries and departments.

Post Office Still Sorting Yuletide Mail

With Christmas over, Post Office employees were still faced this morning with sorting and delivering late batches of mail held up because of weather conditions, W. J. Burgess, Prince Rupert Postmaster said this morning.

Mail from two trains, delayed either on the prairies or in the Fraser River canyon arrived yesterday. Some 400 to 500 parcels plus some 1,500 Christmas cards are destined to reach Prince Rupert homes too late for Christmas.

"The public co-operated very well this year by mailing early," Mr. Burgess said.

"But you can't beat the weather," he added.

Volume of parcels mailed this year from the Prince Rupert Post Office was down approximately 25 per cent, Mr. Burgess estimated, but the volume of both incoming and outgoing Christmas cards was on a par with last year.

Between December 14 and Christmas Eve, the Post Office staff handled about 5,700 parcels for Prince Rupert homes, the Postmaster said, adding that this compared favorably with last year.

Funeral Held For Fire Victim

Funeral services for Lorraine Jetter, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymond Jetter were held Saturday afternoon from Ferguson Funeral home. Rev. L. G. Slober officiated at the service for the little girl who died in the December 22 blaze which destroyed the Jetter home at 840 Summit Avenue.

Hymns sung during the service were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Abide With Me."

Oscar Johanson, Gordon Madison, Morro Barr and G. A. Gustafson were pallbearers for interment held at Fairview Cemetery.

Inquest into the child's death got underway this afternoon at the City Hall.

West Digs Out After Heavy Snowfall; Fraser Canyon Open After Big Slides

EDMONTON (CP)—Plowing and digging were part of the price of travel in western Canada today with snow cascading from British Columbia slopes and just plain piling up on the Prairies.

Drifts piled as high as 10 feet east of Edmonton Tuesday as a storm cutting across northern Alberta and Saskatchewan dumped a snowfall ranging up to more than a foot.

In B.C.'s East Kootenays, 250 miles east of Vancouver, a Canadian Pacific Railway section foreman was injured when a slide of snow, mud and rock buried him for 15 minutes.

He was working on a bulldozer—clearing the tracks of a previous slide.

The Edmonton snowfall was 11.8 inches and the northern Alberta settlement of Lac la Biche recorded 12.4 inches. The southern Prairies got little snow but the weather office here reported Tuesday night that drifting in southern areas "is still very severe."

The forecast for today in southern Alberta was light snow, drifting and sub-zero temperatures. However, the forecaster said that while it won't get any warmer today there may be an improvement after that.

The western Prairies have had nine weeks of below-normal temperatures and Tuesday's blow followed by three weeks of blizzard which claimed three lives in Saskatchewan.

SLIDE HITS FOREMAN

CPR trains through Nelson, B.C., were back on schedule today following slides which delayed one train for 12 hours and injured foreman Paul Munch.

Munch and his crew were trying to clear a slide 350 feet long and 40 feet deep when a second rumbled down the mountain. His condition in hospital was described as good.

The Trans-Canada highway in the Fraser canyon was reopened Tuesday after a closure brought on by a succession of snow slides late last week.

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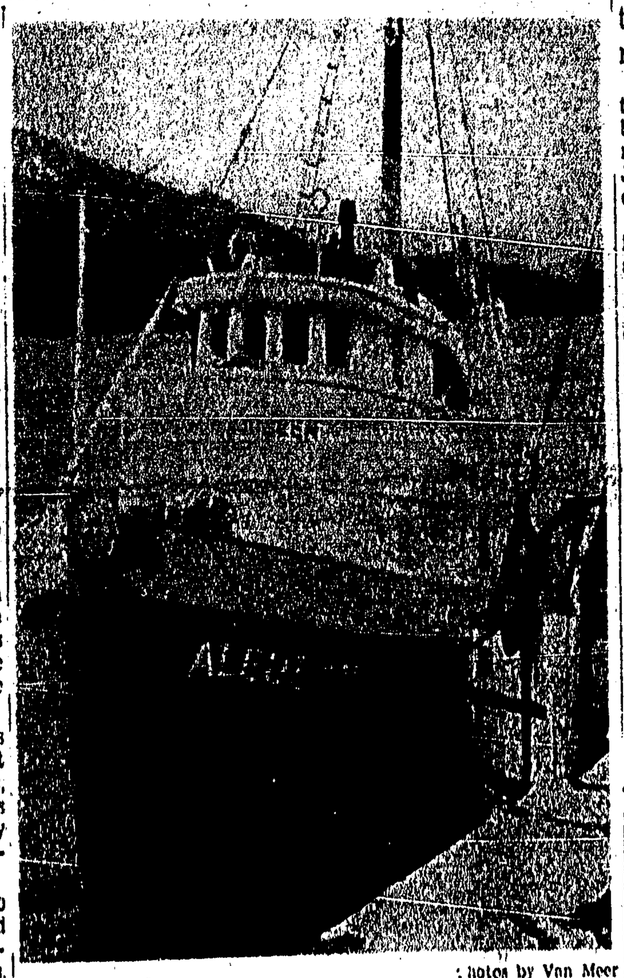

Photos by Van Meer

THE LAST tagging trip of the year for the 67-foot halibut boat "Aleutian Queen" proved the roughest for her crew of seven and three members of the International Pacific Halibut Commission staff who cruised Alaskan waters during early part of this month. Vessel is shown at Cow Bay last week with eight tons of ice picked up as the charter vessel, loaded with 9,000 pounds of halibut, made dash from Sitka on way home to Vancouver.

...ounded Youth ...der Guard

...COUVER (CP) — A 19-year... ...outh, wounded five times ...rapid-shooting policeman ...ber 24, was under guard ...pital Tuesday.

...l for treatment and on a ...e of breaking and entering ...Gerald Lindsay Cotton, ...ed by uniform constable ...King after he allegedly ...ened the officer with a

...on was captured Monday ...noon at the Point Grey golf ...ourse club where he had ...since Christmas night. ...st, King checked a car ...day and asked the youth ...for his driver's licence.

...youth threatened Const. ...with a gun and told him ...up."

...officer backed towards ...rear of the car, then drew ...service revolver and ran ...d to the passenger's side ...e car.

...the car started to move ...Const. King fired six shots ...s the seat at the driver.

...ne of the five wounds was ...s, police said.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Spending By Industries To Hit New High in '56

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Province says $2,000,000,000 will be spent by British Columbia industries in 1956 on a giant over-all expansion program.

The newspaper says its survey shows "private enterprise and government-backed projects will hit an all-time peak next year."

The survey includes projects from the Peace River in the far north to Penticton in the Okanagan valley; from the aluminum smelter town of Kitimat on the north coast to the mining centre of Kimberley in the East Kootenays.

Cited as major contributors to the expansion program are: pulp and paper industry ($250,000,000); Westcoast Transmission's gas pipeline from the Peace River to Vancouver ($142,000,000); distribution systems for natural gas ($135,000,000); Annacis Island industrial estate in New Westminster ($200,000,000).

VANCOUVER (CP)— Three persons were killed and 12 injured in more than 40 traffic accidents in the Greater Vancouver area during the Christmas holiday period.

Killed in suburban Burnaby were 81-year-old George Cross of Maillardville and 70-year-old Mrs. Gertrude Brattan. Killed in Vancouver was 40-year-old Rangvald Olsen.

Most of the traffic injuries were of a minor nature.

The Christmas holiday period began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Monday.

VICTORIA (CP)—Boys from all parts of the province are gathered here for the opening sessions of the 25th Older Boys' Parliament of B.C. which was formally opened in the legislative chamber Tuesday night.

Main business enacted was the speech from the throne by the group's lieutenant-governor, William J. Bell of Vancouver.

TRAIL, B.C. (CP)—A woman was slightly injured and 11 other passengers escaped injury when an eastbound bus from Castlegar skidded on a turn, crashed into a building and came to rest on the brink of a 40-foot drop.

But driver William Barclay told police his brakes failed as he started down a hill and the vehicle picked up speed on the icy, twisting road. He couldn't make a turn, said Barclay and the bus crashed into the side of a garage. It bounced off, however, and skidded 30 feet further, coming to a stop in a snowbank overlooking a steep drop.