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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Saturday, October 15, 1955.
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	0:48	20.5 feet
	12:52	21.9 feet
Low	6:48	5.2 feet
	19:17	2.6 feet

—Photo by Van Ower Studio

ACRID SMOKE which hampered attempts of fire fighting four hour blaze under control pours from the front Brothers Ltd. furniture and appliance store October 6. ch completely gutted the store and caused damage at $75,000 to building and contents started in the basement and slowly spread upstairs. Tenants in Mussallem Block behind fire truck evacuated belongings from their apartments as a precautionary measure in case fire spread. Firemen kept water directed at roof of McRae store and in space between two buildings to prevent spread of blaze.

TLC Protest To Gaglardi Raps Road Department

Group Deplores Guard Rail Lack

Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council last night accused the department of highways for "negligence in not providing guard rails and other safety measures on Highway 16, lack of which has caused several fatal accidents."

The labor group's action followed the death of three local men two weekends ago, also numerous accidents in which travellers between Prince Rupert and Terrace have been seriously injured and others have managed to escape after cars have left the road and plunged into the Skeena River.

Secretary treasurer J. S. Furness was instructed to wire Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi voicing the TLC's protest and urging immediate action in seeing guard rails and other safety measures are installed in dangerous spots on the highway.

The meeting felt that in the 90 miles of highway between Prince Rupert and Terrace there were insufficient guard rails and other precautions to make the highway safe to travel.

The wire sent to the minister of highways this morning is as follows:

"The Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council went on record at its regular meeting October 13, as condemning the department of highways for negligence in not providing guard rails or other safety measures on Highway 16 between Prince Rupert and Terrace. Lack of these safety measures has resulted in many fatal accidents and other mishaps in which motorists have been seriously injured. This council urgently requests that the department take immediate steps to provide necessary safeguards before further loss of life is incurred."

Martin Defends BCHIS

Bennett Amazed At Criticism

VANCOUVER (CP) — Provincial Health Minister Eric Martin Thursday reprimanded British Columbia doctors for making "derogatory" statements about the B.C. Health Insurance Service

Speaking at the annual convention of the B.C. Hospitals' Association Mr. Martin said he still believes the BCHIS has the support of the doctors, despite statements made at a recent medical convention.

One statement, he said, criticized the BCHIS for not paying the cost of acth and cortisone treatments to patients.

The service excluded the drugs from its list of benefits, he said, only on the recommendation of its medical review board. Most board members are doctors.

Another statement suggested hospitals should bill the patients for services.

But BCHIS was introduced because 35 per cent of patients could not pay their bills, Mr. Martin said.

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett said Thursday he was "amazed" to see criticism of BC HIS by the B.C. Medical Association.

He was referring to statements made at the recent CMA convention in Vancouver, at which some delegates said the government was trying to run the hospitals and inferred that BCHIS was approaching state control of hospitals.

"I am amazed to see the statements of these doctors," the premier said. "There was the best of feeling when the doctors met the cabinet. There must be some misunderstanding."

The premier was referring to a meeting recently at which the doctors agreed to undertake a survey of patient stays in B.C. hospitals to help cut costs.

"They said they would undertake the survey," the premier said. "I have every confidence they will carry it out because they are an honorable professional group."

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER celebrates his 65th birthday in Denver Colorado today. The United States president, who is getting "better every day" from his September 25 heart attack, is enjoying a quiet "happy birthday" although he is not allowed out of bed yet. (See story Page 2).

No One Hurt As CPR Ship In Collision

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Princess Elaine CPR passenger and car ferry operating between Vancouver and Nanaimo, collided with a steel barge Thursday night while coming into Vancouver.

No one was injured in the accident but the ferry sustained a large hole in her port side about four feet above the water line.

The barge, towed by the tug La Bonne, was crossing the bow of the ferry a half mile west of the Lions Gate bridge in Vancouver when the accident happened.

CPR officials said the captain of the Princess Elaine knew the tug was crossing his bow and had slowed to half speed to let it pass.

Slight damage was caused to the barge but company officials say the Princess Elaine will be laid up for some time.

Minesweeper Arrives For Courses

HMCS Cordova, one of the minesweepers of the Second Canadian Reserve Training Squadron was scheduled to tie up here at Ocean Dock at 2 p.m. and will be based here until November 8 for training reserve personnel at HMCS Chatham, it was announced today.

Cordova, under the command of Lt. Roger Freeman (CD) RCN, will make two duty runs to Masset during her stay here. A berthing party, with PO Gordon Roberts in charge, was detailed to handle berthing of the minesweeper today.

Training of fishermen who have joined the reserve for full-time training during the off-fishing-season will begin Monday aboard Cordova, a Chatham spokesman said.

Six fishermen have joined the reserve for this training which is under the supervision of Lt. J. M. Morrison, RCNR.

First three weeks of training will consist of a familiarization course in naval subjects aboard the Cordova and instruction in minesweeping gear and equipment.

After Cordova leaves here, fishermen reservists will be given a full course on the theory of minesweeping at Chatham, which will be followed by practical minesweeping in either a visiting minesweeper or one based in Esquimalt.

All officers, men and Wrens of the reserve here will have the opportunity of taking a training trip aboard the Cordova on a special training run Sunday, October 23 and reserve personnel who can spare the time can take advantage of the training runs to Masset.

Bingo Rules For New Car Quite Simple

There is nothing complicated about requirements for taking part in the giant Car Bingo night October 18 during Community Week, a member of the committee said today.

To remove any misconception he said facts concerning Car Bingo Night are as follows:

(1) Total cost for the evening will be $5 a card, the card lasting for the whole evening and giving participants 20 games and the 21st game free. The 21st game is the one for the 1955 car.

(2) Prizes for the first 20 games will be $50 a game and there will be a substantial consolation prize for the runner-up in the car game.

(3) People who wish to may play two cards, but it is expected that the officials will be unable to supply more than two cards to each person.

(4) The bingo playing is open to non-Civic Centre members. However players will be required to join the Civic Centre games club for a fee of 25 cents.

(5) There will be no other charge per game or entrance fee in any way, shape or form.

Accused Gets Week's Remand In Theft Case

Floyd Kendall of Ocean Falls, was remanded until October 22 for sentence in police court this morning when he pleaded guilty to two charges of theft of goods valued at more than $50.

Case was transferred to Prince Rupert to be heard before a magistrate having extended jurisdiction.

Kendall, on parole from San Quentin penitentiary, pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of boots and three pairs of socks from Joseph Hilborne and a sports shirt from Bruce Alexander Allen from a bunkhouse in Ocean Falls October 6. The accused, a Canadian citizen, only returned to this country three weeks ago.

Porcher Island Man Dies Here

James McLeod, Porcher Island fisherman died early this morning in Prince Rupert General Hospital at the age of 67 after a short illness.

Mr. McLeod, a bachelor, who lived at Hunt's Inlet, had been in this district about 20 years.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Missing Boy Found Safe

RCMP reported today for the first time that a boy had been missing since Monday and had now been found safe.

Discovered sleeping beneath a canvas in the hull of an old boat down at Cow Bay was 12-year-old Rodney Clayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clayton of North Pacific.

Boy's presence in the boat, located near the bridge at Cow Bay was noted at 0:30 this morning by an employee at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative store. RCMP picked the youngster up and turned him over to his parents.

The family, who had stayed here while a search for the lad was underway, left this morning for North Pacific.

London Papers Guessing On Royal Romance Issue

By HAL COOPER

LONDON (AP) — Right or wrong, the conviction spread like a runaway forest fire through Britain today that Princess Margaret has said "yes" to Group Capt. Townsend.

LONDON (AP)—Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend met Friday night in the Forest of Windsor. The meeting took place at the country home of a cousin of the princess, almost simultaneously with a Royal Family statement that no announcement is at present contemplated on the personal future of the princess.

Dead silence continued in official quarters, and no reliable information professed to know what went on at the meeting Thursday night between the Queen's lovely 25-year-old sister and the 41-year-old commoner hero of the Battle of Britain.

For all anybody outside the inner circle could tell with any certainty, the princess may have said "yes," "no," or "let's just be friends."

But Townsend, asked after his visit whether he was happy, grinned at reporters and said: "Yes."

EXPECT STATEMENT

With only that cryptic monosyllable and the fact of the visit to go on, much of the British public is sure that the lid will come off soon on a happy ending to the reported royal romance.

The general guess is that there will be a public statement — any time now and not later than the opening of Parliament October 25 — that the princess will defy the opposition of the Church of England to wed the divorced father of two children whose ex-wife is still living.

Townsend's unheralded visit to Clarence House, London home of the princess and Queen Mother Elizabeth near Buckingham Palace, lasted an hour and 20 minutes.

"CANNOT SAY"

When Townsend emerged after the visit a running interview ensued with reporters with these questions and answers:

"Did you have dinner with the princess and Queen Mother Elizabeth?"

"I can say nothing."

"Did you meet Princess Margaret?"

"I can say nothing."

"Do you expect to know soon what the future holds for you?"

"I cannot say."

"You realize how excited the public are about all this?"

"You can't imagine the state I am in myself."

"Will rumors of a royal romance be cleared up by the time your leave has ended and you return to Brussels?"

"I do not know."

"Are you happy tonight?"

"Yes," he said promptly with a grin.

That last answer did it, and the reporters sprinted for telephones.

GUESSING GAME

In the absence of official word from Buckingham Palace, London's morning newspapers were reduced to guessing. For instance, Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express declares that, "As a result of the visit, it is believed an announcement is imminent that they . . . are to marry."

The Daily Mail comments: "When Princess Margaret returned to London from Scotland yesterday, she had never looked happier or more lovely. She was radiant. Her photographs could have been those of a girl whose engagement to marry had at last been put beyond question."

The Times, which has resolutely ignored Townsend through two years of persistent rumor linking his name with Princess Margaret's broke down at last and acknowledged that he exists. At the end of a story reporting the return of the princess and her mother to London, The Times tacks on, without explanation, the following paragraph:

"Group Capt. Peter Townsend visited Clarence House last night. His visit lasted about two hours."

Maybe that was enough. At least it's all anybody knew for sure.

...TERY FEMALE ENTERTAINER ...DULED FOR SUPER DANCE

...ystery female entertainer, singer and comic will ...ince Rupert for the Civic Centre Community Week ...ance to stage an unparalleled performance during the ...s festivities.

...e of the star is being withheld by Community Week ...ee officials until all arrangements with the expensive ...er have been completed. One report states that the ...er is asking $2,500 for one performance while another ...ridiculous report states that the star is coming here ...of the goodness of her heart. It is known that a Las ...gh club is dickering for a star at the moment with ...ee of $?0,000 for one week.

...per Lance spokesman said that it is hoped that some ...n will be reached by the middle of next week so ...well known stage personality can fly here in time ...ze dance which will conclude the Community Week. ...details as to the type of program to be presented ...here will be announced later.

...bor Group Supports ...n For Cannery Road

...port of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor ...representing approximately 1,600 members ...ated unions, was thrown last night behind a ...r a road to connect Port Edward with the ...nery communities on the north arm of the ...River.

...on behalf of the mo... Highways Minister ...rch urging immediate ...the desired road, W. ...let members that such ...link would not only ...employees the ...drive into Prince Ru... would ease the school ...

...Carpiere, Local 708 of ...Worker Union said that ...be a good safe high... but track," otherwise ...be in favor of it. ...hate to see a busload ...children go into the ...pit, he said.

...for the construction ...road which will give ...of Inverness, Sunny... Pacific and Cassiar ...road to Prince Rupert ...time has now been ...the city council, the ...of Commerce, the Un... men and Allied Work... and District 52 school ...

...rn Inquest ...ain Deaths

...TON, B.C. (AP) — In... the death of Charles ...and Wilfred Beaudin ...were killed in a train ...here Saturday, open... Monday and adjourned ...lely.

...will reconvene ...witnesses have re... sufficiently to testify. ...happened when a ...into the rear of a ...train on the CPR ...line. The men ...in the dining car at ...the passenger train.

City-Terrace Road Open After Closure

Road from Prince Rupert to Terrace, closed to traffic yesterday by a break in a support of the Esker bridge, 75 miles east of here, was expected to be open again by this afternoon, R. S. Cunliffe, divisional provincial engineer said today

Mr. Cunliffe said closure of the road had been ordered after a 12 by 12-inch cap supporting the main deck of the bridge had broken, making the structure unfit for traffic.

A crew of six, using a bridge truck worked last night effecting repairs before darkness forced them to stop. Repairs were continued this morning and it was expected that traffic could cross the 210-foot bridge early this afternoon.

The provincial engineer said that while the main part of the bridge had not gone out, weakening of the structure because of the broken beam made the bridge completely unfit for heavy traffic. Light traffic could possibly have used the bridge, but there was always a chance it would not hold.

Travel on the north trans-provincial highway was further hampered yesterday by a washout at Edgar Creek, 15 miles east of Terrace. Three washouts also occurred on the Lakelse Lake road, one at Thornhill Creek, another at Furlong Creek and one at an unidentified spot. All washouts have been repaired, it was reported.

Airport Group Plans Dinner For Minister of Transport

A dinner meeting to discuss questions concerning the proposed Prince Rupert airport will be included in the program for Transport Minister George Marler during his visit here October 18, it was decided last night at a meeting of the city airport committee. The dinner will be confined to members of the visiting party and the airport committee.

E. T. Applewhaite, MP, reported that Mr. Marler will arrive by plane from Vancouver at about 3:15 p.m. With him will be deputy minister J. R. Baldwin; J. E. Devine, executive assistant to the deputy minister; R. Dodds, controller of civil aviation; F. G. Nijon, controller of telecommunications; A. Thomson, comptroller of meteorology; N. Wilson, assistant director of marine services; A. Watson, marine superintendent; and Gregory Friend, private secretary.

During the afternoon the visitors will meet members of the city council and other civic representatives, and following the airport committee dinner it is planned to have Mr. Marler visit the Civic Centre where the car-bingo game will be in progress in celebration of Community Week.

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness today, with a few afternoon showers along the mainland coast. Rain tonight and Saturday morning with partial clearing and a few showers in the afternoon. Cool today and a little warmer Saturday. Winds light increasing to southerly 25 in the northern part about daybreak Saturday. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 38 and 48, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 40 and 50.

Hospitals Deny Lives Being Lost Due To Deterioration of Hygiene

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver hospital authorities Thursday denied a report that lives are being lost because hospital hygiene is deteriorating.

The contention was made by Dr. John C. Colbeck, staff physician at Shaughnessy hospital, during a speech to the B.C. Hospital Association on staphylococcal infections.

He said the "true facts and figures" on hospital infection are being kept in the background.

He said poor housekeeping and infection control technique in hospitals have been responsible for part of a large increase in hospital infections, many of which have caused death.

Health Minister Martin said it is difficult to determine how serious the infection is because of lack of full reports.

Dr. Lawrence E. Ranta, acting chief administrator at General hospital, agreed that hospital infections are a source of concern to doctors and administrators.

"We at Vancouver General hospital have had our share of infections—and even rare cases of death due to infections picked up in hospitals—but no more than other hospitals of this type," he said.

"We set up a committee two years ago to study the whole problem, and the committee is making a detailed study. At no time, I must say, has the rate of incidence of the infection been what you would call alarming."

Sister Mary Selena Superior of St. Paul's hospital said the infection was present at St. Paul's "at a minimum stage."

She said records are being prepared and when figures are ready "there is no reason why they shouldn't be made public."

"There hasn't been enough to prepare them up to now," she said.