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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Tuesday, June 19, 1956
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	11:06	16.5 feet
	22:51	10.7 feet
Low	4:51	4.0 feet
	16:41	8.5 feet

19 British Soldiers Die In Fire Set To Halt Capture Of Rebels

Weekend Toll 38 In Canada

Road Mishaps Take 18 Lives

By The Canadian Press

Accidental death struck on Canadian roads and waterways during the weekend, claiming most of the 38 fatalities.

Eighteen persons lost their lives in highway smashes. Drownings accounted for another 12. In addition, a Canadian Press survey shows that three persons died in railway accidents one was burned to death and four died from miscellaneous causes.

Ontario led the count, taken from 6 p.m. local time Friday to midnight Sunday, with a total of 16 accidental deaths. The province had 11 highway deaths and four drownings. A man died when he fell from a hydro pole.

There were 10 fatalities in Quebec, four in New Brunswick and two each in Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland were reported fatality-free.

There were four drownings, a highway fatality and a fire death in Quebec. Four other persons died from miscellaneous causes.

In Nova Scotia two persons died in traffic crashes. In New Brunswick three died in traffic and one in a railway accident. Manitoba registered two drownings.

Alberta had one traffic death and a drowning. In British Columbia a child was drowned and a man fell from a hospital window.

Freight Rates Increased 7 Per Cent

OTTAWA (CP)— The board of transport commissioners today authorized the railways to increase freight rates by 7 per cent between July 3 and Oct. 31.

The increase, which might yield the railways between $7,000,000 and $8,000,000 in the four months, is an interim measure pending fuller board consideration of an application by the companies for a general 15-per cent boost.

The railways have sought the higher rates to offset recent contract concessions to 150,000 non-operating employees. The companies have estimated the 15-per cent hoist would yield Canadian National Railway: $27,000,000 a year and the Canadian Pacific Railway $19,200,000.

Initially, the transport board announced last week it would grant an increase — unspecified then—to be effective between July 1 and Oct. 31.

The temporary general increase order to be reviewed by the commissioners after fall hearings starting here Sept. 24 —was accompanied by two interlocking judgments and directions for particular treatment of some commodities with respect to tolls.

The board limited any increase on coal and coke to 12 cents a ton for the four-month period. The railways have asked for 25 cents. Western coal operators have protested the proposed boost.

The board also instructed today that:

A 10-per cent increase in rates on grain moving within the West to Canadian markets, ordered tentatively by the board in 1955 to go into effect last Jan. 1 and later suspended, is wiped out and replaced by the seven per cent increase.

The railways will be allowed to apply increases up to seven per cent on western lumber moving eastward, this tallying with the size of the general hoist. Last winter, the board blocked a railway attempt to boost the lumber rates by six per cent.

PERFECT GIFT

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh are parents of a baby girl. The child, their first, was born at St. John's Hospital here Sunday. Both mother and the six-pound baby are doing fine. "Just what we wanted," commented Curtis on his special father's day gift.

MAKING SURE THAT HIS monkey talk is clearly understood, Christopher Robin, a diminutive 12-week old Rhesus monkey, clambers up on the shoulder of 10-year-old Margaret Hayward to whisper some of his animal aphorisms into her delighted ear. Margaret, a visitor to the Whipsnade Zoo, seems unable to see her simian visitor, but hearing him is obviously no problem.

Tracks Pulled Up to Aid Road Job Says Chetwynd

VANCOUVER (CP) — Railways Minister Ralph Chetwynd denied Saturday that Pacific Great Eastern Railway tracks were hurriedly laid so he could win a bet.

Arthur Laing, B.C. Liberal leader, charged in an address at Prince Rupert Friday night that tracks on the North Vancouver Squamish extension of the PGE were pulled up the day after the first train crossed the new section so the roadbed could be completed.

Mr. Chetwynd said the only rock being dumped was from the upper levels highway being built above the railroad.

The highway builders were lifting sections of track and dumping rock on the railroad bed. Graders then pushed the rock into the water.

"We are trying to help them with the highway," he said. "Otherwise they would be forced to truck out all the rock, which is an expensive operation."

Einar Gunderson, PGE general manager, said the track was put down to speed completion of the line "and not to win any hats for the minister."

CONVENTION THIS WEEK

Rupert Chamber To Urge TV Here, Road to Alaska

Resolutions calling for establishment of television in north-central B.C. by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and for construction of a road running through B.C., to Alaska, will be among those presented by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at the Associated Boards of Trade convention at Prince George, June 21-22.

In addition, the Prince Rupert delegates will submit resolutions asking that this year's unused appropriation for construction of the Cassiar-Stewart road be added to next year's, and that the Canadian National Railways put its modern sleeping-cars back into service on the northern line after the summer season.

A fifth resolution will ask that in any negotiations on the establishment of Canadian corridors through the Alaska Panhandle, consideration first be given to making use of existing Canadian ports in the north. The resolution will also express opposition to any negotiation which would "tend towards the establishment of large industry using Canadian power outside Canadian territory."

All resolutions must be cleared by the resolutions committee before they are presented to the meeting as a whole.

Delegates representing Prince Rupert will be local Chamber president Earl Gordon, Ormo Stuart, Kenneth Robertson, E. W. Brown, Bruce Brown, MLA, Hugo Kraupner and J. F. Magor.

Mr. Robertson and Bruce Brown will also attend the highways conference at Burns Lake, June 20. Mr. Brown will be travelling with Arthur Laing, B.C. Liberal leader.

LONG FLIGHT

BONN (AP)—The West German Lufthansa Airline said today its Super-Constellation airliner bringing Chancellor Adenauer home flew non-stop from Milwaukee to Bonn Saturday in 13 hours, 41 minutes. It was the first such direct flight by any airline. The plane was chartered by the West German government for Adenauer's visit to the U.S.

Bail of $500 Set in Case Of Contributing

Bail was set at $500 this morning by Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. Glassey for Gino Salvati, 18, of 90 Hays Cove Circle who appeared in police court this morning on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a 15-year-old Port Edward girl.

No plea was entered by defence counsel Willa Ray who asked that the case be adjourned until June 26.

Also appearing in court was Richard Raymond Hurley who pleaded guilty to having a case of unopened beer in a city restaurant. He was fined $50 and costs or in default sentenced to serve one month in jail. Accused said he was carrying the beer out of the cafe when he was stopped by police.

Halibut Price Hits Season High

295,000 Pounds Sold on Exchange

A total of 295,000 pounds of halibut were sold on the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange this morning, with medium fish bringing an average of 24 cents a pound, the highest paid here since sales began on the Exchange May 25.

Previous high average was 23.7 cents a pound, paid for medium June 11. Top price on the Exchange today was 24.2 cents while the low was 23.8 cents. Large fish brought 15 cents a pound and chicken halibut 14 cents, down 4 cents per pound from Friday.

The International Pacific Halibut commission in Seattle announced today that 6 a.m., June 27, will be the closing date of the first halibut fishing season in Areas 2 and 1-B. The word was received by E. V. Whiting, commission representative here, from H. A. Dunlop, secretary of the commission in Seattle.

Individual landings with the prices for mediums, large and chicken per pound in brackets are as follows:

United States boats: Arlice—53,500 pounds (24; 15.6; 14) sold to Atlin Fisheries.

Lorelei — 32,000 pounds (24; 15.5; 14) sold to Pacific Fisheries.

Canadian boats: Island Queen —40,000 pounds (23.8; 15; 14) sold to Booth Fisheries.

Twinkle—55,000 pounds (23.8; 15; 14) sold to B.C. Packers.

Deep Sea—25,000 pounds (23.9; 15; 14) sold to Atlin Fisheries.

Southend—25,000 pounds (23.8; 15; 14) sold to Pacific Fisheries

Iris S—30,500 pounds (24.2; 15; 14) sold to B.C. Packers.

Helen II—34,000 pounds (24.2; 15; 14) sold to Babcock Fisheries.

In addition, seven vessels delivered 147,500 pounds of halibut to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association.

Co-Op landings were:

Spar 5,500 pounds; Neptune II 38,000 pounds; Balsac I 28,000 pounds; Gony 24,000 pounds; Straten 18,000 pounds; Cape Spencer 20,000 pounds; Morris H 14,000 pounds.

Saturday the P. Doreen sold 30,500 pounds of halibut to Booth Fisheries at prices of 23 cents a pound for mediums, 15.5 cents a pound for large and 14 cents a pound for chicken. Friday, 66,000 pounds of halibut were delivered to the Co-Op by the Taplow.

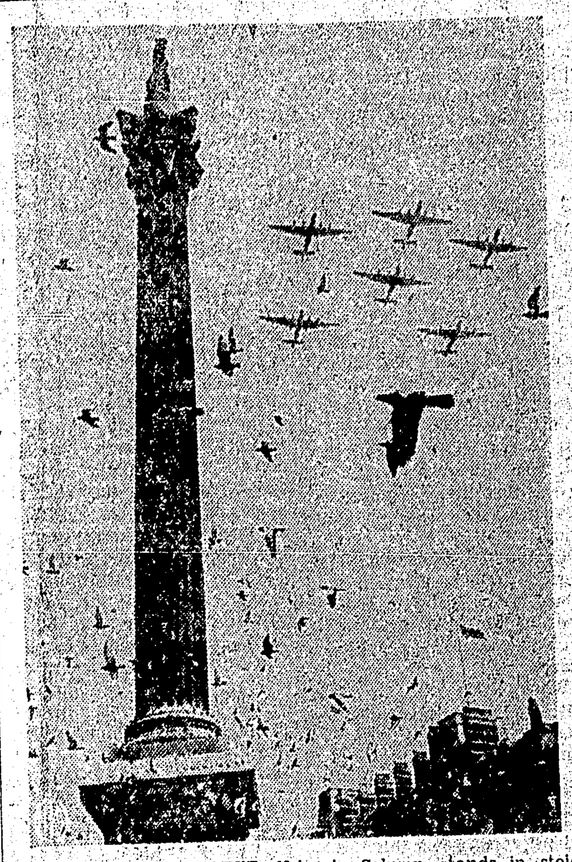
Baby Born Aboard Camosun

Ship mates aboard the Union Steamship vessel Camosun are calling Chief Stewart Norman Davidson of Vancouver "Doctor" today after he delivered a Port Simpson woman of a 7 pound 6 ounce baby girl early this morning.

The baby arrived at 5:30 a.m. today while the mother was en route to hospital in Prince Rupert.

The mother and child, both of whom are reported doing fine, were met at the dock by the Prince Rupert Ambulance and rushed to Prince Rupert General Hospital at 7:15 a.m.

The mother boarded the Camosun at 4 a.m. this morning at Port Simpson. Her name was not released by hospital authorities here as the father had not yet been notified of the birth.



AS THE FAMED STATUE, Nelson's Column, stands in stoic grandeur, a wing of six four-engined bombers from Coastal Command cause pigeons to flutter skyward in London's Trafalgar Square.

Vandals Break In, Rob Swimming Pool Bathhouse

Vandals broke into the bath house of the Gyro swimming pool in McClyment park either late Saturday night or Sunday morning and stole records for the public address system and cut the newly-installed telephone wires.

C. P. BALAGNO
. . . Should get tough.

Chairman Charles P. Balagno and parks superviser Miss Rusty Thain reported to the city ROMP detachment this morning that 15 long play and three "78" records were stolen.

The vandals broke three windows and gained entry through a middle window to unlatch two side windows. The telephone wire was cut on the outside of the building. The rocks used to break the windows were still on the floor of the bath house Mr. Balagno said.

He labelled the robbery as "disgusting" and said that "I said we should get tough last year, and I still think we should. We've got too much of the taxpayer's money invested there. It looks as if we shall have to spend more and have a caretaker's cottage built there so that the park can be looked after night and day."

The robbery was discovered by park caretaker Richard Bury at 7 a.m. Sunday. The break-in occurred sometime between 9:10 Saturday evening when Miss Thain locked up and left the park and daylight.

The swimming pool was filled only last week and this weekend was the first one that supervisors were to be on hand to help youngsters.

Cancer Drive Final Tally Set at $4,144

Final tally of donations from the one-night drive for funds April 16 by the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Cancer Society was placed this morning at $4,144, showing an increase of $58 from the previous total of $4,086 released May 14.

Quota in the 1956 drive was $2,000. Campaign chairman this year was H. Weldon Steel.

Soviet Might On Display At Egypt Rites

PORT SAID (AP)—Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser raised Egypt's flag over the Suez canal zone at Port Said today with a prayer that no foreign flag will ever fly in his country again. Nine Russian-built MIG jets streaked overhead and a 21-gun salute boomed from an Egyptian frigate in the harbor.

The last British soldier left Port Said last week, ending 73 years of military occupation in Egypt.

Blaze Described 3 Minutes of Hell

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—British authorities today set the death toll among British servicemen at 19 in a giant forest fire believed set off by high-ranking Cypriot rebels seeking desperately to break out of a ring of 5,000 British troops sweeping southwest Cyprus.

The fire, reported under control today, burst out during the weekend in the area where Col. George Grivas, leader of the EOKA terrorist organization, was believed almost trapped by the encircling British troops.

A sudden shift of wind swept the fire down on British troops who were battling it, turning the pine woods into an inferno and exploding the gas tanks on trapped army vehicles.

Eighteen men were seriously injured.

GRIVAS ESCAPED

The fire flared up Saturday morning at the height of the sweep by British troops. Seven Cypriots wanted for terrorism had been captured, and Grivas himself with his personal gang narrowly escaped capture when a British patrol caught them by a mountain stream. The cordon was tightening when the fire burst out.

Rescuing helicopters today whirled into the disaster area in the mountainous woods north of Limassol, as British army authorities were busy sorting out the charred bodies.

A British army chaplain, an eyewitness to the "three minutes of hell," described these moments late Sunday night with his face black with smoke.

"A wall of fire leaped towards us at about 30 miles an hour," he said. "Many soldiers started running up the valley to get away from the clutches of the flames."

CYPRIOTS HELP

"Others tried to escape in their vehicles, but some of these caught fire. The tragedy lasted for about three minutes."

D. F. Davidson, conservator of forests in Cyprus, said some 400 or 500 Cypriots, mostly volunteers from the surrounding villages, went into action against the fire.

Boy Admits Strangling Little Girl

SEATTLE (AP) — A 12-year-old boy, plucked by police from a picnic excursion bus, calmly confessed Sunday night the strangulation slaying of 4½-year-old Kathryn Ruoff, daughter of state Congressman Richard Ruoff.

The little girl's body, a green and white playsuit stuffed in her mouth, had been found only a few hours earlier under the floorboards of an old, unused garage near her home. She had been missing since Saturday.

Ray John Barker, one of several youngsters who used the garage as a clubhouse, was taken into custody by police as the excursion bus arrived back in town. He was taken to headquarters, where at first he stoidly refused to answer questions put to him by detective Herbert Swindler. Then, point-blank, Swindler asked:

"You killed her, didn't you?"

NO EMOTION

After a short pause, Swindler said, the boy replied with no show of emotion: "Yes."

In a later signed confession the boy said he met the little girl at a street corner near her home Saturday and followed her when she turned down an alley and went into the abandoned garage.

Young Barker, who lives with his mother, Mrs. Carmi Mesko, a few blocks from the Ruoff home, told Swindler:

"I choked the little girl. I don't know why I did it."

Showers Fail To Halt Fire In Manitoba

WINNIPEG (CP) — Thundershowers Sunday failed to halt a rampaging forest fire which went out of control in northern Manitoba more than a week ago and now threatens to turn in the direction of Flin Flon, 13 miles to the west.

An inch and a half of rain fell on the district early Sunday but strong winds later in the day rapidly dried the bush.

The blaze, described as the worst in Manitoba, now has destroyed 750 acres of a designated recreation area and still remains out of control on several fronts. It has jumped across narrow lakes in several areas and unless halted, threatens to turn toward Flin Flon, 380 miles northwest of Winnipeg.

On other fronts, the fire situation was improving.

All fires in southern Manitoba are reported either out or under control.

Man Hacked, Burned In Hamilton

HAMILTON, Ont. —Police today were confronted with a strange and apparent revenge killing in which a young man, his fingers hacked off and leg tendons slashed, was soaked with naptha gas and set ablaze.

The victim's scard and partially-mutilated body was found Sunday in a drainage ditch at the rear of Hamilton cemetery in the west end of the city.

More than 18 hours after the grisly find, police were unable to make an identification or determine the cause of death. The body was burned from feet to head but it was not known whether the man was alive when he was set afire.

Inspector of Detectives Walter Hagen said it appeared to be a "murder of vindictiveness or prejudice." Robbery was ruled out as a motive. A burned wallet containing $135, $6 in United States currency, was found near the body. The victim's expensive wrist watch was there, too.

Police had at least one lead that might turn up an identification. In the victim's wallet was an unemployment insurance card issued in Toronto. Officers said they could make out the name Moscotich on the card.

Police were unable to check the name because the unemployment offices in Toronto were closed for the weekend.

An autopsy was planned for today.

WEATHER

Cloudy today and Tuesday with a few sunny periods Tuesday. Rain along the mainland coast today. Not much change in temperature. Winds southerly 15. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 40 and 55.

Nass Sockeye Season Open

The sockeye salmon fishing season on the Nass river opened Sunday night and the season will start in the Rivers Inlet and Grenville-Principe area June 24.

Small-net salmon fishing on the Skeena river will open July 31.

Closure time for salmon fishing this year is from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Sunday.

COLONIST SAYS ELECTION SET FOR SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER

VICTORIA (CP)—The Daily Colonist says a general election will be held in B.C. during the last week of September or the first week in October.

The newspaper said Sunday it learned that this statement was made by a responsible official at a closed meeting of the suburban Esquimalt Social Credit provincial constituency association Friday night.

Government sources could not be reached for comment.