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TOMORROW'S
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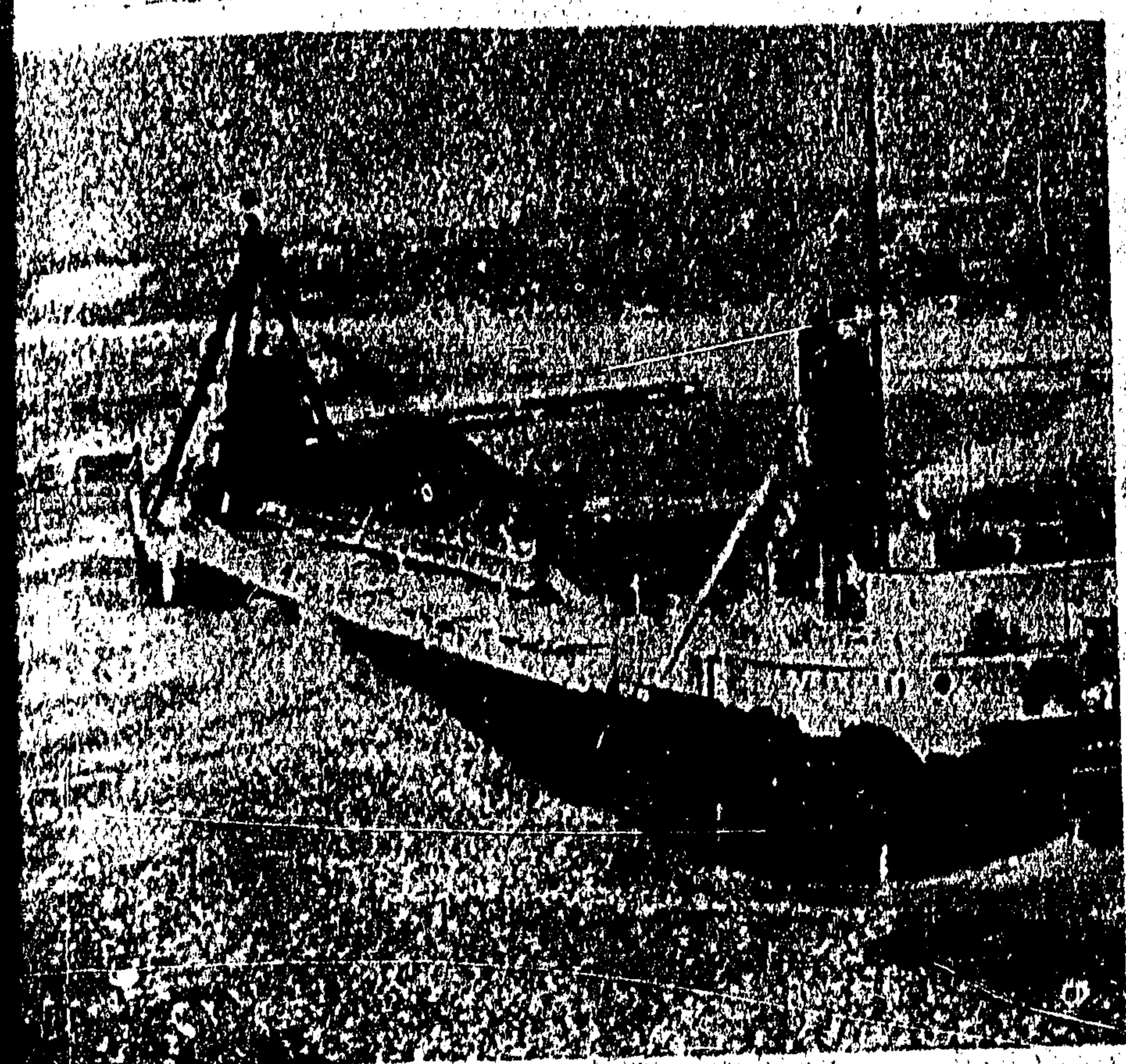
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UNITED STATES coal carrier Peter Reiss is stranded on a mudbank at the harbor entrance of Stanley, Ont., on Lake Erie. The ship was freed after her cargo of 8,000 tons of coal was transferred to another freighter. Thirty-mile-an-hour winds prevented three tugs from pulling her free. (CP Photo)

5. Traffic Death Toll Even Highest in 14 Years

AGO 10 — The National Council today estimated the United States traffic toll at 38,500 — the highest in 14 years. The estimate came as many took emergency action to ban the frightening toll for the next three days — a year's holiday which safety experts fear will set another record for death on the highways. The record high was 104,111's deaths.

council based its estimate on projection of reports of Americans killed in traffic accidents in the first 11 months of the year. A later survey taken by the council showed incomplete police records showed at least 33,766 deaths.

State records on which the survey was based were made through Wednesday or Friday. Some were complete for 11 months and in New York only through September.

TOTAL IN JANUARY

Safety council figures that reported deaths through New Year's Eve and deaths later in January suffered late this year bring the over-all total to 38,500. An actual figure probably will be available in early March.

The figure would top last year's count of 30,000 and is some 5,600 more than the 33,417 U.S. soldiers.

Commission

Stay Out
Gas Project

CTORIA, B.C. — The B.C. Gas Commission announced today it will stay out of natural gas distribution "for the time being."

The commission made the decision, it said, on the basis of a report by consulting engineers evaluating the prospects of natural gas for the commission.

Officials said the report shows the commission would have to expand "tremendously" to meet the distribution business had decided against it.

"We are keeping our hands full," a spokesman said.

Investigation included the Okanagan, Cariboo, Interior, Prince George, Kamloops and Vancouver Island.

FREE BURNS, THREE DIE

WAHRN, Ohio — A child was burned into flame in a garment recondition room Thursday and three small children died in the smoke and flame that followed. Two of the victims received, once, but died before they could be reached, one, but died before they could be reached.

Two of the victims were Doris Mowman, 7; Shirley Johnson, 8; and Jimmy

Exley, 6.

DRUGS

Fund Coverage Given Members Of City Staff

Some 31 members of the city's outside staff will come under superannuation coverage during the ensuing year, city council was informed Wednesday by City Clerk Comptroller R. W. Long.

In a letter to council, the superannuation branch of the department of Municipal Affairs informed council that outside staff members were to be included among those paying into the fund.

Of the city's staff of 70 outside workers, 31 will become eligible during the year.

In most municipalities, it has

generally been understood that

outside city workers did not

pay into the superannuation fund from now until Jan. 2."

B.C. NEWS BRIEFS

Youths Stage Disturbance In Vancouver Police Office

VANCOUVER (CP) — Fifteen youths staged a 30-minute disturbance in police headquarters here early today after one of their group was arrested on a minor traffic infraction.

The youths became "a little lippy," one officer said and a second youth was arrested on a drunk charge.

Police said it started shortly after midnight when William T. Jones, 20, was arrested while strolling with a group outside a cafe.

The rest of the gang climbed into cars and followed officers to the station.

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — A 23-year-old sawmill worker who lost both legs in a Christmas morning accident was identified Thursday as Albert Moyon of Prince George.

CNR officials said the young man apparently slipped beneath the wheels of a string of moving cars.

He was in fairly good condition in hospital Thursday.

PENTICTON, B.C. — An 11-year-old boy was in satisfactory condition in hospital here Thursday following a sledding accident.

Hospital authorities said Fred Netherton, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Netherton, was thrown from the sleigh into the wheel of a parked car, suffering a ruptured spleen in the accident.

VANCOUVER (CP) — More than 80 persons are expected to turn out for the annual polar bear swim at English Bay New Year's day.

Peter Panting, president of the Polar Bear Club, said "if the weather holds out we'll break all records."

A one-hour time limit has been placed on the endurance swim.

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WEATHER

Variable cloudiness today with frequent short periods along the coast. Cloudy with scattered rain showers Saturday, becoming a little milder, light southerly winds increasing to southerly 20 by this evening. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy 30 and 38. Bandit and Prince Rupert 30 and 40.

NOT IN YEAR

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TOURIST

NORMAN CRAVEN, manager of the Home Insurance Co. of New York, died Thursday afternoon at his home in Port Hardy 30 and 38. Bandit and Prince Rupert 30 and 40.

Fire Fatal To Three Children In Second Home Blaze In Week

Employment Outlook "Strong"

Labor Leaders Also Confident

Ottawa (CP) — Labor Minister Gregg said today Canada's employment outlook for 1956 has many elements of strength."

Agricultural income is down but most other primary industries show few signs of weakness, the minister said in a year-end review. There was every reason to believe employment among the country's 5,500,000-man labor force would be higher this winter than last.

"This does not mean that there will be no seasonal unemployment during the cold months.

It is not likely that seasonal unemployment can ever be entirely eliminated in our cold winter period. The greatest previous effort was 407 over the four-day 1952-53 holiday.

Arizona, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin have ordered out the national guard militia to help cope with the New Year's threat.

Texas, scene of 53 Christmas traffic deaths, ordered highway patrolmen to make an arrest in every "hazardous traffic violation" from now until Jan. 2," Mr. Long said.



EDDIE FISHER'S boxer and Debbie Reynolds' poodle, get some attention from their husband-and-wife owners as the entertainers took a break during a rehearsal for their recent 50-minute color television debut. The program marked the first professional appearance of the two since their September marriage.

EMPLOYMENT CONFIDENT

In simultaneous year-end messages, the leaders of Canada's two largest labor bodies, Claude Jodoin, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and A. E. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor, expressed confidence in the future.

The two labor leaders saw increased strength for Canadian labor through the merger next April of the 400,000-member CCL and the 800,000-member TLC.

The new Canadian Labor Congress will be headed by Mr. Jodoin.

Mr. Gregg said that although unemployment reached a post-war high early in 1955, employment grew steadily through the year and by mid-summer equalled the post-war peak of 1953.

Aside from seasonal variations this improvement was continuing.

Employment decreased on farms and in coal mining, shipbuilding and aircraft manufacturing industries. In most other industries it increased.

There was a shortage of some skilled construction workers but housing completions would likely be up about eight per cent compared with 1954. Employment in the manufacturing industries approached record levels.

EMPLOYMENT DECREASES

Mr. Gregg recalled a cabinet directive last summer to government departments to arrange contracts for maximum employment effect during winter months. Provincial and municipal governments were taking steps along the same lines.

"Inside renovation, decoration, maintenance and general cleanup can be increased in homes, offices and plants this winter if native publicity is given to the idea of doing this work during the winter months," Mr. Gregg said.

"Basic appraisal rates apply to the structure only in determining the lending value of a house — results from increases in residential building costs.

Lending values for loans insured under the NHA are determined by Central Mortgage, the government's housing agency and an increase in the basic appraisal rates has the effect of raising the level of insured loans," he said.

It also does not affect the maximum 5½ per cent interest rate on insured National Housing Act mortgages.

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CMIC would not disclose the extent of the increases in the appraisal rates.

House Destroyed As Parents Absent

Three children lost their lives last night in Prince Rupert's second fatal fire in just over a week.

Dead after flames destroyed the four-room house in which they lived are Romie Vaughn Gurney, 6½, and his sisters Darlene Jean, 3, and Fredella Eleanor, 1.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gurney, 217 Manson Way.

The two younger children, Darlene and Fredella, died in the flames while the boy was brought out of the burning building by a neighbor, Don Grey. The lad was rushed to hospital by police but was pronounced dead on arrival.

TRAGEDY AGAIN

Mrs. Herbert Waldbauer, whose husband owns the Gurney house, said that Don Grey tried to get into the blazing structure again but was forced back by the heat of the flames.

Fire was discovered around 11 p.m. last night, neighbors say, by two older brothers of the victims, Matthew, 13, and Chester, 11.

FOUND HOME IN FLAMES

Mrs. Waldbauer said the boys knocked on her door at 225 First Avenue East and said their house was on fire. The two boys are believed to have been at a movie up town.

Alarm was turned in by Mrs. Michael Halmano, next-door neighbor of the Waldbauers.

Flames were ejected shortly after 11 p.m. but by that time the whole building was a mass of flames.

Causes of the fire has not been determined. Fire Chief Sam Becker said this morning:

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney and the three other children were not at home when the fire broke out. No date for an inquest has been announced by Coroner George E. Davies.

It was the second fatal fire in a week. Three-year-old Lorelei Jetter died December 22 when fire swept through her parents' home at 840 Summit Avenue. A 13-year-old baby-sitter, Doreen Johanson got two older children out of the burning building in that fire.

Two Killed
As Planes
Collide

PORTAGE LA PLATE, Man., Dec. 30 — Two ROCAF jets training planes collided in mid-air today 14 miles north west of here. Air Force officials said three crew members parachuted to safety.

The planes from Macdonald Air Base were in a three-plane formation about 10,000 feet when the dual-controlled lead aircraft and one solo jet flying alongside

All three men involved whose names have not been released, bailed out.

There are approximately 680 male and 302 female registrants employed at the Prince Rupert office at present, Mr. Waller said, adding that this includes workers in the interior as far east as Houston.

He said that the Aluminum Company of Canada Limited has placed an order for 100 pot-room workers. Both single and married men will be considered. Persons interested in permanent work with Alcan should communicate with the NBS immediately.

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The hymns "Abide With Me" and "Unto The Hills" were sung at the memorial service and "How Sweet The Hour Of Gladness" and "None Shall Part Us" at the funeral service.

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Three of Dionne Quintuplets Home To Talk Things Over With Parents

NORTH BAY, Ont., Dec. 30 — Three-year-old airmen, were two unemployed youths or men.

Purpose of the trip home is to patch up family differences which have arisen between the two brothers and their parents. The girls played a game of hide-and-seek with visiting photographers before leaving for the airport.

Their trip from Montreal followed a day of conflicting reports on whether the sisters would spend New Year's Day at home in the face of their father's harsh announcement yesterday.

In Montreal L. M. Edwards, executive director of the Charities Trust Company which is handling the quintuplets' financial affairs, had the girls bid to prevent the family rift from growing worse and magnifying the whole affair out of proportion.

"The embarrassment we were suffering over the separation has made it public how we feel," said Mr. Dionne.

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