

Tuesday, July 31, 1956
(Pacific Standard Time)
High 7:10 15.3 feet
Low 10:20 14.7 feet
High 12:03 8.7 feet
Low 12:50 8.5 feet



PRIME MINISTER Robert G. Menzies of Australia (left) and Mrs. Menzies are greeted on their arrival in Ottawa for a short visit, by Prime Minister St. Laurent. At centre is External Affairs Minister Pearson. (CP Photo).

PLUNGE INTO CREVASSE

Girl Killed, Several Injured As Climbers Fall 100 Feet

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore. (AP)— One girl was killed and several others severely injured Sunday when a band of 19 young mountain climbers slid 100 feet down an icy chute on Mount Hood and then plunged into a crevasse.

Doctors worked all night on the mountainside in an attempt to save the injured who could not be moved immediately by snow tractor to a hut 2,000 feet down from the scene of the accident.

The group of teen-aged climbers, all joined by a rope, apparently fell when two members of the party lost their footing and pulled the others off their feet.

They came here from eastern and midwestern states during a hike-and-train tour of the U.S.

Rescue efforts were organized swiftly. The U.S. air force sent a plane to drop plasma and other medical supplies and the RCAF sent a helicopter from Vancouver, able to operate at high altitudes, to McCord Air Force Base in Washington.

Torches and emergency lamps lit a path through the night up to the scene of disaster near Crater Rock at the mountain's 9,000-foot level.

DRIVEN IN SNOW

Some of those hurt lay for hours at the lip of a crevasse as

Union, Management Report No Progress Toward Strike End

Searing Petroleum Blast Snuffs Out 19 Lives

DUMAS, Texas (AP)—A burning petroleum tank exploded into a towering mass of white-hot flames that seared 19 men to death in an instant Sunday. Four others died later from burns.

At least 31 others were burned by the blast that shot an orange fireball thousands of feet high and scorched a quarter mile radius.

Horrified spectators saw friends and relatives stumble moaning and crying, their clothing in flames from the smoke and flames at the Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation tank farm. Ensnared explosions burned and shattered three other big storage tanks and blackened others nearby.

"The fiery blast snuffed out their lives and they crumbled in their tracks," editor Bill Lask of the Moore County News said.

A shirtless boy stumbled out with his naked back in flames. He said the dead were caught in a "pool of fire."

Some of the burning bodies set fire to blankets used to wrap them. A railroad bridge burned a quarter mile away.

BUKING AT MIDNIGHT

Bob Bower, Shamrock public relations official, said the men were fighting a small ground fire when the 20,000-barrel tank containing pentane, a butane-like fuel, caught fire. Firemen who were attempting to cool other tanks were caught in the first explosion at 6:53 a.m. Greater loss of life was averted because many of the men had backed away from the tank because of



CAPT. HERBERT GEORGE Burchell, 43, of Kempville, Ont., and Ottawa has been appointed deputy chief of technical services at Naval Service Headquarters in Ottawa. He will be promoted to the acting rank of commodore on taking the new appointment August 14. (CP from National Defence)

Abbotsford Man Injured In Crash

An Abbotsford man is in Prince Rupert general hospital today as a result of a plane crash Saturday in the desolate country near the upper arm of Salmon glacier, 30 miles from Stewart.

Suffering from two fractures and severe lacerations to the left leg and broken bones in his right arm is Richard Rempel, carpenter, employed by Granduc mines and an ex-paratrooper.

Pilot Walter Forsberg escaped uninjured.

The accident occurred when the plane, a 1935 Fairchild, was engaged in dropping supplies to a scientific party working near the glacier.

Flying at low altitude in order to make a drop, the plane was caught in a sudden down-draft of air and piled up in deep snow.

Western Wood Corp. pilot Norman Jermyn managed to land a Super-Cub near the wreckage, pick up the occupants and take them to Stewart. Rempel was flown to hospital in Prince Rupert by a Pacific Western Airlines plane.

Company Cancels Meeting for Tonight

Both management and union officials were non-committal this morning on the progress made during the weekend in settling a six-day "wildcat" walkout which has idled the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd. plant at Watson Island.

Talks between a union committee representing members of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, and D. R. Blair of Vancouver, manager of the Pulp and Paper Industrial Relations Bureau, were held last night and were scheduled to continue today.

NO COMMENT

E. P. O'Neal, president of the pulpworkers' local, said "No comment" when asked if the talks last night had brought the workers and the company any closer to a settlement.

NO COMMENT

J. G. Lewis, mill manager at Watson Island, stated this morning:

"There are developments taking place at the present time which make it impossible for us to make any statement at this time."

"And for that same reason make it necessary to call off the meeting scheduled to be held at the Club 21 (of the Canadian Legion) tonight with the Chamber of Commerce, the executives of service clubs and others."

Pickets meanwhile continue to patrol the gates at Watson Island where last Wednesday 250 maintenance workers walked off the job in protest over the company's refusal to re-hire bricklayer Hugh Scullion, who was dismissed July 10.

Production workers joined the walkout and the plant was closed down Thursday. Only employees presently in the plant are office staff, guards, watchmen, first aid men, powerhouse and filtration plant crews.

International representative of the pulpworkers' union, H. L. Hanson, left Friday night after conferring with union officials here and meeting with company officials during the afternoon.

Jordan Asks Removal Of Burns

AMMAN, Jordan, (AP)—The Jordanian government in conjunction with other Arab states concerned intends to ask the United Nations to replace General E. L. M. Burns of Ottawa as chief of staff of its Palestine truce supervision organization, a defence ministry spokesman said today.

A list of cases in which the Canadian officer is said to have shown a biased attitude in favor of Israel is being prepared by Jordanian authorities for presentation to the UN, the spokesman declared.

Egypt, Syria and Lebanon have been approached to prepare similar lists to support a joint demand for Burns' removal, he added.

Burns' contract with the UN is due to end next month.

Burns, 59, has been chief of staff of the UN truce supervision organization since the fall of 1954. It is his job to oversee four different armistice agreements: between Israel and the Arab states on its borders, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

Millwaste Speeded Deaths Of Crash Victims Jury Told

The "fast, acid millwaste in the water" was named by Dr. W. H. Hick Saturday afternoon as a contributory factor in the deaths of four people in a car crash near Port Edward July 25.

The accident occurred when the car failed to round a corner hit a rock and landed upside down in a slough. Killed were 16-year-old Joseph Williams, 10, of Merrist, Philip George Hogg, 31 of Terrace, John Wesley Stewart and Joseph Morton Dunn both of Kitimat.

Dr. Hick, in a letter read at an inquest in Ferguson Funeral Home by Coroner George J. Dewes, said that the four drowned in about five feet of the liquid waste products from the Columbia Cellulose Company's operation at Watson Island.

"The nature of the water definitely contributed to the speed with which these people died," Dr. Hick wrote.

After the jury had been sworn in, the six members heard Rufus White, 40, of Merrist, identify the victims. While the only survivor of the crash, escaped from the fatal car through a broken side window.

The inquest was adjourned until 2 p. m. today so that police could submit photographs of the scene of the crash.



TO GREET CARABINIERI BAND—Marlon Marlowe will represent the TV singers division of the entertainment committee being formed to welcome Italy's famed Carabini Band of Rome. The musical aggregation, part of the Italian Army, is due on October 3 for a tour of the U.S.

Firemen Called To Gillnetter

A fire on the gillnetter "Melody" was extinguished by firemen at the BA oil dock early Sunday morning.

The fire, believed to have been started by a cigarette end, caused little damage and owner A. Watts was uninjured.

Fisherman Hit Jackpot

VANCOUVER (AP)—Salmon fishermen operating out of Port San Juan in the Strait of Juan de Fuca this week hit a jackpot with one-man boats averaging about \$1,200 one night and \$1,000 the next.

Only 17 gillnetters were on hand for the spectacular catch. The first night they caught 11,000 salmon, an average of 705 to the boat. Sockeye are selling at about \$1.75 each and coho are worth almost as much.

Fishing closed at dawn Friday and reopens Tuesday morning. A big fleet is expected on hand.

Anti-TB Drive Results "Satisfactory"

Results of the first phase of the anti-tuberculosis drive, held by the Chinese Nationalist, held by Dr. W. R. Laing, director of Skeena Health unit, today.

A total of 230 people availed themselves of the opportunity of having free chest X-rays taken during the three days of operation there.

Today the machine was set up in the Health unit, and the director reported that, after a slow start, an increasing number of people was coming in.

X-rays will be taken in the unit all this week, times being 10 to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m.

Man Fined \$50 For Disturbance

A man who stood on Seventh Avenue East Saturday noon threatening passers-by with a shotgun appeared in police court this morning.

Pleading guilty to a charge of creating a disturbance in a public place was Stanley Dixon of Prince Rupert.

Police testified that they had been called to the scene by an alarmed citizen, and that they had also received evidence that the accused had been crashing parties in the neighborhood.

Magistrate W. D. Vance fined Dixon \$50, costs, or in default of payment sentenced him to a month in jail. Magistrate Vance also warned Dixon that such behavior could easily have given rise to a much more serious charge.

CONCESSION TO POLITICS

BERLIN (Reuters)—Politicians forced a bride to leave her parents' home for the wedding by the back-cellar door. This was because the front door opened into the Russian sector, which in Germany is forbidden to enter.

In Germany the groom calls at the bride's home to take her to the church.

Impact of Steel Strike Will Be Felt Into 1957

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The 650,000 striking steelworkers who will get a pay hike under an unprecedented three-year, no-strike contract, waited today to get back to the job.

Orders to return to work will be given as soon as industry officials and the United Steelworkers write the contracts to end the walkout now in its 30th day.

A memorandum of agreement on the master contract was initiated by the union and the largest producers Friday. Now, individual contracts have to be written with the steel companies which represent 90 per cent of the steel production in the U.S.

A union spokesman in New York City, where the union and industry officials are writing the contracts, emphasized Sunday night that it is not an easy task.

He said:

"It may be a few days before we get everything signed and the men start getting back to their jobs. I just can't say how long it will be."

Under their old contract the strikers averaged \$2.46 hourly. The new pact gives them an immediate wage boost of 10½ cents the first year, 8.1 cents the second year and 0.1 cents the third year.

In addition, the contract provides automatic wage adjustments every six months if the cost of living increases. The union also received Sunday premium pay for the first time, a seventh paid holiday, and a 52-week supplemental unemployment benefit program assuring 65 per cent of basic pay in the event of layoffs.

The union estimated the value of the three-year package at 45.0 cents. Industry sources estimated it totalled between 62 and 65 cents.

Steel Magazine, the metal working weekly, estimates the strike already has cost the U.S. about \$1,110,000,000 and that its inflationary impact will be felt into 1957.

The magazine estimates the loss in steel product sales at \$800,000,000. It estimates steelworkers lost \$200,000,000 in wages and workers in other industries affected by the strike lost \$38,000,000.

CITY-BORN ACTOR, SCULPTOR WINS \$400 AWARD AT UBC

VANCOUVER (AP)—Bob Clothier, Prince Rupert-born actor and sculptor, was awarded \$400 Friday as winner of the outdoor sculpture exhibit at the University of British Columbia for his one-ton concrete "Three Forms."

Earlier this year, he won the best actor award in the Dominion Drama Festival regional for his performance in Little Theatre's "Darkness at Noon."

His sculpture was awarded first prize by Alexander Archibonko, authority on modern sculpture, and Sir Herbert Read, internationally known art critic.

Clothier will use his \$400 to study art in Mexico.

Mercy Flights Keep RCAF Planes Busy

VANCOUVER (AP)—A Vancouver man injured in a traffic accident Friday and a premature baby were flown to Vancouver Sunday in an RCAF plane.

Allan Smith suffered undisclosed injuries in a three-vehicle crash on the highway south of Merritt in which two other Vancouver residents—William Westwood, about 65, and Mrs. Jean Stone, 44—were killed. He was transferred to hospital here for further treatment and was reported in "satisfactory" condition.

The premature baby, a girl born to a Mr. and Mrs. Grondlund at Merritt, made the trip in a portable incubator and was reported in "good" condition in St. Paul's hospital Vancouver.

It was the second mercy trip in as many days for FO George Waugh of Vancouver who landed his Otter aircraft on Nicola lake, at Merritt, and the fourth mercy flight by Vancouver-based RCAF planes since Friday.

FO Waugh flew to Revelstoke Saturday to pick up an other premature baby and fly it to hospital at Vancouver. He was accompanied on both trips by Nursing Sister Isobel Zeitler.

Two similar flights were made Friday by RCAF planes. In one Mrs. Jean Roxborough, wife of an air force officer at Comox, was flown to Vancouver to receive treatment for a serious illness. The other was to Kamloops to pick up 17-year-old Richard Thomas, suffering from acute appendicitis.

Demolition Of Landmark Well Underway

Demolition of Borden Street school is now underway and already part of one wall has been ripped out and passers-by can see into one of the classrooms.

Inside, all of the blackboards have now been torn down and several partitions have been removed, unmasking timbers that have been covered since 1914.

The familiar landmark, Alma mater for several thousands of Prince Rupert people, will be removed altogether within four months.

Successful bidder for the demolition job was A. W. Allaire of Kelowna Industries.

Pupils of Borden Street school begin studies again September 5 in the new-completed \$243,000 Roosevelt Park school.

Drownings Claim Two Near Alberni

PORT ALBERNI, B. C. (AP)—Drownings claimed two lives in the Alberni district Saturday night.

David Kelst, 15, was drowned in 15 feet of water while trying to swim to shore from a raft in Cox lake, four miles from Port Alberni.

Bruce Napolitan Bowdel, 43, of Wenatchee, arrived later in the evening when he fell from a wharf into 30 feet of water in the Alberni canal.

Two men who heard the victim calling for help went to his assistance and pulled him to shore, but he failed to respond to the efforts of fire department inhalator squad.

Companions heard the Kolt boy shouting for help but at first thought he was joking. Jim Rutherford, 15, swam to his assistance and grabbed him by the hair, but could not get him to shore.

Two Men Killed In Collision

CHILLIWACK, B.C. (AP)—Two men were killed shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday night when their late model car smashed into a bridge abutment two miles west of Chilliwack.

RCMP investigating the accident did not release the names, pending notification of next-of-kin.

Witnesses reported the station wagon was a complete loss.

Vancouver Man Dies in Fire

VANCOUVER (AP)—A 45-year old Vancouver man died Sunday from burns he received in a tenement house fire on downtown Georgia street eight hours earlier.

His name was withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

The fire was confined to the dead man's room and firemen had not determined its cause.

A roomer in an adjacent room smelled smoke and the landlord, Woo Yook Sing, broke open the door to find the room a mass of smoke and flames. He sprayed the flames with a fire extinguisher until firemen arrived.

LARGE PAYROLL

Canada's electrical manufacturing industry has an annual payroll of around \$200,000,000.