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Bandits Escape With $50,000 In Two B of M Branch Holdups

...AN JACK BENNY (left), known in the fantasies of his radio and television scripts as a ...ny, tests the putty nose of dramatic actor Fredric March, who is partly costumed for ... of fiction's illustrious Scrooge, a classic tightwad. March will play the Dickens role Dec... in CBS musical version of "A Christmas Carol."

...ert Spending in Food ...ove Canadian Average

...l to The Daily News

...YORK—Among house... Prince Rupert, food ... the number one spot ...dget. Out of every dol... spend in the local re... 26 cents goes to buy ... the family table. This ...t out in the current, ...d study made by Sales ...nt of the spending ... people in Canada and ...d States.

...al spending pattern ...ce emphasis on food ...vident in most other ...ughout the Dominion ... compared with ...pert's 26 per cent, only ...t of retail spending is ... In British Columbia ...er cent.

...dity to spend more for ...e of the indicators of ...ing standards. In ...pert in 1953, the food ... to a tidy $3,545,000, an ...ver the previous year's ... This sum, apportion... among local residents, ... purchases in the ...kets, grocery stores, ... and other establish... the sort of $1,365 per ...

...more than the average ... food bill. $668 per ... it was more, too, than ... British Columbia, $642 ...y.

...esent generation in ...eating higher on the ... any other in history.

More and better food is being consumed by a public whose net disposable income last year was at a peak level.

The good earnings accounted for by Prince Rupert residents made themselves evident in other retail lines used in the study as indicators.

Sales of automotive equipment locally, including new and used cars and trucks, farm machinery and accessories, amounted to $2,056,000 in the year, equal to 15 per cent of the retail dollar.

Also reflecting the good local conditions were sales of general merchandise, which reached a volume of $1,201,000. This represented 9 per cent of the dollar.

Stores selling furniture, household equipment and radios had a $767,000 year, taking 6 per cent.

Drug store business in the city came to $324,000, an additional 2 per cent.

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...en were released be... ...lack of evidence

J. T. Harvey Presents Brief For Chamber

VICTORIA (CP) — The opinion of business on subjects ranging from air routes to Europe to federal - provincial taxation agreements, was heard in British Columbia's legislative buildings here Tuesday.

P. T. Harvey, president of the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce, with several directors, met Premier W. A. C. Bennett and the executive council. They presented the chamber's policy statement and resolutions on behalf of 104 B.C. boards of trade and six regional associations.

Chief among the points raised:

1. A call for close consultation between federal and provincial authorities in the power field with preference given to a policy whereby Canadian interests would install and own hydro-electric facilities and dams in Canada.

2. A proposal that the existing taxation agreements between the provincial and federal governments should be amended so as to make available to B.C. a larger share of the income and other taxes collected within the province.

3. Recognition of the right of labor to strike within the limitations of the law, with the provision that the Labor Relations Act should always ensure that a secret ballot precede any walkout.

The chamber supported an application, currently before the board of transport commissioners, for a permit to operate an air link between British Columbia and Europe.

Patrol Spots Plane Wreck

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (AP) — A civil air patrol plane searching for a missing Northeast Airlines twin-engined plane with seven on board reported sighting wreckage today on the side of Bald mountain, five miles north of Berlin, N.H.

There was no immediate word whether survivors were seen.

Bald mountain, 2,370 feet high, is between Berlin and the Berlin airport, eight miles outside the town, to which the DC-3 was flying when it vanished Tuesday.

Reports of the wreckage sighting came almost simultaneously with reports from Northeast's Berlin office that faint radio signals had been picked up there.

The radio signal came about 8 a.m. from within a five-mile radious of Berlin, N.H., to which the plane had been flying from Laconia, 68 miles away.

Herring Fleet Moves Up Coast

VANCOUVER (CP) —Part of B.C.'s herring fleet has moved north to the central coastal region as the herring season reached the midway point.

Fisheries department officials reported part of the fleet will try its luck in the Smiths Inlet, Gardiner Canal, Green Inlet and Bentinck Arm area, where schools of "homesteader" herring were located. Approximately 5,500 tons of fish were caught in the central coast area to date this season. One thousand tons were netted last week in the middle east coast area and 23 seiners operating in Barkley Sound have caught 3,400 tons since the start of the season.

The lower east coast area has been closed following a total catch of 50,398 tons, including a 10,000-ton extension of the quota.

Bennett Sends B.C. Wishes

VICTORIA (CP) — Premier Bennett joined thousands around the world Tuesday in wishing Sir Winston Churchill a happy birthday.

The greeting said:

"On this happy and historic day, the premier and members of the executive council of the province of British Columbia extend to you, Sir Winston, their sincere felicitations and express the hope that the years to come will be filled with good health."

RATEPAYERS VOTE TODAY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

Special to The Daily News

BURNS LAKE — Ratepayers of School District 55 went to the polls today to vote on a referendum as to whether the district will approve raising of $435,000 to take care of needed classroom space, a schoolboard spokesman said.

It was erroneously reported November 30, that the school board had decided to postpone the referendum until after the next session of the B.C. Legislature when a review of the whole school financing system in the province will be made. Results of the vote are expected to be made known tomorrow

Election Assured For Council

Six Candidates With Papers Filed

Prince Rupert was assured of an election December 9 with the filing yesterday of declaration papers by two more candidates than the number of vacancies which will fall due on the council.

Four seats are being contested and so far six candidates have indicated they will run.

Latest candidate to file papers for the aldermanic race was A. Don Ritchie, manager of Pacific Stevedoring and Contracting Company Limited, while Thomas Henry Elliott, confidential clerk with B.C. Packers also indicated he will run again. He was unsuccessful last year.

Mr. Ritchie was proposed by James S. Foster and seconded by Thompson A. Johnstone. Mr. Elliott was proposed by retiring alderman Darrow Gomez and seconded by V. A. Norberg.

Another candidate of last year, Walter H. Smith, proposed by Dr. R. G. Large and seconded by Orme G. Stuart, filed his papers Monday.

Others who have filed their nomination papers so far are present alderman Kay Smith, housewife, T. Norton Youngs, real Estate agent, and Gerald P. Woodside, Daily News promotion manager.

Alderman William Bremner has signified he will seek reelection but has not yet filed papers. Nominations close at 12 noon tomorrow.

It will be the second time Mr. Smith has tried the civic field. The 39-year-old clothier has been active in city organizations for many years and was a member of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce in 1939. Mr. Smith joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1939 and was discharged in 1945 as a lieutenant after seeing service on convoy duty in both the Pacific and Atlantic. He is a member of the Canadian Legion and is a Lieutenant in the Canadian naval reserve.

Mr. Elliott, recovering from an operation three weeks ago, made his declaration at Prince Rupert General Hospital. No newcomer to civic politics, Mr. Elliott served on the council in 1944, 1945 and 1946, immediately following the commissionership and was chairman of the utilities committee. In 1947, 1948 and 1952, Mr. Elliott represented the Prince Rupert firemen on a conciliation board hearing over wage disputes with the city. He also served in executive positions on the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council and was the secretary of the Federated Fishpackers Association in 1944 before amalgamation with the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union.

Mr. Elliott is 55 years old, born in Wales and has lived in the city since 1924.

Japanese Seek U.S. Doctor

TOKYO (AP) — The Japan coast guard today ordered a search for a small sailboat carrying an American doctor, his wife and two young children who left Oct. 28 on a world cruise and have not been heard from since.

The coast guard said the two-master 35-foot boat did not arrive at its last Japanese scheduled port of call.

In addition to the four Americans the ship carried a Japanese crew of three.

The owner of the boat, named the Phoenix, is Dr. Earl Reynolds, 44, an anthropologist from the University of Iowa.

SUNDAY church finery includes skis for worshippers at churches in Laurentian mountain villages in Quebec. Special services for vacation skiers are conducted in most churches, and the presence of scores of skis propped against the walls is a familiar Sunday sight.

Ford Accuses Auto Workers Of Strike-Prolonging Action

TORONTO (CP) — The Ford Motor Company of Canada said Tuesday night the United Auto Workers (CIO-CCL) has set up a new issue to "prolong the strike at Windsor, Ont., and continue to keep thousands of employees away from their jobs."

The company made the comment in a statement issued shortly after exploratory talks between union and company leaders broke off when agreement could not be reached on how wide negotiations should be for Ford's 5,700 striking workers.

The two-hour closed meeting was held under the chairmanship of Rev. M. C. Davies, speaker of the Ontario legislature, in a downtown hotel.

The company statement, signed by Ford president Rhys M. Sale, said:

"It would be impractical either to negotiate or administer an agreement for four groups of its employees at widely scattered locations and working under varying local conditions."

The union said it would not split its ranks by negotiating separately and wanted locals at the strike-bound plants at Windsor, Oakville, midway between Toronto and Hamilton, and suburban Etobicoke, to sit around the bargaining table.

STARTED OCT. 10

The wage strike began in Windsor Oct. 10, spread to Oakville five days later and then to the Etibicoke parts depot.

The union said the point of disagreement was whether negotiations should be between Ford and Local 200 in Windsor, as offered by the company, or between Ford and representatives of four UAW locals, as demanded by the union.

Candidate Gives Plug For Socreds

VANCOUVER (CP) — Archie Proctor, former Vancouver alderman and candidate for mayor, Tuesday night disclosed he had been a member of the Social Credit party for two and a half years.

Mr. Proctor, who made the statement during a radio interview, said "The Social Credit party is made up of young men with young ideas. They have made mistakes, but they are honestly trying to give the people . . . what they want." He said he did not believe in party politics in civic affairs, however.

Police, Troops Battle in Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — Vietnamese police and a company of national army troops fought an hour-long pitched battle in the heart of Saigon's crowded Chinese section early today. Four policemen and two soldiers were killed before the troops surrendered to fire from police bazookas and machine-guns.

WEATHER

Temperatures were below freezing at nearly all points in British Columbia overnight. Vancouver airport was the coldest on the coast at 22. Tonight and Thursday should see little change in weather over most sections of B.C. though a system now moving through Alaska will cause snow flurries through northern B.C. tonight and some shower activity along the north coast Thursday.

North coast region: A few clouds today and tonight. Cloudy Thursday with occasional light rain beginning during the morning. Winds light northerly today and southerly 15 Thursday. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 21 and 42, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 35 and 40.

Loot Third Highest In Vancouver to Date

VANCOUVER (CP)— Holdup men struck in quick succession at two branches of the Bank of Montreal here today escaping with more than $50,000.

Four fast-working holdup men smashed in the door of the bank's suburban West Point Grey branch shortly before the normal 10 a.m. opening hour and escaped with close to $50,000.

Less than two hours later a lone bandit entered the bank's main Granville Street branch and escaped with an estimated $1,000.

The amount of loot obtained by the four masked and armed bandits in the suburban branch holdup was the greatest in Vancouver's current crime wave that has seen six bank holdups in as many weeks and more than 40 smaller holdups.

BRANCH CLEANED OUT

"They cleaned us out," said one bank official, who reported the men had looted both the teller's cage and the open bank vault.

While police were throwing a cordon around West Point Grey district in an attempt to capture the four men, a lone bandit described as in his 20's calmly walked into the Bank of Montreal's main branch in the heart of the downtown business district and handed the teller a note ordering her to hand over money.

Bank officials estimated the gunman obtained about $1,000.

Police said the youthful-looking bandit was well-dressed and carried a leather briefcase. No gun was shown.

In contrast the four thugs who looted the bank's West Point Grey branch were armed with two sawed-off shotguns and pistols and hid their identity behind black paper bags.

They broke into the bank 40 minutes before the normal opening hour, forced 18 startled bank employees to lie on the floor, and fled in a green Buick carrying the loot in a cardboard box about the size of a wastepaper basket.

The $50,000 loot figures would make it the third largest in the history of the Greater Vancouver district. It is exceeded only by the fabulous $320,000 haul in 1911 from a New Westminster bank and the 1942 grab of $56,500 in Vancouver. In each case a Bank of Montreal branch was the target.

DIFFERENT PLATES

The Point Grey branch escape car, carrying different numbered licence plates front and rear, was found abandoned a few minutes after the holdup. The car was reported stolen from downtown Vancouver, a short time before the robbery.

The holdup came exactly a week after the robbery of a suburban branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in which two masked men, aided by a getaway driver, escaped with $1,500.

Audrey Sherlock, clerk in a nearby drugstore, who gave police the rear licence number of the fleeing car, said she saw the men run from the bank.

"At first I thought the men were Negroes," she said. "Then I saw they were wearing black masks with eye holes cut in them." One was carrying a square box about the size of a wastepaper basket and I could see two shotguns.

"The first man was about six feet, and was wearing an expensive powder blue topcoat with a tie belt and a snappy grey fedora.

"I was so busy concentrating on the number of their car that I did not see the others very well," she said.

Fisherman Drowned At Masset

Matthew Arthur Yeomans, 27-year-old Masset fisherman was drowned last night on the Queen Charlotte Islands when he fell into the waters of Masset harbor while disembarking from the seine boat Gwen Rose.

The body was recovered almost immediately, but efforts of the other members of the crew to revive their companion were not successful, RCMP in Prince Rupert said today.

Yeomans was reported to have just arrived at the dock in Masset after a trip from Prince Rupert. He is said to have slipped on the dock and fallen into the water.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred and three children.

An inquest was held at Masset at 1 p.m. today.

Pope's Hiccups Disappearing

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)— Pope Pius spent a restful night and the hiccups which have tormented him in the last week seem to be disappearing gradually, a Vatican source said today.

The 78-year-old pontiff remained in his private apartment on the third floor of the Vatican palace, following the rest cure prescribed by his doctors.

This morning he received Msgr. Angelo Dell'Acqua, substitute in the Vatican's secretariat of state, to discuss routine church affairs.

No Harm in Believing in Santa Claus UBC Professor Assures Children

VANCOUVER (AP) — Dear Dr. Brock Chisholm:

Yes, there is a Santa Claus.

Thousands of children who are beginning to doubt that old St. Nick exists and many parents who don't know what to tell them can take heart from Dr. Edro Signori.

Dr. Signori, head of the University of British Columbia psychology department, doesn't think Santa Claus is merely a myth.

In this he disagrees with psychiatrist Dr. Brock Chisholm, who has made repeated attacks on Santa.

Dr. Chisholm, native of Oakville, Ont., and former director of the World Health Organization, caused a stir in 1946 when he first came out against parents allowing their children to believe in Santa Claus.

A RUDE AWAKENING

He reiterated his stand in a recent interview at his home in Victoria by saying a child taught to believe in Santa and other myths is in for a rude awakening when he realizes the stories his parents told him were lies.

Dr. Signori said Tuesday belief in Santa Claus is the child's way of dealing with an abstract concept.

His own children, nine-year-old twins, believe in the actual existence of the jolly fat man with the flowing white beard and red suit. That belief, says Dr. Signori is a good thing.

"I believe in what Santa Claus stands for and what that belief can do," says Dr. Signori.

"It symbolizes charity and rewards for good behavior and as such is positive and constructive.

MAY CAUSE FEAR

"Santa Claus is not just a step away from the boogy man which has been used to strike fear into young children. He stands for a set of values which is quite different."

Dr. Chisholm contends that a child who believes in flying reindeer can believe in animals hiding under his bed and will be afraid of the dark.

"Psychologically, we as humans are capable of all sorts of imaginative creativeness," says Dr. Signori.

"To my mind the belief in Santa Claus is less dangerous than the hopes some people place in the stock market.

"I don't tell my children that he comes down the chimney because they would see that is impossible, but that doesn't mean there can't be a Santa Claus for them.

"Many people do believe in him, and as a symbol of an accepted belief he has a large following."