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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Friday, November 25, 1955
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	9:28	19.5 feet
	22:12	17.4 feet
Low	3:07	8.1 feet
	16:08	6.5 feet

$50,000,000 Hydro Project Planned By Frobisher On Naas

...TIONS IN WHICH Big Four foreign ministers appear to be heading when they arrived ...dinner at Geneva's Beau Rivage Hotel, reflect eventual result of talks several days later. ...der sessions failed to revive "spirit of Geneva" launched previous month. Left to right: ...toine Pinay, French foreign minister; U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles; Soviet ...n Minister Vyacheslav Molotov and British Foreign secretary Harold Macmillan.

Russia Sets Off H-Blast

Canadian Expert Not Impressed

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP) —Russia's mightiest nuclear test blast, probably involving a hydrogen bomb, has sharpened the atomic arms race in the opinion of American officials.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission announced Wednesday night that the Soviet Union has set off another explosion in its current test series.

He described this blast as "the largest thus far in the U.S.S.R ... in the range of megatons."

The AEC chairman didn't call it a hydrogen explosion, but only such a thermonuclear blast could produce an energy yield measured in megatons, or an explosive equivalent of millions of tons of TNT. Less powerful fission-type atomic bombs produce yields up to about 100 kilotons—that is, the equivalent of 100,000 tons of TNT. The atomic bomb that levelled Hiroshima 10 years ago was rated in strength at 20,000 tons of TNT.

CAN'T COMPARE BLASTS

Strauss' statement left open the question of whether the newest Russian blast was smaller or bigger than the greatest American nuclear explosion, on March 1, 1954, at Bikini atoll in the Pacific. That test blast was estimated unofficially to have the force of between 15,000,000 and 17,000,000 tons of TNT.

The announcement of this latest Soviet test came on the heels of the Geneva conference, where the Big Four foreign ministers failed to arrive at solutions to East-West differences despite the outwardly friendlier relations generated by the "summit" talks, also at Geneva, last July. It is taken in Washington as a warning to the West to take heed of Russia's might.

After Wednesday night's AEC announcement, Dr. O. M. Solandt, a senior Canadian defence scientist, said in Ottawa that he could not interpret the test blast as indicating Russia had gained any atomic advantage over the West. He termed the Soviet blast "just another in a development series."

Meanwhile in Tokyo the Japanese meteorological observatory said today that radioactive rain fell on two Japanese cities Monday. A weather official said it came from Siberia.

The observatory said the radioactive rain fell on Akita and Sendai in northern Honshu, Japan's main island. Newspaper reports said rain registering an unusual degree of radioactivity also fell on Tokyo.

THIS IS IT! The famous Grey Cup, over which eastern and western Canada battle every year and the rest of the Dominion chooses up sides for which to root. Saturday in Empire Stadium, Edmonton Eskimos, present holders of the famed silverware, will meet Montreal Alouettes to decide the 1955 champion. The cup, donated by former Governor General Earl Grey, is on display in a Vancouver department store. Mrs. Peggy Foster of Vancouver holds the trophy. (CP Photo)

Alice Arm Seen As Smelter Site

VICTORIA (CP)—Frobisher-Ventures Ltd., plan studies for a $50,000,000 hydro-electric project on the Naas River in northwestern British Columbia, Premier W. A. C. Bennett announced today.

It will be part of a gigantic power and metals industry on the B.C.-Yukon border. The immediate plans for a first stage $270,000,000 project at Taku Inlet have been shelved until federal-provincial differences have been solved.

END SURVEYS IN 1956

Mr. Bennett said the Ventures group, with Northwest Power Industries Ltd., as the operating company, will complete all surveys on Taku and on the Naas projects next year.

"From that they will proceed with designs and their construction which we hope will start in 1957," said Mr. Bennett.

More than $2,000,000 has been spent on engineering surveys in the last two years.

He said work will be speeded up on the Naas River project, an entirely new plan presented by the Ventures group.

It calls for a 450,000-horsepower hydro dam on the Naas River, backed up by storage dams on Bowser and Meziadin lakes.

A transmission line would carry power 32 miles to Alice Arm, where the firm plans an industrial plant and townsite to process minerals by electric smelting.

He said the project has suffered a delay through Federal Bill 3 enacted at the last session of parliament, which makes all dams and hydro projects on international rivers subject to federal permit.

"I hope these differences will be resolved," said the premier. He termed the bill "ridiculous" and "foolish."

Woman Freed On Drug Count

LILLOOET — Joyce Babcock, 29, was acquitted Tuesday in County Court of a charge of illegal possession of narcotics.

Trial of the former nurse at Lillooet hospital lasted five days, two days of which were taken up by argument over the admission of two signed confessions, said by police to have been made by the accused at the time of her arrest.

The prosecution conceded the confessions had been obtained while she was being held on a charge of vagrancy, and that she was later charged with illegal possession.

Drugs missing from the hospital dispensary were found buried in a sawdust bin in the hospital furnace room.

Judge Henry Castillou ruled there was insufficient evidence to convict Mrs Babcock.

Tory Candidate

VANCOUVER —The federal Conservative party office here announced Wednesday that A. deB McPhillips, Victoria lawyer, has been nominated as Progressive Conservative candidate in the Victoria federal riding.

Mr. McPhillips is the first PC candidate to be nominated in British Columbia to contest the next federal election.

District CARS Branch Set Up, Slate Named

A Prince Rupert and District branch of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society was established here last night with the election of a five-member executive and an 11-member directorate to form the nucleus of an organizational committee to set up a CARS treatment centre in this city.

Named president of the organization was William Brown, transport company manager, who was appointed pro-tem chairman at the last general meeting of city residents interested in establishing a treatment centre here. Other officers elected were, Alderman Kay Smith and H. Weldon Steel, vice-presidents; Mrs. John Laurie, secretary and Peter Bird, treasurer.

J. G. Lewis, mill manager of the Columbia Cellulose Company plant at Watson Island, was named honorary president.

Named directors were Mrs. Kenneth Hardy, William Noble, D. J. Doswell, George Williamson, Mrs. Gordon Poffenroth, Hugo Kraupner, William Roughan, Mrs. G. C. McLean, Peter Wong, Mrs. G. P. Woodside, James Davidson.

Work of the organizational committee was outlined by Miss Mary Pack, executive secretary of the B.C. Division of CARS to a general meeting of the group.

PROVIDES ASSISTANCE

Ten sub-committees will be formed to provide assistance for a trained physio-therapist (who will be appointed to the Prince Rupert district branch) as well as provide operational funds for the treatment centre here.

Sub-committees are, public relations, ways and means, welfare, women's committee, accommodation and purchasing, rehabilitation, medical advisory, handyman committee, arts and crafts and welcoming committee.

People on these groups, Miss Pack said, would provide transportation for patients to the treatment centre, provide necessary materials for the occupational therapy side of treatment and generally provide services to make the operation of a treatment centre in the city as functional as possible.

Capital expenditure for the centre is underwritten by the B.C. CARS division, Miss Pack said. It includes salary and car for the physio-therapist and treatment equipment.

MUST RAISE $4,725

CARS will also "stake" the local centre to its first-year operation, the CARS executive secretary said. However, during 1956 the district branch must endeavor to raise the necessary $4,725 which will be needed to operate the unit for both Terrace and Prince Rupert. Of this amount, at least $500 is expected to be raised by Terrace.

CARS is endorsed by the B.C. Division of the Canadian Medical Association and patients become eligible for CARS treatments only on the recommendation of their doctor, Miss Pack told the meeting.

The local treatment centre will be established in the Prince Rupert General Hospital and it should be in operation early in January, she said.

Wherever possible patients were treated at the centre, but treatment at home was also carried out. Treatment fee is $3, Miss Pack said, but charge was made on the patient's ability to pay. No one had ever been refused treatment, she said.

Miss Pack said CARS had not yet got a cure for arthritis, but the treatment centres gave patients a chance to fit once again into the community . . . to make them taxpayers instead of dependents.

Scope of the local centre at first would be Prince Rupert with visits by the physio-therapist to Terrace once a month.

Directors were elected at the general meeting and the executive was elected by the 15 directors at an executive meeting afterward.

James Williamson was named to head the accommodation and purchasing committee, Hugo Kraupner, named chairman of the public relations committee, while William Noble heads the membership committee.

The executive expressed the hope that as many city organizations as possible will take an interest in the CARS treatment centre and the membership committee will set up a "talks" group to address various service clubs and other organizations and show slides of cases, treatment and rehabilitation effected by other centres.

HERE FOR INSPECTION

Lt. Cmdr. D. H. Tye, area officer for Sea Cadets arrived by plane today to conduct an inspection of Captain Cook Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps at HMCS Chatham tonight. Cadets will be inspected at 8 p.m. and parents and friends have been invited to attend.

...eek Work To Maintain ...ater Supply at Mill

...o maintain a full volume of water at the Columbia cellulose mill on Watson Island during the present ...nap, manager J. G. Lewis announced today that ...ditional supply will be drawn from Diana Lake ...ans of channelling through to Prudhomme Lake, ...ill's usual source of supply.

...his purpose a bulldozer ...tched this morning to ... the creek between the ...es which are approxi... half a mile apart. Mr. ...d this will ensure an ...al two weeks' water sup... ...d amply meet the mill's requirements during the current cold spell.

In normal conditions, the mill obtains all the water needed for its operations by means of a seven-mile pipeline, leading to Prudhomme Lake. However, freezing over of the lake and its tributaries has reduced the run from the mountains and lowered the level of the lake to a point which could endanger the normal supply of water to the mill.

Mr. Lewis said the precautionary measure of connecting with Diana Lake was being taken despite the fact that the weather forecast predicts rain by the weekend.

If the forecast proves correct, Mr. Lewis pointed out, the additional water will not be necessary but the step is being taken as added insurance that the mill will be able to continue its normal operations.

...Germany Get Surplus ...adian Butter

...WA ... between 7,000,000 ...ian pounds of govern... ...ian butter have ... Dutch importer for ...n Germany, an ag... department official said ...

... has been completed ...ter now is being load... ...d boat in Montreal," ...he statement to be ship... ...ed on the carrying ...of the boat."

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... the contract ... neighborhood of ...ed, 21 cents less ... paid for the sur... ...er by the agricultural ...ppport board.

RCMP Query Man's Story On Deaths

POWELL RIVER, B.C. (CP) — RCMP officers said Wednesday night they were questioning a man who told them he killed three loggers who were reported missing a week ago from their camp on Desolation sound, 30 miles north of here.

They would give no details other than saying that the man walked into headquarters with his story.

SEEK THIRD BODY

Bodies of two men have been found, police said, and a search is continuing for a third. They said an autopsy on the body of Charles Haines, 34, of Portland, Ore., found Tuesday, showed he met death through drowning.

A second body, still unidentified, was recovered Wednesday after dragging operations near the Glen Levitt Logging Company camp at Galley bay on Desolation sound, where the men were employed. A boat was found beached nearby.

PRESUMED DROWNED

Reported missing along with Haines were Uno Nylund, 51, of Courtenay, B.C., and an unidentified companion. They disappeared last Thursday and it was believed they were drowned when their boat upset while they were rowing from a floathouse to the mainland camp during a snowstorm.

The camp which can be reached only by seaplane or boat, is about 120 miles northwest of Vancouver. Powell River is the nearest community of any size.

Business Section Razed by Fire

HAMIOTA, Man. — The main street business section of this town was almost wiped out Wednesday when fire, backed by a strong sub-zero wind, destroyed six business establishments and left two families homeless. No one was injured in the blaze.

WEATHER

...weather continued for ...d inlets. A few clear ...today along the extreme ...mainland otherwise ...rday and Friday. Snow ...in the north portion and ...of rain or snow in the ...rtion. Not quite so cold. ...ing 35 down main... ...ts and northeast to east ...here. Low tonight and ...day at Port Hardy 35 and ...dspit 28 and 36, Prince ...20 and 25.

90 PER CENT IN PROVINCE FAVORS GROCERY BEER SALES

VANCOUVER — Latest results from a province-wide poll show more than 90 per cent of British Columbians want grocery stores to sell beer and wine, general manager H. G. Boulton of the Retail Merchants' Association of B.C. reported today.

"We aren't taking sides in this issue," said Mr. Boulton. "We just want to find out how people feel."

The survey so far shows 18,825 customers in favor of beer and wine sale and 1,537 against.

The survey, which began about a year ago, is not expected to be completed until next summer.

...ericans at Home, Abroad Today Pause ...Celebrate Observance of Thanksgiving

...ans at home and abroad ...today to celebrate their ...ce of Thanksgiving. ...oned to hours of wor... ...thered before their fire... ...and prepared to eat ...t too much for comfort. ...were parades, football ...nd special attention to ...ortunate.

...r Gettysburg, Pa., farm ...resident and Mrs Eisen... ...were a symbol of the ...al celebration. With ...partake of a turkey din... ...some pleasant family ...their son, Maj. John ...er, daughter-in-law ...ir grandchildren.

And those in United States armed forces stationed throughout the world girded themselves for a turkey dinner and the trimmings.

In England, the American Society in London held its annual Thanksgiving banquet, while religious services were scheduled for American servicemen in the United Kingdom.

U.S. Ambassador S. Douglas Dillon read the president's Thanksgiving Day proclamation at non-denominational services in Paris.

SOLDIERS FETED

U.S. Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce read the proclamation at St. Paul's Protestant church in Rome.

In Korea, more than 30,000 American soldiers devoured a gourmet's dinner even though camped in bleak hills guarding the 2½-year-old armistice.

In Chicago the spirit of Thanksgiving was already evident in Judge Human Feldman's court yesterday as he faced 270 men from the skid road district. Judge Feldman freed the men of drunk charges. Then each man was given a ticket for a Thanksgiving Day dinner today at the Salvation Army headquarters.

Tourist Record Looms For B.C.

VICTORIA —Figures for the first 10 months of the year indicate a record tourist business for B.C. in 1955, Trade and Industry Minister Ralph Chetwynd said Wednesday.

The province, together with the rest of Canada, has had a 3.4 increase in the number of tourists so far this year, he said.

Mr. Chetwynd attributed the steady growth of the industry mainly to the improvements in tourist accommodations which represent a $100,000,000 investment.

Up to the end of October 261,163 out-of-province cars entered B.C., compared with 252,643 for the same period in 1954.

China To Invade Formosa If Talks With U.S. Fail

BERLIN —Chen Yi, deputy Chinese premier, is quoted as saying Red China will invade Formosa if negotiations with the United States break down.

His statement was made in an interview today by Junge Welt, East Germany's official youth newspaper.

Chen Yi lists the following "active" preparations for invasion:

1. Railroads are "rapidly" being built in the province of Fukien, on the mainland across from Formosa. Previously the province had no railroads.

2. "Numerous" airfields for jet planes are under construction on the coastline bordering Formosa.

3. "Numerous" ships are being built "in order to sail across to Formosa."

U.S. ambassador U. Alexis Johnson and Chinese ambassador Wang Ping-nan have been negotiating since Aug. 1 in Geneva on the release of American civilians from China and other differences between the two countries.

PERIODIC RELEASES

The only concrete result of the talks so far evident has been the progressive release of American prisoners by the Peiping regime.

Chen Yi insisted that Formosa, 110 miles off the coast of Communist China, is an integral part of China. The island is the home on of Chiang Kai-shek, whose Nationalist government fled from the Reds in 1949. Since then, Chiang has been governing the island with American backing.

Chen Yi declared there are only two ways of solving the Formosa question: 1. For U.S. forces to leave Formosa of their own "free will;" 2. "The second possibility that the U.S.A. does not want to leave Formosa of its own free will. Then we can free Formosa only with the force of arms."

Two Men Fined For Fighting

Leo Paul Boisil and John William Toma, who yesterday pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance by fighting were this morning found guilty of taking part in a brawl in a downtown cafe early yesterday morning.

The pair admitted fighting with two youths who came over to their booth in the cafe and pulled Toma' girl friend to the floor. The youths, Horace Voltatze and Leonard Parnell pleaded guilty to the disturbance charge yesterday and were fined $25 each.

Police evidence showed that the fight continued outside where arresting constables said they saw Boisil kicking Parnell in the back.

In convicting Boisil and Toma, Magistrate W. D. Vance, said that the pair had taken the law into their own hands, although he said "no doubt there was some provocation."

Boisil was fined $25 and costs or in default of payment sentenced to 14 days in jail. Toma received a $10 fine or a seven day sentence.

Examinations By WC Board Set January 26

A Workmen's Compensation Board travelling medical board will be in Prince Rupert January 26, J. S. Furness, secretary-treasurer of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council said today.

He said the WCB had informed the TLC that the examinations will include workmen as far east as Smithers. All workmen from Smithers and points west are to be brought into Prince Rupert for examination.

The WCB notice stated that it will be impossible for the examining board to see any workmen whose names are not submitted to the Vancouver WCB office by January 13. Examinations will be carried out in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.