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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Thursday, July 26, 1956.
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	3:03	19.6 feet
	15:38	19.3 feet
Low	9:20	3.7 feet
	21:39	6.0 feet

Maintenance Men Walk Off Job In Protest at Columbia Cellulose

More than 150 maintenance and yard employees at the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd. plant at Watson Island walked off the job at 8:30 a.m. today in protest of the company's failure to re-hire a bricklayer dismissed earlier this month.

Downing tools were millwrights, electricians, pipefitters, unloading and yard crews, instrument men, bricklayers, painters, carpenters, oilers, machinists and stores personnel who reported for work on day shift today and walked out half an hour later.

All are members of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (CLC-AFL) but the men walked off the job without instruction from the union.

At a general meeting of the local July 18, members expressed "bitter disapproval" over the July 10 dismissal of bricklayer Hugh Scullion, in what was termed as a "discrimatory" manner.

Meetings between the union's standing committee on grievances and company officials July 16 and yesterday failed to bring about a change in stand by either company or committee officials.

Still on the job at Watson Island are first aid men, guards, watchmen and safety men, and production crews.

At 1:30 p.m. today the union said it had advised production crews to remain on the job and a meeting of Local 708 membership has been called for 8 p.m. tonight at the Civic Centre.

J. G. Lewis, mill manager at Watson Island labelled the walkout, the first since the plant went into production, as "illegal," and said the strike was contrary to the union's contract with the company.

"Any grievance, if it exists, should be processed through standard grievance procedure," Mr. Lewis said. He added that negotiations to try to clear up the difficulty were continuing today despite the walkout.

"As far as the company is concerned the gate is wide open for any of those men who walked out this morning," the mill manager said.

50th BRITON KILLED

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters—A British airman was shot and killed in Limassol, southern Cyprus, today about 300 yards from his home. He was the 50th Briton to be killed since the outbreak of Cyprus terrorism.

"Strike Illegal" Says Mill Manager

Situation "Tense" In Jordan

Troops Firing Across Border

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan and Israelie troops are firing at each other across the demarcation line west of Jerusalem and the situation is "very tense," a Jordan military spokesman said today.

The spokesman said United Nations truce observers rushed to the scene following an urgent request from the Jordanian authorities.

He said Israeli positions opened fire from small and medium automatic weapons and three-inch mortars on three Jordan villages this morning.

Preliminary reports from Jordanian Army headquarters indicate the inhabitants of the villages and national guardsmen have suffered some casualties.

However, an Israeli Army spokesman in Jerusalem said Jordanians started firing on Israeli workers in the settlement of Mevaseret Yerushalayim. He said Israeli frontier police returned the fire and there were no casualties.

CHARGE VIOLATIONS

Only Tuesday Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the UN truce supervisor in Palestine, called on Israel and Jordan to refrain from military action in the Mount Scopus area northeast of Jerusalem. This followed a clash between Israeli and Jordan police on Mount Scopus and the wounding of two Canadian truce observers in a mine explosion.

The Israelis have charged Jordan with repeated violations of the Jordan - Israeli armistice agreement in recent weeks. Considerable excitement was caused in Jordan and other Arab capitals recently over reports that Israel was massing troops near the Israeli-Jordan border. The reports were not substantiated.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Mother and son took marriage partners Tuesday in a double ceremony. First Kenneth Laflam married Carol Ann Rolling. Attendants were the groom's mother, Mrs. Mildred Laflam, and Harry D. Badger. Later Mrs. Laflam married Barger, and the attendants were the son and his bride.

LIVING DANGEROUSLY, William Morris hangs precariously high above St. Louis streets as he puts a new halyard on the flagpole outside the Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson. Morris had a great deal of attention from a group of sidewalk superintendents who had a worm's-eye view of the whole process.

SURVEY SHOWS BIG INCOMES

Prince Rupert Rated High in Buying Power

Special to The Daily News

NEW YORK—Prince Rupert stands out as a vigorous, flourishing market with a level of income and spending above that of most sections of Canada.

The story is told in a new, copyrighted survey of buying power, covering the entire country, made by Sales Management.

Bigger incomes made it possible for local families to buy more and live better than those in most other areas in the past year. The evidence is seen in the volume of business done by the local retail stores in the period.

This retail activity, the survey shows, reached the high mark of $15,104,000, an increase over the previous year's $13,403,000.

It was a greater volume than was to be anticipated for a city of its size. It represented .1184 per cent of the national retail business although the local population is only .0614 per cent of the national.

The spending pattern, no longer to be considered a buying spree, reflects the economic changes of recent years. What were once costly luxuries, out of reach of most people, are now common conveniences. More people own electric refrigerators, washing machines and automobiles than ever before. They eat better and live better.

Locally, the chief factor in the bigger spending was the high earnings per family in 1955. The survey shows that Prince Rupert families had a combined income in the year, after personal taxes, of $15,371,000 compared with $13,803,000 in 1954.

The income figure, divided by the number of local families, shows net earnings of $5,400 per family in Prince Rupert. The figure is an arithmetical average.

It was more than was earned generally by families in Canada, $4,590.

Just how well individual communities stack up economically in comparison with others is brought out in a "quality index," which is a measure of purchasing ability. It is a rating based on size, incomes, sales and other factors. For Prince Rupert, the index rating is 146, or 46 per cent above the national average.

Test Case On Crabs Dismissed

Crown Unable To Fix Difference

Special to The Daily News

MASSET — A recommendation that the Department of Fisheries clarify the definition of a soft - shelled crab, was made here Friday by Stipendiary Magistrate Walter Middleton.

Magistrate Middleton was in the process of dismissing a charge of "being in possession of a soft-shelled crab" laid by the Fisheries Department against Robert Wylie of Masset.

More than 30 Masset residents crowded the Community hall, used for what the department called a "test case," when it was found that the police station would not hold all the spectators.

In dismissing the case, Magistrate Middleton said that the Crown, represented by W. N. Poole of Prince Rupert, hadn't established that the crabs found in Mr. Wylie's possession were soft-shelled.

He suggested that the Fisheries regulations be clarified "to the extent that a definition be formulated as to what constitutes a soft-shelled crab."

As it stands now there is no definition of a softshelled crab and it was brought out in evidence by defence counsel A. Bruce Brown, that even the Department of Fisheries is unable to agree where the demarcation line between hard and softshell crabs lies.

Centennial Committee Appointed

A committee of 22 Prince Rupert residents was appointed Monday to co-ordinate community activities when the city joins the rest of British Columbia in celebrating the province's centennial in 1958.

Mayor George E. Hills, nominal head of the committee, appointed Dr. R. G. Large as chairman. Included in the overall group are members appointed by the provincial centennial celebrations sub-committee.

These are W. C. Hankinson, ethnic and provincial organizations; Hugo Kraupner, tourist and promotion; Fred Jones, promotions and displays; James N. Forman, labor activities and John F. Magor, press, radio and television co-ordination.

Others, named by Mayor Hills Monday, were Alderman T. Norton Youngs, Ald. Kay Smith, C. Douglas Frizzell, W. J. Scott, Orme G. Stuart, Arthur Murray, R. H. S. Sampson, Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton, Mrs. John Laurie, Peter Wong, Anton Martinusen, Col. S. D. Johnston, Bishop H. G. Watts, A. Bruce Brown and Dr. Morris Wayman.

Squalls Spoil Whale Hunt

VANCOUVER (CP)—Squalls and heavy seas have jinxed British Columbia's six-vessel whaling fleet this year.

But officials of B.C. Packers, owners of the whale chasers, hope this season's catch will equal or exceed last year's catch of 600 whales.

A company spokesman said Tuesday the season this year started a month later than in 1955. This six-month season, April 15 to October 15, is set by the International Wrailng Commission.

IN THEIR OWN private pool three youngsters in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough escape the heat and have fun at the same time. Photographer Dick Cole of the Toronto Globe and Mail used a high speed camera which "froze" the water as they tossed it at each other. Left to right: Larry Steele, John Cole, and Joanne Downs. (CP Photo)

Thundershowers Give Relief To Fire-Ravaged Forests

EDMONTON (CP)—Thundershowers have given temporary relief to Alberta's fire-ravaged forests.

Downpours Tuesday helped check 20 fires burning in scattered areas west and northwest of here. But the public weather office in Edmonton said sunny weather will return to the fire areas today and winds could increase the fire hazard.

Firefighters, with the aid of showers, have gained the upper hand in their combat against fires, which threatened the tiny mining community of Mercoal, 40 miles northeast of Jasper.

Some of the town's 1,200 residents moved their belongings away when the fire at one time burned within three miles of the town. Others wrapped refrigerators and kitchen utensils in blankets and rags and buried them in the ground.

As the threat of fire diminished, many possessions were returned. An evacuation train, standing ready since Sunday, was recalled.

An emergency closure order Monday, the second in two months, barred the public from an area bounded roughly on the north by the Jasper-Edson highway, on the east and south by the North Saskatchewan River and on the west by the Rockies.

Apart from the fire, burning over a 13,000-acre area near Mercoal, 12 other fires, the majority started by lightning, were raging in remote districts in the Edson-Whitecourt area, 130 miles west and northwest of Edmonton. Many were difficult to reach.

Forester Checks "Worst Fire"

VANCOUVER (CP)—Chief Forester D. B. Taylor flew over Pender Island late Tuesday to get a closer look at one of the worst fires to sweep through British Columbia timber this year.

From a Beaver aircraft he watched more than 300 volunteers from neighboring islands battle the blaze, believed started by a cigaret.

At one stage RCN ships from Esquimalt navy base on Vancouver Island stood by to evacuate families from the fire area if the situation became dangerous.

However, the wind dropped and officials reported late Tuesday, "It's not as bad as we feared."

They said the fire was "just about under control."

More than 150,000 board feet of felled and bucked timber have been burnt on the Bowerman brothers' logging claim, and another 50 acres of standing timber destroyed since the fire started Monday night.

Residents Protest

DUNCAN, B.C. (CP)— Residents of Cowichan, Somenos and Westholme areas over whose land the B.C. Forest Products Ltd. pipeline will pass, will meet here Thursday to discuss what they consider maltreatment by the company.

J. A. Shaneman, spokesman for more than 30 landowners, said Tuesday there is general dissatisfaction with the prices B.C. Forest Products is paying for land and with the company's refusal to discuss other differences.

Police Patrol Strike-Hit Car Factory

BIRMINGHAM, England (CP)— Hundreds of police patrolled strike-hit Birmingham auto factories today following violence Tuesday.

The strike—marked so far by widespread disregard for the union's quit-work call—tightened today as more than 700 more workers did not report at plants of the British Motor Corporation.

Corporation officials said the number of men at work today was 22,512 or 705 less than Tuesday.

About 50,000 workers have been called by their union to strike in the British automobile industry's most serious labor turmoil for a generation.

Disregard of the strike call by half the workers Tuesday brought a mounting number of clashes. Mounted police broke through one picket line to clear the way for non-strikers reporting for work.

Hundreds of police, mounted and on foot, patrolled trouble spots outside the factories today as union leaders intensified efforts to spread the stoppage.

The unions involved, called out workers employed by BMC, Britain's biggest car combine, to protest the dismissal of 6,000 men without compensation or warning.

Two Officers From LRB Set To Come Here

The Prince Rupert-Smithers area of the province will have the services of two Labor Relations officers in the near future, Labor Minister Lyle Wicks said this morning.

In a telephone call from Victoria this morning with E. P. O'Neal, president of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers' (CLC-AFL) Mr. Wicks said that his department planned to appoint a replacement for M. A. Carrico, ex-LRO from Smithers and would supplement this appointment with another official, whose offices would be at Terrace.

Recently, the pulpworkers' union protested to the provincial labor department over the lack of a replacement for Mr. Carrico, now with Alcan at Kitimat.

Firemen Called To Shop Fire

Firemen called to the Style Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor, 345 Third Avenue West, at 10:20 this morning, quickly extinguished a fire in a small cardboard box.

Mrs. Pearl Morberg, alarmed by the smell of burning while working in the store, carried the box out to the street, slightly singeing her hair.

BEARS SCARE PIGS

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP)—Farmer Louis Gladfish of Keremeos reports that two of his three pigs are missing following a raid by two bears on a pig-pen Monday night. The other pig was badly scared, Mr. Gladfish said Tuesday. He said he shot the smaller of the two raiders.

ACT CHANGES WILL LET INDIAN BUY LIQUOR IN LEGAL MANNER

OTTAWA (CP)—Citizenship Minister Pickersgill said Tuesday night a proposed change in the Indian Act will enable Indians to buy liquor legally instead of from bootleggers.

He said in the Commons he knows that "far too many" Indians buy liquor illegally.

Any extension of liquor rights, however, would be subject to approval by provincial liquor authorities.

Mr. Pickersgill outlined the change in opening debate on a bill to make several amendments in the act.

He said several provinces have taken advantage of a 1951 amendment under which provinces can take the initiative in permitting Indians to drink liquor in public places. They were British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba and also the Yukon. But that did not bring Indians under other provisions of provincial liquor laws.

The new measure would allow Indians to be brought under all terms of provincial liquor laws. Any Indian band opposed to that could establish a form of local option on their reserve.

Seafarer To Call It Quits When Present Cruise Over

Seafaring heart-patient Paul Pastall, blew into town again Monday, still benumbed by the shellacking he took from wind and weather on a trip in his 14-foot auxiliary sailing boat between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan and back.

The 64-year-old American, who earlier this month described his experiences on the voyage he took from Orcas Island, Wash., to Prince Rupert, says that he is now cured of his adventurous tendencies and "would not take this trip again for $10,000."

BOAT ADRIFT

Poor recuperation for his ailing heart was an experience he had one night when he awoke to find his boat adrift instead of being comfortably tied up as he had left it when he went to sleep.

Hauling on the mooring line, Mr. Pastall discovered the anchor missing.

After some hours spent tossing uncontrollably near jagged rocks, he managed to beat his way back to the nearest land. And there, in the first light of dawn, lying below 18 feet of water, was Mr. Pastall's lost anchor.

After fishing it up, he set out on a side-trip up Portland canal. From there he crawled through increasing gales to Prince Rupert, arriving here Monday evening.

He left for the south this morning.

Mr. Pastall said he is looking forward to seeing Prince Rupert again but next time it will be from the deck of a large, comfortably-appointed steamer.

Juveniles Placed On Probation

A charge of breaking, entering and theft brought sentences of one year's probation to two 11-year old boys in juvenile court this morning.

Police told Magistrate W. D. Vance that the Boys had taken cigarettes, chocolate, pens and chewing gum from the Kaien Consumer Co-Operative Association store on Seventh Avenue East June, 24.

Two U.S. Vessels Land Halibut

Two U.S. boats landed catches at Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange this morning. With prices for medium, large and chicken given in brackets, they were:

Aleutian 55,000 pounds (27.6; 24; 14) to B.C. Packers; Sunset 55,000 pounds (27.5; 24; 14) to Atlin Fisheries.

WEATHER

Cloudy with sunny periods today and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Winds reaching 25 during the afternoon. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 52 and 65.

B.C. AUTHOR HONORED

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — The Banff School of Fine Arts and the University of Alberta has presented awards for contributions to music, letters and painting to Roderick Haig-Brown of Campbell River, author and naturalist.

MLA Refutes Statement By CNR Spokesman

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE — Frank Howard, Skeena MLA today re-iterated charges that the Prince Rupert-Terrace-Kitimat train was a "sweatbox for passengers" and cited two recent personal experiences on the line to back his claims.

Mr. Howard described the train as being "unbearably hot" and that "passengers crowded out to the vestibule to get a breath of fresh and cool air" July 1 and that three of the five cars on July 19 "were like an oven."

Referring to a statement of a Canadian National Railway spokesman that the cars "while not new, are air-conditioned comfortable and considered adequate," Mr. Howard said:

"I would say this CNR spokesman, whoever he is, doesn't know what he is talking about.

"This CNR statement is just another example of an absentee agent blindly trying to protect his company without any knowledge of the situation."

In an official reply, following Mr. Howard's statements, the CNR said that the cars on the Prince Rupert-Kitimat run are iced and fully serviced daily at Prince Rupert and cleaned when they arrive at Kitimat.

The railway company pointed out that first class tickets were not sold on the run—only lower-priced coach-class fares.

"Although service and train crews do their best to maintain good service on the line, there are many occasions when rowdiness prevails—even to the extent that in recent weeks, a CNR constable has been travelling aboard the train at all times," A CN spokesman said.

Station Here Not Carrying Toronto Fight

Canada's biggest fight in years, the heavyweight bout between top contender Archie Moore and unranked James J. Parker in Toronto, scheduled for tonight at about 7 p.m. PDT will be carried only on Dominion network stations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

It will not be heard over CFPR, a Trans-Canada network station, W. C. Hankinson, station manager said this morning.

Prince Rupert residents may be able to hear the blow-by-blow description of the bout by tuning Dominion network stations CHWK, Chilliwack (1207 kilocycles); CJOR, Vancouver (600 kilocycles) or CJVI Victoria (900 kilocycles).