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One dies as CNR train hits rockslide, plunges down canyon

Communications halted 12 hours

VANCOUVER (CP)—A rail worker was fatally injured Thursday night when two locomotives and seven cars of a 107-car Canadian National Railways freight train were derailed at a rockslide sir miles east of Boston Bar in the Fraser Canyon.

The dead man was identified by CNR officials as Andy Tannassee, 34, of Kamloops. He was pinned in the first engine as it plunged 60 feet down an embankment to the edge of the river. He died shortly afterward from his injuries.

The other two crew members are believed to have escaped injury, officials said. The second engine, which caught fire in the accident did not carry any crew.

It was the second rail accident in B.C. in less than a week. About 20 persons suffered minor injuries when a CPR transcontinental passenger train struck a rockslides Sunday near Haig, 90 miles east of here.

CNR officials said an investigation has been launched into the Thursday night accident. The train was eastbound.

The derailment occurred at 9:15 p.m. and caused a "total wire failure" of CN telegraph communications, including Canadian Press traffic to Prince Rupert, Prince George and Kitimat. The wire has now been restored.

(The Prince Rupert Daily News was without wire service all night and first telegraphs did not start coming into tre News' office until early this afternoon.)

THE ITALIAN freighter MV Napoli sailed late Wednesday afternoon from the Canadian Government elevator with a cargo of 9,705 tons of No. 1 and No. 2 barley for the United Kingdom. The Napoli arrived here November 11. —Photo by Eric S. Martin.

Reds hope to stop refugees

BERLIN (AP)— Communist East Germany and West Germany today signed an agreement guaranteeing freedom of German civilian traffic in and out of isolated West Berlin, authoritative sources reported.

The guarantee is part of a new inter-zonal trade agreement between the two countries.

Authoritative sources said that East Germany agreed, after initial resistance, to have the traffic-freedom clause included in an amendment to the pact.

An official announcement to the agreement was expected this afternoon.

FEARS EASED

Word of the agreement eased fears about a tightening of the Communist squeeze on the 2,200,000 West Berliners. But it did not affect the question of control of the Western Allies supply lines to their garrisons in the divided city. The Russians are expected to begin turning these controls over to the East Germans soon.

A high West Berlin official said the East Germans had shown definite readiness to reach an understanding on trade between the two parts of Germany.

"This is a positive sign of relief of tension," the official said.

BORDER CLOSED?

West Berlin officials had foreseen a possibility that the East Germans, as part of the developing squeeze on West Berlin, would close the border between the two halves of the city and require a passport to cross it.

Drawing an international frontier through the centre of the divided city would slam shut an escape hatch through which more than 1,000,000 East Germans have fled. About 400 West Berliners fled Friday.

Stopping this refugee flow appears to be one of the major objectives of Nikita Khrushchev's efforts to drive the Western allies from Berlin. The Soviet premier demanded November 20 that the United States, Britain and France withdraw their occupation troops.

ALLIES TO STAY

The allies refuse to abandon West Berlin to the Communists surrounding it. They also refuse to deal with the Communist East German government but might have to if, as expected, the Russians give them control over allied road, rail and air traffic into Berlin.

East Germany is expected to try to use occupation powers given it by the Russians to force the allies into stopping may underground refugee activities. But the Russians and East Germans have denounced West Berlin as a spy centre.

WELCOME BACK—Affectionate hug which Roberta Jones, 10, of Vancouver gives her snowman probably has something to do with fact it had been such a long time since she was able to make one. Snowfall which made possible the creation of Roberta's friend was first of any size Vancouver had seen since March 12, 1957. —CP Photo.

Briggs urges Gaglardi to leave government

KAMLOOPS (CP)—Former BC. Power Commission chief H. Lee Briggs suggested Thursday night that Highway Minister Gaglardi would be a good person to make a bipartisan check of Mr. Briggs' charges against the provincial government.

Speaking in the home town of the Highways Minister, he also said Mr. Gaglardi would be "well advised" to cross the floor of the legislature to the opposition benches.

Mr. Briggs was speaking to the Kamloops Board of Trade in his second address in as many nights carrying his attack on the government's fiscal and power policies to the people. He addressed the Vernon Board of Trade Wednesday night.

Mr. Briggs, who was fired by the Power Commission last Friday, told trade board members they should advise their members to revolt against the government. Eventually, he said, Mr. Gaglardi would "thank you for it."

"Certain leaders of the present government are far off base," Mr. Briggs said "Tell your member he would be well advised to cross the floor of the legislature."

He praised the church work of Mr. Gaglardi, who is pastor of the new $150,000 Calvary Temple here. But Mr. Briggs charged Premier Bennett with "making statements directly contrary to the truth, and allowing improper things to go on in the province."

"We may or may not be of the same faith of Mr. and Mrs. Gaglardi but their work, to the best of my knowledge, has been outstanding."

But as their member, Mr. Gaglardi should try to establish who is telling the truth, the Premier or Mr. Briggs.

Gaglardi says Briggs untruthful

VANCOUVER (CP)—Highways Minister Phil Gaglardi said Thursday he is "satisfied that there is no truth in the allegations of H. Lee Briggs."

Mr. Gaglardi said he has received all the facts on B.C. Power Commission refinancing plans in a letter from Dr. Jack Fisher, economic adviser to the government. "I wanted personal satisfaction because I don't care what the Premier or other cabinet ministers say," he said.

He then read to reporters a letter which said that "no plans of any kind had ever been finalized" and that "schemes had been only sketched out for guidance to trends."

Mr Gaglardi said Mr. Fisher's letter satisfied him that Mr. Briggs was not telling the truth. The Highways Minister said he would answer the Briggs charges "in detail" at Kamloops, probably next Sunday.

Municipalities seek changes in financing

VICTORIA (CP)—A joint committee of municipal and provincial government officials was set up Thursday following a submission to the cabinet by the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

Wesley Black, Muncipal Affairs Minister, will be chairman of the committee to study a complete revision of Provincial-Municipal financing as outlined in the UBCM brief to the cabinet.

The basic proposal is that the provincial government pay for all services to the people—Education, health and welfare—and the civic governments look after services to property—fire, police, sanitations, water and sewer services.

The brief also asked the provincial government to enforce the 1957 Local Services Act, which would ensure "orderly and co-ordinated development of unorganized territory."

To establish a water resources commission, on the lines of the B.C. Power Commission, to co-ordinate surveys, planning and development of water resources for hydroelectric power, for domestic and industrial use and for irrigation purposes.

To discontinue exemption of Pacific Great Eastern railway property from municipal taxation.

Dragging for body halted

Rough bottom of the Prince Rupert harbor which ranges in depth from 20 to 40 fathoms and up to 20 fathoms again in a series of gullies, has halted dragging operations for the body of a 46-year-old fisherman.

RCMP at Prince Rupert subdivision said today that they had restricted their search for Thor Bjornson to inquiries as to when he was last seen.

According to police estimates Mr. Bjornson's gillnetter the "Sez-You" must have grounded on the rocky shore of the Tsimpsean peninsula across the harbor from the old drydock site about 7 p.m. Monday.

So far as can be gathered Mr. Bjornson must have left Curley's Boat yard on the Prince Rupert side of the harbor about 6 p.m. Monday, planning to go for a short run. Police said that there was a light wind which could have driven the gillnetter ashore where it was found.

Dragging operations were called off due to the rough bottom and the fact that since police have no idea where the missing man went into the water, it would mean covering a tremendous area of the harbor.

Mrs. F. Cade dies at 71

Mrs. Florence Cade, 71, wife of city pioneer Dr. J. P. Cade, died in Vancouver General Hospital Wednesday, it was learned here today.

Mrs. Cade was taken to Vancouver by her husband about a month ago to receive medical attention.

She came to Prince Rupert with Mr. Cade in 1910.

Mr. Cade was a medical health officer here for several years and was the first person to receive the Alex Hunter citizenship award.

Beside her husband Mrs. Cade is survived by two sons, Arthur in Vancouver and John in Williams Lake and one daughter Mrs. Geraldine English in Victoria.

Union invites Briggs to address public meeting in Prince Rupert

H. Lee Briggs, fired from his position as manager of the B.C. Power Commission, has been invited to address a public meeting at Prince Rupert in the near future.

The invitation came from the political education committee of local 708, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

Mr. Briggs has not so far replied to the invitation.

A general meeting of the union local has endorsed the committe'es action.

Mr. Briggs accused the B.C. government and Premier Bennett of juggling the commission finances for political purposes.

He has repeated the accusation several times, and last week was fired.

He has issued a number of public statements in support of his allegations.

The local's committee stated today: "The accusations of Mr. Briggs against the present government warrant the broadest public attention and scrutiny.

"It is the duty of the trade union movement, representing the largest section of the public, to enable the highly-regarded public power expert to state his case to as large an audience as possible."

The committee will attempt to arrange for Mr. Briggs to address other meetings in the area, and seeks the co-operation of other labor groups for this purpose.

The local's political education committee comprises Robert Player, A. McCready, G. Perry, William Toderas and Harry Quick.

BONNER PLANS OTTAWA TRIP FOR FREIGHT RATES MEETING

VICTORIA (CP)—Attorney-General Bonner said Thursday he expects to attend a federal cabinet meeting in Ottawa Monday to discuss cancellation of a 17-per-cent freight rate increase granted by the board of transport commissioners last Monday.

He said political leaders of other provinces will also attend, but an anticipated meeting of provincial premiers to discuss the subject has not yet been called. "The federal cabinet has moved so swiftly in this matter, such a meeting cannot be held prior to the date of the cabinet meeting," he said.

Bigger federal allowance sought for Indian students

Suggestion that the Department of Indian Affairs contribute more to the pupil allowance for the education of Indian children attending Queen Charlotte Island schools, was made during meetings of school representatives at Masset, Queen Charlotte City, Sandspit and Port Clements.

Meetings were held to elect trustees to the Queen Charlotte Island District 50 school board.

Representatives felt that the present rate of $15 per month for a pupil's education was not sufficient and it should be increased to $30.

Also discussed was the possibility of building students dormitories at Queen Charlotte City or Masset so that children from distant parts of the islands will be able to take advantage of high school facilities at Queen Charlotte City and Masset.

At the Sandspit meeting E. F. McWilliams was re-elected for a two year term while Andrew McKecknie was elected for a one-year term.

At Masset Robert Wylie was re-elected for a two year term.

At Port Clements, Alfred Ward former District 50 school board chairman was re-elected for a two-year term and at Queen Charlotte City Holger Hedquist was re-elected to the board for two years.

Continuing trustees are William Coop of Masset and Harry Tarlisky, Queen Charlotte City.

District superintendent of schools J. M. Phillipson attended all the meetings.

Ex-chief's wife dies in Vancouver

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gammon, widow of former Prince Rupert police chief Ernest Gammon were held November 5 in Vancouver. Mrs. Gammon, died November 2.

She was a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Branch 28 in Nelson, B.C. and a member of the Zarah Temple, Daughters of the Nile.

Funeral services were held at Simmons and McBride funeral chapel, Vancouver with Rev. N. J. Southcott officiating. Cremation followed and burial took place in Ocean View cemetery.

Mrs. Gammon is survived by one daughter Miss Gladys Gammon at home in Vancouver.

Common assault charge

Perry McKay, 34, of Prince Rupert entered a plea of not guilty through counsel Willa Ray in city police court this morning on a charge of common assault.

McKay is alleged to have assaulted George Washington May in his taxi on October 16.

Mr. May told Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite that he was driving McKay to 960 First Avenue West and on the way McKay started to argue with him about his age.

He said that when he had reached his destination, McKay got out of the car and struck him across the chest with his fist.

The case continued this afternoon.

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Terrace hotelman named director

VANCOUVER (CP) — Burnaby hotel operator J. J. Custock Thursday was elected to his third term as president of the B.C. Hotels Association.

Provincial directors include E. C. Sargent, Terrace and Harry Brown, Prince George.

Ald. Kay Smith not standing for civic elections Dec. 11

Two of this year's council members and a former city mayor will seek aldermanic seats on the city council in the forthcoming civic elections December 11, it was learned today.

Preparing to file nomination papers before the December 1 deadline are Alderman T. Norton Youngs, Alderman Darrow Gomez and George E. Hills.

The election is to fill three two-year terms and one one-year terms as aldermen of the council.

Alderman Kay Smith said today that she will not be running for a seat.

Mrs. Smith said "I have been on the council for six years and would now like a rest from the heavy duties."

Another of this year's councillmen, Alderman A. Donald Ritchie is out of town and could not be questioned.

Alderman Youngs was expected to file nomination papers this afternoon.

"We have plenty of work now underway and I would like to continue on with it", he said.

Alderman Gomez said "We have a job to do and might as well get it finished".

Still with one year to serve are, Alderman Norman Bellis and Alderman R. G. Large.

There is no mayoral contest this year.

Only one person has indicated they will seek a seat on District 52 School Board where three seats will be vacated.

Trustee Mrs. A. L. Bell said today that she will run for election on the board.

Trustee K. F. Harding is out of town and Trustee Robert Kelsey was not available for questioning.

A. J. Dominato, J. B. Davis and William Homenuk will serve one more year on the board.

Packers win in fourth Moscow game

LONDON (AP) — Kelowna Packers today won their first game in their exhibition hockey series in Moscow, defeating a junior team 4-3.

Moscow radio reported that the Packers, who had lost one and tied two of their previous encounters in the Russian capital, broke loose for three goals in the second period and then held off a Russian drive that netted two goals in the final period for the win.

Frank Howard UN observer

OTTAWA — Frank Howard, MP for Skeena, has been delegated to attend the United Nations as a parliamentary observer.

Mr. Howard will leave Ottawa Monday for New York where the United Nations is meeting and will continue there as an observer throughout the second half of the session.

Parliamentary observers are selected from among the parties represented in the House of Commons and Mr. Howard has been chosen to represent the CCF party.

Sommers freed pending appeal

VANCOUVER (CP) — Robert Sommers, former forests minister was released today from Oakalla Prison Farm on $24,000 bail. Sommers is appealing his conviction on charges of conspiracy and bribery in connection with forest management licences. One of the provisions of his release is that Sommers doesn't leave British Columbia. He disappeared into the United States in October, 1957, during his slander suit against Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy. The appeal is scheduled to be heard early in February.

TORONTO (CP)—Leading Canadian swimmers from Vancouver and Victoria are on a swimming team from the Toronto suburb of Etobicoke going on a West German tour.

Marg Iwasaki of Vancouver and Bob Wheaton of Victoria are on the team.

The club has raised $1,500 towards the $4,500 transportation cost and is appealing for more.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with occasional sunny periods today and Saturday. A few showers mostly along the mainland. Little change in temperature. Winds southwesterly 15. Low tonight and high Saturday 35 and 45.

TIDES—

Saturday, Nov. 22, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:45	10.7 feet
	23:27	17.8 feet
Low	04:33	8.3 feet
	17:22	6.1 feet