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HOLMES MISHAP

James, 70-year-old, who was taken to hospital on Christmas Eve with injuries sustained in a traffic mishap on the main highway near the bridge last night.

He was injured when he stepped from the curb near the intersection of Fourth Street and the highway, and a passing taxi struck him.

Mr. Holmes came to the city in 1911, settling at Edmonston in the Cana- out of the outbreak of the World War and served in the military after the Armis-

with the 63rd and 10th, C.E.F., and was original members of the Prince Rupert Branch, Cana-

returned to Can- in 1918, and came to Prince Rupert. He has been continuously since as a longshore-

the outbreak of the World War.

the war, he was em- a civilian guard, the hired when the Army came to Prince Ru-

survived by his wife at Avenue West, and Mrs. H. Holmes, B.C., Mrs. George in Bounty, Sask., and Blitch, of Edmon- two married sisters in-

eral will be held Satur-

WEATHER

Synopsis

than four inches of rain on the west coast of the Island in the past 24 hours. The result of a Pacific low moving into the British Columbia coast, strong winds which have driven the coastal waters will be by this afternoon.

and snow flurries have at several of the in- during the night, have prevented any drop in temperatures.

on the coast will be recovery during the day. Weather is expect- continue through New Year as moist Pacific air to pour into the prov-

temperatures will be near normal in most

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte and North Coast—Cloudy, overcast and showery on Thursday. Winds from 15 to 20 over the Queen. Temperatures normal, night and highs 40 to 45. Prince Rupert—Cloudy with snow flurries to 20 on Thursday. Winds south- in the Prince George decreasing to light this evening. Light winds else- Temperatures normal, night and highs Thurs- 40 to 45, and 30, Prince 10 and 30, Smithers 15 and 20, Telegraph Creek 10 and

1947 In CANADA

JANUARY

- 1—Canadian Citizenship Act becomes law.
 - 7—Hon. J. A. Mathieson, 83, former chief justice and former Conservative premier of Prince Edward Island, dies at Charlottetown.
 - 10—Fire at Goose Bay, Labrador, \$2,000,000 damage.
 - 11—Government lifts price controls on wide list of goods and services. Controls retained on food, clothing, fuel and rent.
 - 17—Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, 63, dies of heart ailment at Romana Convent, Alhambra, Calif.; Rev. Dr. W. J. Clark, 96, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church, dies at Montreal.
 - 19—Prices Board announces upward revision in prices of automobiles, leather goods and restaurant meals.
 - 21—Prices Board announces revised price ceilings on copper, lead and zinc.
 - 24—Government announces revocation of orders in council permitting deportation of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin.
 - 30—Canada demands larger part in peace-making in memorandum to special deputies of the Big Four in London; third session of the 20th parliament opens at Ottawa; Fred Rose, Labor-Progressive member, for Montreal Cartier, serving six years for espionage, expelled from House.
 - 31—Prices Board announces price increases in clothing, cottons, soaps, oils and fats; Royal Commission report on coal tabled in House.
- #### FEBRUARY
- 9—Strike of Noranda (Que.) Mines ends on 79th day.
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When the clock's enthusiastic hands wend their way to 12 Midnight . . . and the bells intone the New Year . . . resounding throughout your home or that party you are attending . . . the Daily News joins your friends in wishing you a New Year full of happiness, attainment and good health.

SHIP HITS MONSTER IN ATLANTIC

NEW YORK (CP)—Capt. J. Fordan of the Grace Line steamer Santa Clara reported today by radio that his ship struck a "sea monster" in the Atlantic off the North Carolina coast.

The water around was blood red and it was assumed the steamship cut the monster in two. The visible part of the body was about 35 feet long. The creature's head appeared about 2 1/2 feet across, two feet thick and five feet long.

VANCOUVER 'MOVIE' FLOPS, POLICE HUNTING FAKE "PRODUCTION MAN"

VANCOUVER, B.C.—A pseudo-Hollywood promotion man, who posed as Frank Capra Jr., and talked of a \$2,000,000 movie production which he "promised B.C.," gave police the slip Monday.

He was a partly-bald, dapper type of man and said that the movie would be filmed here, featuring a prominent Vancouver family and starring John Wayne, Claire Trevor and Jack Holt Jr.

"Dad" (Frank Capra sr.) would do it, he said, and it would be a technical extravaganza.

The hoax was disclosed when a telephone call to Hollywood revealed that Capra Jr. was 11 years old and not "balding."

The man replied certain interests in Hollywood were "jealous" and were trying to block the project.

He called for newspaper reporters, but disappeared before they arrived.

'Mystery Plague' Found To Be 'Flu'

SAN FRANCISCO (CP)—"Virus X" which has made 200,000 persons ill in the Los Angeles area during the last few days has been identified as "type A" influenza, a common and mild form.

The health department said that a positive "type A" flu is present in the area, also many cases of epidemic nausea, so-called "two-day flu" and common cold.

TOMORROW'S TIDES			
Thursday, January 1, 1948			
High	4:57	20.0 feet	
	16:49	19.9 feet	
Low	10:51	7.9 feet	
	23:19	4.1 feet	

1947 In Prince Rupert

JANUARY

- 1—Mayor Nora E. Arnold, Prince Rupert's first woman mayor, assumed office.
- 9—The city's will-o'-the-wisp "Coal-bin prowler," who had been terrorizing the area near McBride Street, struck three times during the night, stole nothing and eluded the police.
- 14—Mayor Arnold and Alderman Youngs left for Victoria in an effort to have the provincial government approve the city's intended action in using sinking fund money for street rehabilitation.
- 30—Temperature in Prince Rupert dropped to four degrees below zero, the lowest since 1916.

FEBRUARY

- 3—The thermometer "soared" above freezing point for the first time in more than a week. Maximum was 32.5 degrees.
 - 4—Seven Port Essington people, five adults and two children, were drowned in the Skeena River when their boat was overturned by the ice.
 - 4—A 50-mile an hour south-east gale blew down the Exhibition building at Roosevelt Park.
 - 10—The first passenger train to arrive in Prince Rupert stopped here after being held up by snowslides along the Skeena River.
 - 23—The Evening Empire, Prince Rupert's pioneer newspaper, ceased publication after 40 years, being merged with the Daily News.
- #### MARCH
- 5—Purchase of the military wing of the Prince Rupert

General Hospital for \$5,642 was announced at the annual meeting of the hospital association.

12—Plans for the construction of a \$15,000,000 textile pulp mill at Port Edward by the Celanese Corporation of America were announced by Hon. E. T. Kenney, provincial minister of lands.

15—Bo - Me - Hi basketball team returned to the city from Vancouver where they took part in the provincial high school hoop tournament.

APRIL

- 3—Leading Cadet Albert Eynolson was chosen to represent Prince Rupert's Corps in a proficiency competition which had as its prize a trip to England on H.M.C.S. Warrior.
- 10—The Canadian cruiser Uganda and destroyer Crescent docked here on a two-day visit.
- 25—The Clapp Block, Shortridge Apartments and an army garage were destroyed by a fire which left 32 people homeless during the night.
- 29—More than 50 halibut boats left Prince Rupert for the banks as the 1947 season opened. They represented the L-to-Z section of the fleet.

MAY

- 6—Canadian Pacific Air Lines were preparing to enter scheduled service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert.
- 7—Closed for two months by a snow slide at Kwinitsa, traffic on the Skeena River Highway was resumed after snow clearing operations had been completed.
- 9—The halibut boat Yankee Boy brought in the first halibut.

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The WORLD In 1947

JANUARY

- 1—Nationalization of British coal mines effective.
 - 2—Violence flares in Jerusalem.
 - 4—Vast storm in Pacific over 250,000 causes property damage, no casualties.
 - 5—43 killed when Chinese airliner crashes near Tsingtao.
 - 7—Secretary of State Byrnes resigns, effective Jan. 10.
 - 13—Privy Council upholds projected bill to make Supreme Court of Canada final court of appeal in Dominion.
 - 15—Britain and France to conclude military alliance.
 - 16—Vincent Auriol elected first president of Fourth French Republic.
 - 17—Texts of peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and Finland released by Big Four Council.
 - 21—Gen. George C. Marshall sworn in as U. S. secretary of state.
 - 21—British women and children ordered evacuated from Palestine.
- #### FEBRUARY
- 4—Evacuation convoys of British women and children move out of Jerusalem.
 - 6—Ellen Wilkinson, 55, minister of education in British Labor government, dies at London.
 - 10—Four million jobless in British fuel crisis, drastic electricity cuts put into effect; peace treaties with Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland signed by Allies.
 - 12—Wartime co-operation of Canada and United States for North American defence to be continued, during peace.
 - 15—Fifty-three killed when Colombian airliner crashes on El Tapiazo Cliff en route from Baranquilla to Bogota.
 - 17—British Royal family land

Kai-Shek Hits Out At Soviet

Implies U.S.S.R. Helping Communist Forces in China

NANKING, (CP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek charged today that China's "present Communist menace comes as much from without as from within"—plainly implying that Soviet Russia is helping the Chinese Reds.

"Unless this is checked," he said, "it will cause the downfall of the nation, make unity impossible and reduce the people to serfs."

The reference, first from so high a source directed at often reported but unconfirmed Russian help, was the Chinese leader's only mention of foreign influence in China's civil war.

KEEP OUT OF ATOMIC AREA WARNS U.S.

WASHINGTON, (CP)—The United States put all countries on notice today to keep their ships and people out of Eniwetok atomic weapons testing area, starting a month from now.

The notice said "hazards" will exist in the 39,000 square mile area surrounding the Pacific. There is little fear of unsanctioned observation, with the possibility of long-range peeping pretty much confined to ships or submarines. New atomic weapons will be tested on the highly secret cluster of coral islands.

Sawmill Operator And Ruffed Car Missing In Terrace District

Bert Albertson of Doreen and Rotary Car Last Seen Christmas Eve—Search Parties Out

The "lucky" car, raffled by the Prince Rupert Rotary Club on December 12, may have brought ill-luck to H. (Bert) Albertson of Doreen, who has been missing since he drove the vehicle out of Terrace on Christmas Eve.

Provincial police from Terrace today and Helge

KING'S SPEECH SAVES INTERIOR MAN FROM DEATH

CEDARVALE—King George VI's Christmas Day speech to the Empire will ring long in the ears of B. Bright of this interior village. Mr. Bright's interest in the royal words saved him from possible injury or death.

Mr. Bright arose from his bed in an upper floor room of his home at 6 a.m. on Christmas Day and hurried through the deep snow to Henry Wilson's home to hear the royal broadcast.

When the broadcast was over, he left the Wilson home to return to his home only to find that the whole upper storey had collapsed under the weight of 49 inches of wet snow, most of which had fallen during the night.

In the pancaked debris was the bed which he had left only an hour before.

HOLY LAND WAR TOLL MOUNTING

JERUSALEM, (CP)—Six persons died in the Holy Land today as Jews and Arabs continued their war. These killings raised to 487 the toll in Palestine since November 29.

In Tel Aviv a young Jew was found shot to death in a park. Three Jews—one a young newsboy delivering copies of the Zionist paper—and an Arab were killed in isolated outbreaks of violence in Jerusalem. The death of a British constable, wounded in a bombing in Jerusalem several days ago, accounted for the day's sixth fatality.

Abdul Ader Hussein Bay, cousin of the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem and chief organizer of the Arab armed forces in Palestine, claims to have 100,000 men under arms and recruiting an average of 300 daily. Bey disclaims responsibility for any of the Arabs' guerrilla activities during the past month.

NOT PUBLISHING TOMORROW

In observance of New Year's Day, the Daily News will not be published tomorrow. The next edition will be published Friday.

MELBOURNE, Australia (CP)—When a Melbourne artist announced recently that he wanted a crew of 20 to accompany him on a world cruise in an 80-foot ketch, he received 520 applicants, 30 of whom were women. No women were taken.

Sorensen. Albertson's sawmill partner, are joining in a search covering 28 miles between Usk and Doreen, east of Terrace for the missing man.

The area is deeply blanketed with snow, which was falling in a virtual blizzard on the night of December 24, when Albertson left Terrace in the shiny, new car to return to his home 35 miles eastward.

HUNT STARTED ON TUESDAY

Apprehension for Albertson was not felt until yesterday, when his partner attempted to telephone him from Smithers. Sorensen thought his partner had remained in Terrace rather than attempt to drive the snow-covered mountain road.

Terrace people, who saw him leave the village at 5:30 p.m. December 24, believed that he had arrived safely at Doreen.

Albertson was driving the automobile he and Sorensen had purchased from Mrs. Mary R. Franks, after she won it in the Prince Rupert Rotary Club raffle on December 12.

Terrace and the upper Skeena Valley were in the grip of the season's worst blizzard when the lumberman headed eastward.

Lloyd Johnson, Terrace storekeeper, saw Albertson drive from town at 5:30 p.m. The man was later seen seven miles east, at Copper River by a Public Works crew, and at 9 o'clock he was observed passing Usk.

ARE COVERING ENTIRE ROUTE

Following his partner's telephone call yesterday, a search was organized from both ends of the district. Sorensen set out this morning from Doreen with horses and sleigh, heading westward, while Constables Ted Brue and Robert Rogers headed east.

The two policemen left Terrace on a freight train last night, going as far as Usk. This morning, they set out from there on snowshoes over the snow-banked highway.

Public Works crews have plowed the highway seven miles east of Terrace, but they say it will take more than two days to clear the remaining 23 miles to Doreen.

Nothing In Sight To Stop Price Rise

WASHINGTON (CP)—Wholesale United States prices edged near the all-time crest of May, 1920, and economists say nothing is in sight to stop the rise.

The index figure of 162.5 was recorded December 20.

U.F.A.W.U.

New Year's Eve Dance

• Modern and Old-Time •

ODDFELLOWS' HALL

Dancing 10-2

Admission \$1

New Year's Eve Frolic

CIVIC CENTRE

Tickets at W. F. STONE, MACEY'S, CIVIC CENTRE