

Holiday Traffic Already Taking Death Toll

Here—
Holiday To Mark
as In Prince Rupert

ing up is a week-end that outclasses all others only will there be Christmas but also a full days—or practically that—in which to enjoy at occasion, and regain sufficient strength to normal duties Wednesday.

Traction Strike
Ties Cleveland

CLEVELAND — A surprise strike of 4200 transit workers stopped street cars and buses, snarled traffic and crimped last-minute Christmas shopping. The walk-out caught police and commuters flat-footed. Thousands were left stranded at car stops and other thousands were grinding along bumper to bumper in automobiles hastily pressed into service.

The dispute centres around a demand by the transit union (American Federation of Labor) for continuance of 96 hours' pay for two weeks' vacation.

FINED FOR BUS
OVERLOADING

As a result of a recent police check-up, Watson Island Stages Limited were fined \$10 in city police court yesterday on each of two charges of overloading buses. Police entered the buses as they were coming in on the highway and found that vehicles driven by Andrew Blomberg and Ernest Kennedy each had two more passengers than permitted. The charges were admitted.

SON OF "Rajah"
PLANE VICTIM

SAVANNAH, Georgia—Lt. Rogers Hornsby, son of the famous professional baseball player, was one of the eleven victims of the United States Air Force plane which crashed and burned in a marsh near here Thursday night.

Premier Johnson Is
Invited to London

VICTORIA — Premier Byron Johnson is considering an invitation to go to London to attend the annual dinner of the British Timber Federation as principal guest speaker but thinks it will be impossible to go as the session of the Legislature will be on then.

No Trace Found
Of Ambrose Ryan

Having found no trace of Ambrose Ryan, missing for several days and whose upturned skull was found across the bay from the native village, the provincial police boat P.M.L. 15 and the Indian Department cruiser Naskeena returned to port yesterday from Port Simpson. Dragging operations have ceased but Port Simpson natives are still scouring the shores in the hope of finding some clue.

Mrs. E. Beckett is sailing tomorrow night on the Camosun for a trip to Vancouver.

Yugo-Slav
Flying Pact

WASHINGTON—An agreement has been arranged between United States and Yugoslavia where by American planes may fly over Yugoslavia and land at Belgrade. Yugoslav planes may do likewise in United States.

Floor Price Of
Bacon Lowered

OTTAWA—Minister of Agriculture James G. Gardiner announced yesterday that the floor price for bacon would be set at 32½¢ in the hope of being able to sell in the British market. The former price was 36¢.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

The storm which dropped an inch of rain on the south coast yesterday is causing blizzards on the prairies this morning according to the daily synopsis. Skies have cleared along the coast, but a few snow flurries persist in the Kootenays. A new storm of minor intensity was approaching the Queen Charlotte Islands this morning and rain will spread down the coast overnight.

Christmas Day will see showers of rain on the coast and some snow in the interior.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Cloudy today. Rain tonight. Variable cloudiness with occasional showers Sunday. Little change in temperature. Winds light today. Southeast, 20 mph tonight, northwest, 30 mph tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow at Port Hardy, 34 and 43, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 32 and 38.

Norwegians In
Home Broadcast

A recorded selection by the Varden Singers of Prince Rupert, was broadcast to points in Norway this morning by international short wave from Sackville, New Brunswick. On Monday at 11:20 p.m. the group will broadcast greetings from the Norwegian populace here over CFR via the CBC international shortwave hook-up.

BEER PARLORS
CLOSED MONDAY

VICTORIA—Beer parlors in British Columbia, announces W. F. Kennedy, the Liquor Commissioner, will be closed on Monday, December 27. Normally the pubs do not observe Boxing Day as a holiday but, because of the Sunday Christmas, says the Commissioner, their employees will get their day off on Monday.

Brought By Plane
For Surgery Here

An emergency flight was made yesterday by Bill McLeod of the Queen Charlotte Airways to bring Sam Bell from Silbak Premier Mines, Stewart, to Prince Rupert General Hospital where Dr. W. S. Kergin performed an operation for acute appendicitis.

Committal Coming
In Stabbing Case

Loretta Barnhardt, charged with assault occasioning grievous bodily harm, November 4 will be formally committed for trial in county court by Magistrate W. D. Vance December 29. The magistrate so announced on the conclusion of the preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon. Accused is alleged to have stabbed Ben Petterson.

HOCKEY SCORES
Pacific Coast

Portland 3, Victoria 1



TYPHOON SHATTERS GUAM HOMES—White-clad monks are shown as they called to offer aid and comfort to Guam island children whose home was demolished when devastating winds and high seas virtually wiped out half of the village of Inaraan during the height of a typhoon last week. The little village-by-the-sea was lucky, though, its residents feel, for there were no casualties reported. The long row of wooden homes that stretched along the ocean front were shattered, spreading debris over a wide area. Old time villagers said it was the worst disaster to strike the village.



SEEK TREASURE UNDER ANTARCTIC ICE—The 700-ton Norwegian sealer Norel has arrived in London, Eng., on her way to the Antarctic with a Norwegian-Swedish-British scientific expedition, including a Royal Air Force party. The scientists taking part in the enterprise (first international expedition to the Antarctic) will reach the Antarctic in January and will spend two years there. They will work in Queen Maud Land, an unexplored Norwegian tract. With them for six months will be the first R.A.F. men to fly in the Antarctic. A unit of two officers, three airmen and two Avro VI aircraft will provide air reconnaissance in the search for a passage through the ice-pack barrier, for advanced bases on the Antarctic mainland and for a landing place on the ice-shelf, beneath which is believed to be a wealth of mineral deposits.

American Ships
Must Stay Out

WASHINGTON—Any Captain of an American vessel who takes his ship into a Communist-controlled port in China will run the risk of having his licence revoked, it was announced by the government yesterday.

Recent Visit Of
Spanish Minister

ROME—Three thousand Communists demonstrated outside the Spanish embassy here today in protest at the visit of the Spanish foreign minister to Rome.

Tides

Sunday, December 25, 1949
High 5:34 18.9 feet
17:18 17.8 feet
Low 11:31 9.2 feet
23:45 6.4 feet

Arvida Department
Is Most Efficient

MONTREAL—The fire department of the town of Arvida in northern Quebec has been adjudged the most efficient in Canada, Ottawa, formerly in first place, is in second this year.

Flash

AMERICAN ARRESTED
BUDAPEST—The Hungarian government announced last night that it had arrested Israel Jacobson, American Jewish welfare worker on "suspicion of spying against the Hungarian state." Jacobson, who is director of the Hungarian-American joint distribution committee, was arrested a week ago after returning here from leave in the United States.

EDMONTON — Three lives have been claimed by an epidemic of diphtheria at Halfway River Indian reservation in the northeastern corner of British Columbia. Dr. George M. Cormack of Fort St. John, about 75 miles southeast of the reservation said he believes the epidemic is being brought under control.

WASHINGTON—The National Labor Relations Board yesterday issued a second sharp order telling the printers' union to stop pursuing closed shop tactics, this time in the printing trade. The Board unanimously ruled that the International Typographical Union had violated the Taft-Hartley Act in Baltimore.

SICK POPE OFFICIATES
VATICAN CITY—Pope Pius today inaugurated the 25th Holy Year of the Roman Catholic Church with three strokes of a silver hammer, opening doors of St. Peter's Basilica. Throughout the 90-minute ceremony, the papal physician, Dr. Ricardo Galassi Lisi, watched anxiously over the frail figure of the Pope who for the first time gave evidence of being a gravely sick man.

SPYING CHARGED
BUDAPEST—The Hungarian ministry of the interior announced today in a communiqué that fourteen persons have been arrested and charged with spying in connection with the arrest six weeks ago of an American and a Briton on charges of espionage and sabotage. It said that the arrested people had made confessions. Robert A. Vogeler, telephone official, and Edgar Sanders, electric company representative, are alleged to have been "professional agents."

N JAPS AND BACTERIA
LONDON—Russia claimed today that Japan's army in Manchuria used human guinea pigs for germ experiments. They designed flea-packed bombs to scatter plague and bred bacteria for widespread destruction by germs in World War II.

Rain For Xmas
Forecast Here

Showers of rain, comprise the Christmas Day weather forecast for Prince Rupert. A storm of minor intensity is approaching from the Pacific and general rain for the coast is predicted. Wet snow from heavy skies this morning substantiated the forecast.

Old timer of Prince Rupert, R. Buckland of the Bayview Hotel was rushed to General Hospital by city ambulance at 5:30 p.m. yesterday after he had slipped and fell in front of the Victory Cafe. After a check-up, the ambulance returned him to his residence.

Eight Dead In Canada
Even Before Christmas

A grim warning of especial dangers and need for extra caution, eight persons were killed Friday and Saturday in Christmas season accidents as Canada's holiday death toll began. All but one of the deaths were caused by traffic accidents.

There were fifty-two traffic accidents Friday night in Toronto alone.

At Halifax John McKinnon, 55-year old watchman, was burned to death in a warehouse fire.

Toronto police were seeking the driver who knocked down eleven-year old Ted Gladding as he rode a bicycle home from a Christmas shopping trip.

Alcide Beaudette, aged 20, died in hospital at Cornwall, Ontario, of injuries suffered when an automobile he was driving missed a turn and crashed into a clump of trees.

Thomas Gibbons, 27, died at Hamilton, when a truck he was riding went out of control and overturned.

Eighty year old Alfred Dowden was killed when struck by an automobile in East Toronto after stepping out from behind a parked car.

Dosofyz Hrymkow, 50-year old steel worker, was killed in Sault Ste. Marie when a truck skidded on the icy street and struck him while he got off a bus.

In New Westminster, British Columbia, a young man died after suffering a fractured skull when thrown from his motorcycle and was struck by a car Friday. He was Joseph Claude Lower Mainland.

Pre-Christmas accidents were abundant on the lower mainland last night. In a 12-hour period there 150 traffic accidents occurred, one person was killed and twelve were injured, two seriously.

Five persons were charged with furious driving. One car was impounded. At least \$10,000 damage was caused to automobiles involved.

Most critically injured was 19-year old James Keyes who suffered a possible fractured skull when his auto went out of control, skidded 100 feet in mud and crashed into a parked car.

Nationalists
Revolt Again

HONG KONG—Another revolt among Nationalist forces has occurred in Yunan Province and the Communists are expected momentarily to re-enter the walled city of Chengu from which they had been driven earlier in the week.

Chamber Sustains
Bideault Govt.

PARIS—Premier Georges Bidault's government was sustained by a narrow margin yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies on a vote of confidence. The division was 302 to 297. The Premier had demanded that his budget be considered.

Divorce awarded in Supreme Court at Vancouver last week to Helen Marie Marchildon, Prince Rupert, married in 1941 to George Rupert Marchildon, Powell River.

To Everyone in Skeena Electoral District—

MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ted Applewhite,
M.P. for Skeena.

Bunco Artist
Gets 5 Years

VANCOUVER CP—William Louis Price, aged 54, whom police termed a "bunco artist" yesterday, was convicted of \$5900 theft and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in penitentiary.

Officers testified that Price had swindled a Vancouver man out of money in a fake stock market deal. The victim's name was not disclosed.

The victim had been promised fabulous profits from a New York syndicate which, Price said, manipulated stock market operations through coded telegrams. The theft occurred last October.

NEWS IS TAKING
FULL HOLIDAY

The Daily News staff has worked hard during the past year, some times against considerable difficulty. So this Christmas we are going to take the full holiday, observing Christmas on Monday and Boxing Day on Tuesday. That will bring the next issue of the Daily News on Wednesday afternoon.



MAYOR HELD IN MURDER—Mayor Donald Jack MacLean of Sydney, N.S., has been charged with murder in the death of Joseph MacKinnon, Sydney's registrar of voters. MacKinnon, 63, died in hospital after police found him injured in an alley. (CP Photo)

EUGENE HIGH
SCHOOL BAND
of Eugene, Oregon

CONCERT

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1949
8 p.m. Civic Centre Auditorium
Sponsored by Bo-Me-Hi Students Council
Students 50¢ Adults \$1.00
(Tickets on Sale at Civic Centre and Orme's Drugs.) (301)

May I through you, as I have so many times in the past, extend Good Wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

T. D. PATTULLO

Beach Avenue,
Portia.