

The Daily News

TIDES

Monday, Dec. 31, 1956

B.C. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (Pacific Standard Time)	
% ARCHIVES OF B.C.	High 2:11 19.0 feet
PARLIAMENT BLDGS.	High 12:40 21.6 feet
VICTORIA, B.C.	Low 6:50 8.4 feet
	10:28 5.0 feet

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THE RUGGED CITY pigeons who remain in town all year 'round know that people mean food—especially in the dead of winter. That's why these hungry birds flock excitedly to greet all pedestrians who pass through this park in Denver. The cold weather and the snow keep most people from the park, so the pigeons have to make the most of every opportunity in their eternal search for food. The pigeons' predicament is the same in all the big cities, but they remain.

Talks To Avert Strike Of Firemen Continue

OTTAWA (CP)—Top officers of the CPR and its firemen's union went into conference here with government officials shortly before 10 a.m. today in a new attempt to avert a strike by the union set for Wednesday.

After government-sponsored meetings which failed to bring about agreement Saturday, the latest discussions opened just 54 hours before the scheduled walk-out that could cripple the CPR's trans-continental system.

Chief participants in today's discussion were CPR president N. R. Crump and W. E. Gamble, Canadian head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) which has called the strike to protest a CPR proposal to reduce the number of firemen on diesel locomotives.

HOWE, GREGG PRESENT
Acting Prime Minister Howe, Labor Minister Gregg and officials of the labor department were on hand.

As he entered the meeting, Mr. Gamble said he was "optimistic" over prospects for a settlement. Meanwhile two trains rolled out of Vancouver Sunday carrying passengers who hoped a threatened strike of 3,000 CPR firemen will not force them to stop short of their destinations in eastern Canada.

If the strike, called for Wednesday by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, materializes, passengers on the Canadian will go no further than Toronto. The Dominion will carry passengers only to Winnipeg.

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Canal Open For Ships In March

PORT SAID (U.P.)—Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler estimates that his United Nations salvage fleet will open a small channel through the Suez Canal by early March and clear a passage for ships of all sizes in May.

It will be up to the Egyptian government when ships actually start going through the vital east-west waterway, said Wheeler, the United States expert in charge of canal clearance for the UN.

Salvage vessels chartered by the UN started clearing the southern end of the waterway Saturday. Salvage work at the uncharted part of the northern end was to start today.

Wheeler said the job will be completed "at full speed in co-operation with Egyptian authorities."

The channel to be cleared in March, he said, will be big enough for ships of 25-foot draft. That would include tankers and other craft of roughly 10,000 tons.

Some time in May, Wheeler said, the UN fleet expects to clear the 102-mile canal to its full depth of 34 feet three inches, enabling all ships built to canal specifications to pass through. The largest ocean-going ships have never been able to use the canal.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS

Predicted B.C. Toll Reached Over Weekend

VANCOUVER (CP)—The 1956 traffic death toll predicted for British Columbia by Superintendent of motor vehicles George Lindsay has been reached.

The weekend deaths of a Burnaby man and two teen-agers at Dawson Creek, brought the toll to 305, with New Year's Eve celebrations still to come.

The Burnaby man, Robert P. Mayes, was killed Sunday when his car went out of control on Vancouver Island highway. Police said the car landed in a ditch, bounced and turned around, then smashed into a telephone pole. The left door handle was embedded in the pole six feet from the ground.

A girl companion suffered head injuries but is in good condition in hospital at Dunsmuir.

At Dawson Creek, two 17-year-old youths were killed and eight other young persons were injured when a convertible rolled into the ditch of the new Hart highway.

Dead are Charleen Atkinson and Dennis Zink, both believed to be from Dawson Creek.

The 10 persons, all in one vehicle, were believed to have been returning from a dance when a rear tire blew out.

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP)—Joseph Clement Kohlst, 60, was charged in police court here Saturday with murdering his wife, whose body was found in a deserted cabin Christmas Day.

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100 Homeless As Fire Sweeps City Block In Valleyfield, Que.

Missing Man's Body Found During Search For Second

Body of an elderly man, believed to be that of a missing Salt Lakes resident, Michael H. Donovan, was picked up in waters off Crippen Cove on the north end of Digby Island Saturday by two Kitkatla men, RCMP in Prince Rupert reported today.

Police said Donovan has been missing since November 10 when he was last seen at the Prince Rupert Yacht Club that afternoon.

A small dingy complete with outboard motor, identified as belonging to Donovan, was found drifting near Crippen Cove November 24.

It is presumed Donovan was heading for his house float at Salt Lakes when he met with an accident.

Coroner George J. Dawes said this morning he would await the results of an autopsy before deciding whether to hold an inquiry.

The body, found by Richard Robinson and Wheeler Innes, both of Kitkatla, was found at the same time police were conducting a dragging of the Shell Oil dock Saturday, looking for another missing person.

He is Henry Brown, 72, of Kitkatla, who has been missing since December 7 when last seen aboard the vessel Rupert 83 at the Shell Oil Dock.

Reward of \$100 has been posted by the council of Kitkatla for any person or persons having information which will result in ascertaining Brown's whereabouts, police reported this morning.

Police had searched the shoreline and dragged around the various wharves over the weekend as there was a possibility Brown may have fallen overboard, they said.

The search has now been called off.

Newsboy Series Starts Wednesday

Starting Wednesday The Daily News will launch a series of "Know Your Newsboy" in which readers will have the opportunity of learning a little about the lads who deliver their paper.

The series, which will deal with more than 21 carriers of The Daily News, will give a brief outline of the boy's lives, experience, telephone numbers and routes.

Bingo Game

Today marks the beginning of the sixth week of the Ellis March of Dimes house bingo for the Crippled Children's hospital, and still none of the 3,000 persons holding bingo cards has called the Ellis Lodge announcing the completion of their "E".

Today's number is 0-60. Other numbers drawn so far are:

- 1-22, B-1, 0-64, B-11, 0-65,
- N-31, B-5, 1-18, G-37, G-48,
- 1-30, B-3, 0-73, N-11, G-50,
- 1-16, 0-74, 0-67, B-13, B-7,
- N-10, G-56, B-2, N-45, B-1,
- N-14, 0-61, N-33, 1-22, B-11,
- 1-27, G-55, 1-17, N-43, B-6,
- G-50 and G-47.

Drinking Drivers "Target For Tonight" Warn Police

Cpl. J. E. Rutlan, NCO in charge of city RCMP detachment issued a warning today that the police would show no leniency towards drinking drivers tonight even though it is New Year's Eve.

The corporal said that the police had no desire to spoil anyone's celebrations of the New Year but repeated his warning of the Christmas holiday that "alcohol and gasoline don't mix." He said that he hoped that persons finding themselves in a position where they shouldn't drive would leave their cars and take a taxi.

"Better still," he said, "if they know they are going to do a lot of drinking, it would be better if they left their car home to begin with."

He said that the city had been fortunate over the Christmas holidays with no serious or fatal accidents and that with co-operation from both drivers and pedestrians Prince Rupert could have an accident-free New Year's holiday.

Arrangements would be made, Cpl. Rutlan said, to take home drivers who felt they were not capable of driving their cars.

U.S. Traffic Carnage Slowed Down

CHICAGO (AP)—The United States New Year's weekend traffic death toll advanced steadily today, but at a much slower pace than the record-setting Christmas holiday.

With more than one-half of the 102-hour holiday period completed, highway accidents had taken 204 lives. There had been 24 deaths by fire and 32 miscellaneous fatalities for an over-all total of 260.

The count began at 6 p.m. (local time) Friday and continues to midnight Tuesday.

The carnage on American highways during the Christmas holiday—a four-day period—left 700 persons dead. The total cost in lives from all accidents reached 884, also a record. Fires killed 54 of the 176 non-traffic victims.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, spoke Sunday night of "an ominous trend in the traffic toll."

"We hope the trend can be halted by a resumption of the care and common sense that marked the earlier hours of the holiday," he said.

The shock and enormity of the Christmas toll, was cited by Dearborn as a primary reason for the lower New Year's weekend highway death rate.

The council predicted that 490 persons will die on the highways during the long New Year's weekend. The record toll is 407, set during the four-day 1952-53 New Year period.

The 400 forecast is fewer than were counted during a so-called normal weekend period a week before Christmas. The Associated Press called 200 traffic deaths in a country-wide survey from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 to midnight Tuesday, Dec. 18.

26 Survive Plane Crash

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—A United States Air Force C-124 Super Constellation with 41 aboard crashed and burned as it was going in for a landing at Dharran, Saudi Arabia, Sunday night. The Charleston air force base, home of the plane, said there were 20 patients in Dharran Hospital and three dead on arrival.

The cause of the crash was not determined immediately. The base said it will fly an investigation team and lifters to Dharran this afternoon. It said the plane is a total loss.

No Paper Tomorrow

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Publication will resume Wednesday. Postmaster R. S. Scherl said today that the post office will not be open at all on New Year's Day.

State of War, Seige Declared For Sumatra

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—President Sukarno of Indonesia tonight proclaimed a state of war and seige over the province of South Sumatra.

No immediate explanation was advanced by the government for the sweeping action, taken at 7 p.m. local time.

Officials were unavailable for comment.

The president's action came a week after he had proclaimed a similar state of war and seige over two of the three regencies composing North Sumatra. That proclamation was prompted by a bloodless coup led by the army officer who is now commander in chief of the army.

The 140 station was kept in an unlocked till.

The Weather

CLOUDY with scattered showers today and Tuesday. Some sunny periods both days. Little change in temperature. Southwesterly winds 20 shifting to westerly tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy. Seaside and Prince Rupert 35 and 43.

City's New Year Baby Competition Wide Open As Stork Comes Early

The stork came to Prince Rupert a bit too early today there by removing several city mothers from the New Year Baby Contest sponsored every year by city merchants.

As of press time the field was wide open in the contest which features a large range of gifts for both mother and baby.

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One Man Missing, Damage \$800,000

VALLEYFIELD, Que. (CP)—Wind-whipped flames swept through a business and residential block here Sunday, causing an estimated \$800,000 damage and forcing more than 100 persons into the street in sub-zero weather.

One man was missing and presumed dead beneath the ice-coated rubble of a building where the fire is believed to have started. About 20 other persons—mostly injured firemen—required first-aid or hospital treatment. None was severely injured.

The fire broke out at 5:15 a.m. and 25-mile-an-hour winds showered the area for two blocks around with sparks. More than seven hours later the fire was under control.

STILL SMOULDERING
Eight stores, a branch of the Provincial Bank of Canada and the dwellings of 32 families were destroyed. Most of the families lived in apartments above the stores.

Firemen still pumped water into the smouldering ruins early today.

More than a dozen firemen—mostly volunteers—required first-aid treatment at a hastily established Red Cross headquarters, for burns, frostbite or exhaustion. Many were led unable to see through smoke-filled eyes and lashes coated with ice.

EFFORTS USELESS
Volunteer Harold Barlow who clung for two hours on an ice-coated roof directing a hose before being taken exhausted to Red Cross headquarters, said:

"We kept pumping water into the flames but it didn't seem to make any difference. They kept spreading and sparks were flying all over the place."

The fire was concentrated on Grande Ile Avenue, main commercial thoroughfare of this industrial city of 30,000 persons 30 miles southwest of Montreal. It apparently started in a grocery store and spread to a pool room, a stationery shop, a jewelry store.

Thieves Loot \$140, Liquor From Lodge

Thieves who broke into the Loyal Order of the Moose hall at 746 West First Avenue over the weekend, netted \$140 in cash and two bottles of liquor, RCMP in Prince Rupert reported this morning.

Entry was gained by jimmying both the outer and inner doors.

Police said the robbery occurred late Saturday night or early Sunday.

They said they had some suspects and investigations were continuing.

The forced doors were discovered at 10 a.m. Sunday by janitor of the Moose lodge, Herbert Dean-Freeman.

The \$140 stolen was kept in an unlocked till.

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However, anything can happen between now and midnight. Offered as prizes this year are:

A \$5.00 gift certificate from Deeth's Pharmacy, flowers from Mitchell's Flower Shop, baby's first photograph from Chandler Studios, dinner for father while mother and baby are in hospital from the La Gondola, baby shoes from Family Shop, seven useful and attractive baby's items from the Stork Shoppe, silver baby cup from Cook's Jewellers, transportation for mother and baby from the hospital, provided by 00 Taxi, box of cigars for father, given by the Grotto Cigar Store, bed

in connection with the company's 1957 celebration, it will award the new baby \$57 a month for each of the 12 months in 1957.

"This baby could be born" in Prince Rupert.

World Briefs . . .

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Bomb-conscious residents streamed from their homes Sunday night to the scene of an ear-shattering explosion that broke windows on both sides of narrow Cornwal Street, but investigators tagged the blast nothing more than "malicious mischief" by some neighborhood teen-agers.

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—An army sergeant who was arrested in connection with an \$800 robbery just after he was married last Saturday, was shot and killed Sunday from the main stackade here. Sgt. Vernon L. Dillard, 25, was to have been charged today with committing a robbery on a government reservation.

MONTGOMERY, W. Va. (AP)—One-year-old Danny Hudnall died Sunday in a Montgomery hospital a few hours before his mother gave birth to her 17th child at the same hospital. Danny had been ill four days. The newcomer to the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Hudnall is a healthy six-pound daughter.

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Liberal freighter Alki Livanos was "wired free" by tugs Saturday an hour after she went aground in Vancouver harbor.

The big freighter was entering the harbor in heavy fog when she went aground near the Meares Gate bridge.

Three tugs were sent to the freighter's aid.

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