

Report HMCS Cedarwood Leaking Badly And In Danger of Sinking

VANCOUVER (CP)—Five vessels, including a powerful deep sea tug, raced through gale-lashed northern British Columbia waters Friday to aid a stricken naval survey ship with 39 men aboard.

HMCS Cedarwood radioed a distress call from Heale strait, 350 miles north of here, that she was leaking badly and danger of sinking.

At last reports, the vessel was reported having attempted to ride out a 50-mile-an-hour gale to the southeast tip of the Queen Charlotte islands.

The U.S. coast guard reported it had diverted the cutter Sorrel to the scene from about 70 miles away.

The Vancouver-based salvage tug Lloyd B. Gore was expected to reach the stricken ship within eight hours.

CAUSE UNKNOWN

The call for aid was received shortly before 10 a.m. PST. There was no explanation of what caused the leak in the 166-foot wooden-hulled vessel.

The destroyer Athabaskan, the frigate Stettler and the naval tug Clifton left Esquimalt naval base at 10:30 a.m. It was not known when they would reach the stricken vessel.

An RCAF Lancaster took off

Seven New Stamps

OTTAWA (CP)—Two former prime ministers, both Conservatives, will be commemorated in two of the seven new stamp designs to be issued next year.

A whooping crane, musk-ox and Eskimo hunter also will be displayed on Canada's new postage.

The post office announced Friday that portraits of Sir Charles Tupper, prime minister from May-July, 1896, and R. B. Bennett, government leader from 1930-35, will be issued on new stamps.

No date for the two was announced, but J. R. Carpenter said the issues will leave only two prime ministers, Mr. St. Laurent and Arthur Meighen, still to appear on Canadian stamps. Post office policy is to commemorate former prime ministers only after they are dead.

Coming Events

- Rummage Sale, Hertz Hall today at 2:30.
- Long River School Concert, December 21st.
- Windsor Road annual hall meeting Dec. 4, 8:30.
- North Milton Christmas concert Wednesday, Dec. 22.
- Come to the variety concert in Spring Valley hall, Dec. 22.
- Regular Saturday night Dance, St. Peter's Hall, Messer's Orchestra.
- Clyde L. O. B. A. Pantry Sale, Island Radio Centre today 2 p.m.
- DeSable Christmas Concert, in Argyle Shore Hall, December 21st.
- Bingo and cards Vernon River hall, Tuesday Dec. 7, 8 p.m.
- Come to Winslow North Christmas Concert, December 20th.
- Spring Vale Christmas concert Brookfield hall Wednesday, Dec. 15.
- Kelly's Cross Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 22nd. Time 8:15. Dance after.
- Showing at Mr. Stewart Friday and Saturday, "Five Fingers" with James Mason.
- Santa Claus will be at Wadell Bros. Store, Crapaud, Saturday 7 p.m. sharp. Parents please accompany children.
- Buying daily, good quality straight and mixed grain. Market prices. Clark's Feed Service, Mt. Stewart.
- Regular Dance, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall every Tuesday night. Music, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Hunter River United W. A. Pantry Sale and Bazaar, Saturday evening, December 4th, 7:30. McGuigan and Boyle's Store.
- Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9:30 to 12:30.
- Handling complete line of Shur-Gain Feeds, also Custom Grinding and mixing daily. Shur-Gain Feed Service, St. Peter's.
- See and hear "The Lads and Lassies" Concert, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Thursday, December 9th. Admission 50 cents and 25 cents.
- Buying pigs Monday at Fredrickton, Tuesday, Brookfield 9 a.m., Milton 10, York 1 p.m., Bedford 2, Tracadie 2:30, Mt. Stewart 3, Pisiquid 4:30, Vernon River 5, Pownal 5:30, Wednesday, New Glasgow 9 a.m., Wheatley River 10, Holmes Corner 11, New Haven 1 p.m., Bonshaw 3:30, DeSable 2, Kelly's Cross 3, Emerald 4, Clifton 5, Kensington 5:30. Paying \$24.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen, Fredrickton.

Doctors Have Hope For Recovery Of Pope; May Undergo Operation

Succeeds Malan Reports Pope Barely Escaped Death Thursday



J. G. Strydom, South Africa's minister, told an audience in Pretoria that under his leadership the dominion would leave the British Commonwealth and become a republic. He is regarded as being even more extreme than Malan in his views on racial segregation.

ROME (AP) A famous physician who examined Pope Pius XII said early today the Pontiff barely escaped death Friday but now seems to be no longer in imminent danger of dying.

Dr. Luigi Vittorio de Stefano, 37, one of five physicians called in to examine the Pope, reported this at the Salvatore Mundi Clinic early today.

But the physician made clear that the Pope still is in a dangerous plight.

"The consultants met for more than two hours. We have found him in the best of spiritual condition. I cannot say the same for his physical condition, at least for now," the doctor said.

Dr. Stefano said that the Pope's heart was holding up well.

"Certainly," he said, "if his heart had been weaker there would have been a chance that yesterday's collapse would have been fatal."

The doctor apparently meant (Continued on Page 5 col. 4)

VATICAN CITY, (CP)—Five medical experts early today said there is still hope for the Pope's recovery from his desperate illness.

A brief special medical bulletin said the "precipitous improvement verified today has continued in such a manner as to permit good hope" that the 78-year-old Pontiff would survive the crisis.

This optimism was dampened somewhat by the oral statement of a highly-placed medical source afterward making clear that the Pope's immediate condition of the past few hours has shown deterioration and he remains in acute danger. The official medical bulletin was issued 48 minutes after Friday midnight.

It was reliably learned that physicians, rechecking x-rays photographs, had discovered signs of contraction of the esophagus and swelling of the stomach veins. The report gave rise to fears that an operation might be necessary to relieve the 78-year-old Pontiff's condition.

It was not considered likely that the doctors would make a decision on an operation before observing the Pope's progress for the next day or two.

Before the recheck of the x-ray photographs, it had been announced that no operation would be necessary.

Warm Sunshine Follows Gale In Great Britain

LONDON (Reuters)—Brilliant warm sunshine bathed many parts of gale-ravaged Britain Friday and floods in the northern sections began to subside.

Several main roads were still impassable but traffic authorities reported conditions were improving.

Temperatures stayed in the 50s after reaching 58 in London during Thursday night, a record early-morning December figure.

Meanwhile, authorities began assessing the damage. In Devon where the storms were described as "a national disaster" £35,000 will be needed to repair flood-damaged roads alone.

About 100,000 acres of grain have been destroyed throughout the country.

Workmen shovelled mud from the streets, front rooms of inundated homes were drying out and smashed river banks were being rebuilt.

At the same time, the Pope raised optimism about his condition by rallying strongly during the day and again starting to interest himself in his work.

Despite his illness, the Pontiff Friday night defied his doctors' orders and went to work on a Christmas message to the world. It was understood the message will announce the names of new cardinals to fill six vacancies in the 70-member college.

Forgot Stick And Scarf At Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—Sir John Kotelawala, Ceylonese prime minister, almost delayed his departure from Ottawa Friday when he discovered at the airport he had forgotten his muffer and swagger stick at Prime Minister St. Laurent's residence.

The two prime ministers had lunch together before Sir John flew away by transport department aircraft to Toronto.

Sir John is never without the malacca, an elephant bone-tipped stick which he slips under an arm, but he left without it after receiving Mr. St. Laurent's personal assurance that it would be forwarded to him later.

The stick and scarf probably will be delivered during the week-end in Montreal which Sir John will visit before going to Washington, next capital he will visit on a round-the-world trip.

EXCHANGE FAREWELLS

As Mr. St. Laurent said goodbye to Sir John, the Canadian prime minister said he hopes "there will be developments to our mutual interest from the conversations between our people."

U. S. Government Loses Anti-Trust Case Against Huge Du Pont Group

CHICAGO (AP)—A federal judge Friday dismissed the government's biggest anti-trust case.

U. S. district judge Walter J. Labuy held the department of justice lawyers had failed to prove accusations of conspiracy, monopoly and restraint of trade in a civil suit against E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, members of the du Pont family and their securities holding companies, the General Motors Corporation and the United States Rubber Company.

The book value of stock holdings owned by the defendants was estimated by the government several months ago at more than \$6,000,000. It has since increased.

In its original complaint, filed in 1949, the government charged the du Pont family interests had used their large holdings of General Motors and U.S. Rubber stock to make captive markets for du Pont products of the big auto and rubber manufacturing concerns.

George Lemay In The News Again

MONTREAL (CP)—George Lemay, 27, a subject of headlines in 1952 when his wife disappeared mysteriously in the Florida Keys, was ordered Friday to appear in municipal court Dec. 13 on a charge of intimidating a 21-year-old woman.

The charge was made last August by Jacqueline Vien, who said Lemay constantly bothered and threatened her. The woman later sought to have the charge withdrawn.

Judge Henri Monty postponed the case when Miss Vien failed to appear. Lemay was late showing up in court and a bench warrant had been issued for him.

Lemay was in the news in January, 1952, when his attractive wife, Huguette, disappeared in the Florida Keys while the couple was honeymooning. No trace of her has been found.

Eight Years For Death of Common-law Wife

VANCOUVER (CP)—David Clifford Johnson, 37-year-old fisherman, Friday was sentenced to eight years for the fatal beating of his common-law wife.

Johnson was acquitted of a charge of murder but convicted of manslaughter in the death of Norma Condon. She suffered fatal head injuries when the accused found her in a hotel room with another man.

WALTHY MAN LIVED IN HUMBLE STATE

Until the time of his death, he slept ever night on the rough floor of his crude mud house. His only garment was a tattered lion skin.

WALTHY IN CATTLE

Mtubatuba's wealth was mainly in cattle. He farmed them out in small herds to his tribesmen, who were entitled to keep the milk and a certain percentage of the beasts.

Although the chief owned most of the cattle, he didn't bother to keep track of them. He never branded them or kept records of them, and they became inextricably mixed with those of his people.

Famous African Chief Dies

MTUBATUBA, South Africa (Reuters)—Mtubatuba, one of the oldest and richest native chiefs in South Africa, died Friday near his Zululand village named after him.

No one knows for certain how old the head of the Mputukunyi Zulu tribe was, but he must have been at least 100.

Sobbing runners brought the news of his death here.

Mtubatuba was rich, even by white men's standards. He was worth more than \$500,000.

But he never used his wealth to raise his humble standard of living above that of his people, or to buy expensive clothes.

Vancouver Launches Crackdown On Crime

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Operation "Armoured Squad" rolled into action along Vancouver's crime-infested streets Friday night in an all-out crackdown by police.

Patrols armed with machine-guns, shotguns and rifles, and tear gas, cruised specific downtown sectors marked in the past by violent crimes.

The machine-gun squads were carried in radio-controlled patrol cruisers, each bearing an officer armed with a Thompson sub-machine gun.

The roaming patrols were ordered on duty by Mayor Fred Hume, head of the police commission, and Police Chief Walter Mulligan.

Two More B. C. Banks Robbed

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VANCOUVER (CP)—Loot, estimated at a possible \$30,000, fell to gunmen here Friday night when they struck two banks in swift succession.

Biggest loss was suffered by the Royal Bank of Canada in West Vancouver, which lost an estimated \$20,000. Another "\$3,000 to \$10,000" was stolen from the Bank of Toronto in downtown New Westminster.

Both districts fall within the Greater Vancouver metropolitan area, where eight banks have been held up in the last six weeks for a total of more than \$100,000.

Three men, waving guns, hit the Royal Bank minutes after a lone gunman cleaned out a teller's cage at the Bank of Toronto branch.

Condition of Author James Hilton Serious

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—The condition of author James Hilton, 54, was reported unchanged Friday. Hilton was admitted to the hospital Nov. 21 and his condition was described as serious Thursday.

Dr. David Wigod said the British-born writer is suffering from an infection and high fever.

Last of Whale Hauled Off Beach

PUGWASH, N.S. (CP)—They lugged the last of the Whale off the beach near here Friday.

The 30-ton monster ran aground two weeks ago and died after about four days of fruitless thrashing. The show attracted more gawkers than the annual Fishermen's Regatta while it lasted.

The bullet-ridden carcass—a few local nimrods tried vainly to finish the whale off with 30-30 rifles—was cut up and the meat sold to fox and mink breeders.

The last of it was hauled away Friday.

17 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

A LOTTA FOLKS LOVE TO THROW SNOW BALLS BUT THEY HATE TO FREEZE THEIR FINGERS!

DIESAT 102

ST. LAZARE, Que. (CP)—Raphael Trahan, 102, the oldest person in this Bellechasse county town 30 miles southeast of Quebec City, died Friday at the home of his only surviving son, Joseph.

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	20b	15
Vancouver	27	39
Victoria	33	41
Edmonton	25	37
Calgary	33	46
Regina	16	31
Winnipeg	16	25
Toronto	21	32
Ottawa	17	24
Montreal	19	23
Quebec	17	22
Fredericton	14	26
Saint John	16	25
Moncton	15	24
Halifax	28	30
Charlottetown	13	29
Sydney	17	33
Yarmouth	—	31
St. John's	12	—

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says a disturbance centred about 300 miles south southeast of Sable island is moving very slowly northeastward and little change is now expected in the weather in the Maritimes Saturday.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered light snow-furries; a little milder with light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 32, Moncton 10 and 30.

Outlook for Sunday: Variable cloudiness.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:09 a.m. and sets at 4:58 p.m. Summertime tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:34 a.m. and sets at 4:32 p.m.



Prime Minister Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon has his coat collar turned up against the cold as Prime Minister St. Laurent welcomes him to Ottawa on a chilly December day. Sir John, the first Ceylon Prime Minister to visit Canada, is returning a visit made to Ceylon earlier this year by Mr. St. Laurent. (CP Photo).