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Japanese are forging ahead in the world of mercantile marine, as indicated by figures which are authentic. There are at least twenty-four subsidized ship lines in that country flying the flag to almost every part of the world. It has been estimated that an extension to New York is on the cards, though definite information on the subject is to hand. But these subsidized lines are interesting, particularly in view of the opening of the Panama Canal, because it is certain the American flag will develop enormously. The Japs will be in it. It is estimated that there are ship building yards in Japan, of course, are small affairs, but junk construction is carried on in any of these. It is a separate industry, so to speak. No fewer than seventy steamers and one hundred forty-seven sailing vessels were turned off the stocks last representing nearly 40,000 tons. It is a big thing for a country so young in the big shipping trade, and points to a future worthy of consideration. The figures do not include the large steamers completed. The statistics were compiled at Nagasaki and Kobe. Large steamers have been built in the water, to say nothing of the ships of war built for the navy. The yards at the present time are working full time, indicating a desire on the part of the Japs to maintain their position as a naval power. They have not sent out of the country for a few years back. Occasionally they do send abroad, but not often. They are quick at picking up new ideas, and build to any design. Several of the companies are ready to lay down keels for large passenger liners for foreign service. The European lines are gradually coming more to the

front, and it is only a matter of time when the flag of Nippon will float from some of the biggest steamers trading between Yokohama and London. It is the aim of the companies to do this, and they are not easy to check when they set out to reach their goal. Up till recently Japan had 2,545 ocean going steamers, aggregating over a million tons, and as there is a law in existence now for the encouragement of local ship building, it is easy to predict an early advance on these figures.

#### BOTH CONTESTANTS ARE INTERVIEWED

**What Seattle's Favorite and Rupert's Hope Have to Say of Coming Bout.**

Lem Kegg and Eddie Shannon, who are to battle for the championship of Prince Rupert on Thursday night, both appear to be in the pink of condition and much interest is taken in seeing the men handle themselves with their boxing partners. As to their relative merits as judged from these practice bouts, the "fancy" is much divided in opinion, but there is no doubt the men are well matched and will give the public a good show for the money.

Eddie Shannon, Seattle's favorite, when interviewed this morning, said: "Being a stranger in a town is no new thing to me, and I know just how the local fans feel toward their local boy. But a great many of the boys know me by reputation, and some of them have seen me in action before, so I do not feel altogether a stranger. In regard to my coming contest with Kegg, I will say that I have trained conscientiously with my training partner, 'Cyclone' Scott, who has been handling Joe Bayley. I feel that with Kegg I will have my work cut out for me, and am therefore not leaving any stones unturned. However, I expect to win, most assuredly."

Lem Kegg, Prince Rupert's hope, said this morning: "Although I am not what you might call a sordid fellow, I have made my home here for some time and am anxious to establish a record for myself in Prince Rupert. I can positively assure you that although I have engaged in thirty-eight boxing contests I am in as good a condition as I ever was, and it will not be my fault if I don't keep the money in Prince Rupert. Although the articles of agreement for my contest with Mr. Shannon call for 133 pounds in the ring, I expect to make 128 pounds. If I win this I want to meet Joe Bayley."

#### MRS. PANKHURST ONCE MORE UNDER ARREST

**Another Wild Scene in Which Militants Used their Hatpins and Stabbed Several**

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, July 22.—Mrs. Pankhurst was again arrested yesterday and once more safely landed in Holloway jail. Through a dense crowd her captors managed to get their prisoner into a taxi, after which a big force of policemen closed in around the vehicle to stop the rush of the infuriated suffragettes screaming "Murderers," "Assassins," and so forth. Some of the women used their hatpins as weapons and several persons were badly hurt. Upon arrival at Holloway jail Mrs. Pankhurst refused to descend from the taxi, so the police hauled her out and carried her into prison.

#### THE NEW COAL HOLE

**That Three Hundred Tons Really Went Through Dock.**

It turns out that there is no bunkum in the story of three hundred tons of coal breaking through the coal docks of the G. T. P., and if "the report was greatly exaggerated," as one official of the company said, why he must have heard even a bigger story than anybody else. Anyone going down to the dock can see for himself the huge gaping hole that was made when the timbers gave way and the coal plunged into the harbor. Those living near by who heard the racket about half past 7 o'clock on Friday evening imagined from the great roar which they heard that another huge blast had been shot off. But it was just coal, three hundred tons of perfectly good coal, rushing to bury itself in the harbor. And there it is likely to remain. Meanwhile the wharf still stands, with some coal on it, and nothing to show for the mishap but a big hole. Through that hole went about \$3,000 worth of coal.

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#### BASEBALL

**Northwestern League.**  
Vancouver 9, Tacoma 4.  
Seattle 4, Spokane 1.  
Portland 4, Victoria 1.

**National League.**  
St. Louis 4, New York 8.  
Pittsburg 6, Brooklyn 13.  
Chicago 6, Boston 2.  
Cincinnati 1, Philadelphia 3.

**American League.**  
New York 1, Detroit 6.  
Washington 2, Chicago 2.  
Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 8.

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The Evening Empire, which cannot be called even a "machine organ" nor the organ of a party, but only the organ of a sorehead and a disgruntled candidate for the mayoralty, devoted more than a column of space last night in a vain attempt to show its loyalty to the Conservative party. The motive which stirred this constant knocker of the city's best interests to such an unusual and unexpected burst of party loyalty was, no doubt, a desire to win the graces of the Conservative organizer, Dr. Scharschmidt, who was a visitor to Prince Rupert yesterday, in the hope of getting a slice of the government pap.

#### NICARAGUAN TREATY WITH UNITED STATES

**President Wilson's Policy of Protection and Supervision Finding Senate Support**

Washington, July 22.—Strong support has developed in the Senate for President Wilson's policy of granting protection and supervision by the United States over Nicaragua. An informal poll of the committee on foreign relations taken last night indicated that the treaty proposed by Secretary of State Bryan on Saturday, will be endorsed by a safe margin of votes and that it will come into the Senate with the backing of influential members of both political parties.

#### EXCITING SHOOTING

**Three Men Tie at Bisley for Telegraph Cup.**

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Bisley Camp, July 22.—An exciting shoot took place yesterday for the Telegraph cup. Three men tied for it—Corporal Gray, Captain Marchen and Private Dunner. All three made bullseyes, but at the fourth round Gray scored a fourth bulls-eye and won. The others got inners.

#### GOING AHEAD FAST

**Ground Floor of New Hotel is Being Laid.**

The work of excavation for the new Premier Hotel building on the corner of Second Avenue and Sixth Street is rapidly nearing completion. Work is already well under way on the construction of the ground floor. It has been decided not to use the permission granted by the city council for further excavations under the sidewalk. These excavations would have been made in order to secure reflected light in the basement by means of transoms in the sidewalks. It has been found less expensive, however, to build the basement windows so that they will catch the light of day directly.

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#### SAYS THE BALKAN SPECTACLE IS DISHEARTENING AND REPELLANT

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#### POLICE PUZZLED BY A SERIES OF STRANGE ATTACKS ON GIRL

**OFFICERS ARE BAFFLED BY ACTIONS OF A MYSTERIOUS ASSAILANT OF YOUNG COLORED WOMAN.**

Los Angeles, July 19.—Another attack on Martha Walters, 20 years old, known to the police as "the girl of mystery," has completely baffled the department today. Miss Walters was found last evening, trussed and gagged and tied to a heavy sewing machine in her home. Nearby lay a drug of a peculiar odor. The furnishings of the room had been set afire. The girl was taken to a hospital and revived. An attempt was made to burn the Walters home on December 1st. Four weeks later the house was again fired and Miss Walters' brothers, Leonard and Leopold Walters, were burned to death. Four days after the second fire the girl was found unconscious

in the street in front of her home. She said she had been attacked by two men. On January 2nd Miss Walters visited the graves of her brothers at Forest Lawn cemetery. Later she was found in a clump of bushes near the graves, apparently badly beaten. She declared her assailant was a giant Mexican. While in bed from the shock of the last attack, a man, said by Miss Walters to have been the Mexican of the cemetery attack, appeared at her bedside, dragged her from the bed and beat her cruelly. The police have been unable to unravel the mystery and the girl claims to know no reason for the attacks.

#### HUMAN CHAIN RESCUED MAN FROM DROWNING AT NIAGARA

**FOUR MEN FORMED CHAIN TO REACH MAN IN DIRE PERIL ON THE BRINK OF THE AMERICAN FALLS.**

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 19.—Truman Chapman, 22 years old, of Hamilton, Ont., was rescued from the brink of the American Falls last night by four men, one of whom took a desperate chance to reach him. Chapman was sitting on the iron railing just above Prospect Point and was seen to suddenly topple backward into the stream. At this point the current is swift and the pull toward the brink of the falls, fifteen feet away, almost irresistible. After striking the water Mr. Chapman's body lodged against

two projections of rock and this undoubtedly saved him from almost instant death. John Hughes and Thomas S. Winders of Niagara Falls, Thomas D. Thomas of Toronto and a fourth man who did not give his name leaped over the railing. The unidentified man waded several feet but did not reach Mr. Chapman. Twice the man at the end of the chain was swept from his feet, but he clung to his burden and the united efforts of the men nearest, who had better footing, finally swung the two of them out of the grasp of the current.

#### New G. T. P. Schedule.

A new passenger and freight schedule on the Grand Trunk Pacific out of Prince Rupert goes into effect on Sunday next. The new schedule provides for passenger and freight service through to Morrice town, twenty-four miles beyond New Hazelton. For passenger trains the time of departure from Prince Rupert remains unchanged. Morrice town will be reached at 7:15 p. m. On the return trip the passenger trains will arrive in Prince Rupert at 6:10 p. m. instead of 5 o'clock. There will be three way freights each week instead of two, as formerly, leaving Prince Rupert at 8 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

#### STORM IS DELAYING STEFANSSON'S PARTY

**Several Members of Party Waiting to Load Third Vessel of Expedition**

Nome, July 22.—The southwest storm which began last night delayed the departure of Stefansson and his party, and had the storm held off twelve hours longer all the scientists would have joined the old whaler Karluk. Several of them were waiting here to complete the loading of the schooner Mary Sacha, the third vessel of the expedition.

#### Sudden Death at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Ont., July 18.—A Spoorer, proprietor of the Hotel Oxford, was found dead on the front balcony of the hotel early this morning. Death was due to heart trouble.

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**ROUMANIA TAKES STEPS TO ACQUIRE NEW TERRITORY**  
Bulgaria, beaten at many points by the Greek and Serbian allies, has appealed to the powers to arrange peace. Meanwhile, Rumania has moved troops to occupy territory extending from Turukai to Baltechik on the Black Sea, and including the city of Silistria, as compensation for her neutrality in the late war with Turkey. The scene of the chief Bulgarian defeat at Guevgeli is shown in the above map.