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## Couzetlan in Mexico Totally Destroyed by Earthquake

Two Thousand Casualties including more than One Thousand Dead, according to an Official Report. Great Damage Done at Other Points.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

MEXICO CITY, January 7.—The city of Couzetlan was destroyed utterly by Saturday's earthquake, which caused two thousand casualties among the inhabitants, including more than one thousand dead, according to official reports given out last night by Presidential Military Headquarters. From advices received from officers stationed at Vera Cruz, which was the centre of the disturbance, the entire garrison at Teocela was killed or injured. The dead among the soldiers numbered thirty and the injured sixty.

Virtually all the roads in the surrounding district are either flooded or destroyed, according to reports, making a survey of the destruction a matter of great difficulty. Many different points are still entirely cut off and have yet to be heard from as to the extent of the damage done.

At Barranca Grande, near Couzetlan, the dead are reported to number six hundred. At Port Barranca, the sea rose twenty-five metres high in a huge tidal wave, doing a great deal of damage as it rolled on the coast.

## WASHINGTON IS DETERMINED TO SUPPRESS REDS

Will Expend Million Dollars Enforcing Laws Against Bolsheviks.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The determination of the Government to carry its fight to a finish in its endeavor to rid the nation of the Communist and Communist Labor Party members is expressed by the Department of Justice officials here. More than twenty-five hundred of the radicals are now awaiting deportation proceedings as the result of the recent nationwide raids.

Over a million dollars, it is estimated, will be used in the enforcement of the laws against the radicals and their deportation and more than that amount if it is found to be required to keep the United States free from undesirable citizens of foreign extraction.

## WILLIAM SELIG WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW

The funeral of the late William Selig, who was killed at Cow Bay last Friday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Interment will take place in Fairview Cemetery with Rev. T. H. Nuttall officiating. Music will be provided by Harry Harvey and W. Vaughan Davies. Arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

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## PULP MILL FOR BUCKLEY BAY

Proposal to Install One Unit This Year and Operate Sawmill; New Principals.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 7.—F. L. Buckley has left Victoria on a visit to Seattle where he will meet with his principals regarding putting in of a new pulp mill at Buckley Bay on Masset Inlet. The proposal at it stands at present includes the installation of one unit of the new mill this year, and the Masset Timber Company's mill will also be operated to capacity. A splendid water supply for this new industry in the Queen Charlotte Islands will be ensured by the damming of the river near the lake.

Negotiations have been in progress previously with reference to this new Pulp Mill with large English interests, which, however, fell through some time ago.

## STEAMER FARES ARE INCREASED

Prince Rupert to Vancouver Fare Now \$26.30—Increased Operation Cost Causes Rise.

Effective January 1, passenger rates on the Coast steamers have been increased on all lines between Vancouver and Alaska about 23 per cent. This action has been deemed necessary by the companies operating in the services on account of the increased cost of operating. Labor and fuel are the main items of increase in the operating end and the increase in the tariff is considered no more than proportionate with these increased operating costs.

The fare between here and Vancouver which in 1913 was \$18.00 and up until the end of 1919, \$24.25, has been raised to \$26.30 including war tax. The fare to Anxox is now \$8, including meals and berth.

## THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

The Forward Movement Campaign will be continued tonight in the Methodist Church at 8 o'clock. Speakers will be the Rev. W. W. Wright and Dr. White, superintendent of Methodist Missions, supported by the local clergy. All are cordially welcome.

## VALHALLA.

Will meet on the 15th and the 29th of this month in the K. of P. Hall. Installation of officers on the 15th. Secretary.

## BIG INCREASE IN RAILROAD BUSINESS 1919

W. P. Hinton, General Manager of Grand Trunk Pacific, Issues Statement.

MUCH PLEASSED WITH INCREASE IN PAST YEAR

WINNIPEG, Jan. 7.—The following statement has been given out here by W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Steamship lines:—

"There has been a notable increase in traffic handled by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway during the year 1919 over the previous year. The increase in freight business approximates an increase of 15 per cent, while the passenger revenue shows a 34 per cent increase. The year just past has been the best yet for passenger traffic on both railroad and steamships. Each month has shown a gradually increased amount of traffic over the lines and this is taken as an indication of an exceptionally prosperous season in 1920, in which all transportation companies will share."

"Despite drought and failure of crops the Grand Trunk Pacific moved 20 per cent more grain in 1919 than previously. The lines also handled 650,000 tons of commercial freight, chiefly from the new mines along the railway line in Alberta which now number 42. This, of course, does not include the coal used by the railway itself, most of which was obtained from the mines along the line."

"The lumber business also proved one of great importance in the traffic during the past year. There are now 36 mills located along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, 34 of these being in British Columbia. In addition to this there are 20 mills contiguous to Prince Rupert that use the Grand Trunk Pacific lines."

"Fish shipments have also been of great importance and have increased greatly. This includes salmon, halibut and black cod. Mining prospects in Central British Columbia, although not yet in the shipping class show great promise of soon being such."

"Settlers are going in freely to the fertile sections of Central British Columbia, including the Bulkley and Nechako valleys, where millions of acres of the finest lands for agricultural, fruit growing and stock raising purposes, in a splendid climate, are available in the four hundred mile district between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. "Western Canada is undoubtedly entering upon an era of unexampled prosperity, in which the Grand Trunk Pacific will have a large part through the development of the new country which it has opened up."

The annual general meeting of the St. Andrew's Society will be held on Friday night at 8 o'clock. Election of officers.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

## PRINCE RUPERT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### Fifth Sunday Concert

Sunday, January 11, at 9.15 p.m.

Soloist - Mr. John Graham, Tenor

## MAYOR AND MEMBER RETURNED TO CITY

Arrived From Vancouver on the Prince George at Noon Today.

Colonel Peck, V. C., and Mayor McClymont both arrived from the south on the Prince George this afternoon after having been absent from the city for nearly a month. During their absence they attended a conference with C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa, on questions relative to the fishing industry in this country.

They come back with the report that their efforts in obtaining reform have met with considerable success and changes are to be put in force at once.

## EASTERN CITIES WANT SINGLE TAX

System Already Discarded in the West Being Actively Canvassed in the East.

While there are agitations in Eastern Canada, and especially in Ontario, favoring the single tax, or a modification of it, as a solution of taxation problems, Western Canadian cities are looking to higher assessments on improvements to meet theirs. Western Canada has tried the single tax, and Eastern Canada has not, with the possible exception of Ottawa and one or two other places that have only recently adopted the principle. The West has had enough of the single tax, and there is a warning for the East in its experience. Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, South Vancouver and many other Western municipalities are raising the scale of taxation for improved property as the only way out of their financial troubles.

## FIFTH CONCERT BY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The fifth concert to be given in the Westholme Theatre on Sunday will commence at 9:15 p.m. Admission will be by ticket to be obtained from members of the orchestra and from the local drug and music stores. Doors will be open from 8:50 to 9:15 p.m. for ticket holders, and after 9:15 for general admission.

Owing to an increase of 60 per cent in the price charged for the use of the theatre, patrons are requested to contribute to the collection, which will be made at the door, as liberally as possible, so that expenses may be met.

## MACKENZIE KING CRITICISES GOV'T.

Reviews Political Situation at the Present Time and Shows Cause of Ontario Conservative Debacle.

NEWMARKET, Ont., Jan. 7.—W. L. MacKenzie King, the Liberal leader in the Dominion House, characterises the record of the Union Government as a policy of drifting. He reviews exhaustively the political situation existing in the Dominion at the present time and claims that the Union Government has no constructive policy.

He declares that exasperation with the Government which had usurped the right of the people to govern themselves was the cause of the fall of the Ontario Conservative party.

G. Sidney Gee returned to Edmonton by this morning's train after spending a few days visiting in the city.

## Advocates Public Owned Fisheries

Hon. Wm. Sloan, Fisheries Commissioner for B.C. Recommends to Dominion Government Ambitious Course to Conserve Industry.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VICTORIA, B.C., January 7.—The Hon. Wm. Sloan, Commissioner of Fisheries for British Columbia, in a memorandum forwarded to C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the Dominion Government, advocates the Dominion Government taking over and operating the fisheries of the province, or else giving the Provincial Government the right to do so.

He says: "I suggest that the Government should assume the sole right to enter the salmon fishing industry, even although that may mean the payment of compensation to those firms already in the business. The plants of Northern British Columbia will in a short period be as valueless as the plants on the Fraser River, if the existing policy of depletion be continued. In that case the history of the Fraser will be repeated. The government can reduce the overhead expenses by several hundred per cent and in consequence can sell cheaper. It can employ returned men, put up a uniform pack and insure a continuance of the salmon run."

Mr. Sloan advocates the establishment of government cold storage plants at Prince Rupert and would eventually include all the fisheries under the government scheme.

## DON PECK LOSES REPAIR ACTION

Full Claim for Amount Due is Awarded to G. T. P. Development Company.

Yesterday Judge Young handed down his decision in the Grand Trunk Development Co. versus Don W. Peck awarding the full claim of \$1,554.28 to the plaintiffs. The case has been standing for the last two months and the evidence was heard a few weeks ago. It arises out of repairs made on a tug-boat for the defendant, who had counter claims in the action.

## TRADES AND LABOR ENDORSATIONS FOR THE CIVIC ELECTIONS

At an Executive meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last evening, it was decided to recommend to the Council that the names of Alderman George Casey and George Rudderham be endorsed as candidates for election to the City Council for 1920. These two names are in place of Messrs. Allison and Greer previously endorsed by the Trades and Labor Council, but who did not accept. With S. D. Masdonald in line for election to the Police Commission, this completes the slate of the Trades and Labor Council for this year's elections.

George Ambrose, of the Carpenter's Union, and an old-timer in the City, is also being urged to run for election to the City Council. Should he decide to do so later, his name will also be put up for endorsement by the Trades and Labor Council.

## BASKETBALL

### Junior League.

A basketball game will be played this evening at the rink at 8 p.m. between the Cubs and the Beavers. Referee, Mr. Bell. Admission, 25c and 10c.

Launch "Alice B." Phone 41.

Ask for Atkins' Sausages.

## WORKMEN TAKE SHARES IN SHIP BUILDING YARD

Cholberg of Victoria to Employ Only Shareholders in Ship Construction.

## WORKMEN AGREE TO NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 6.—The workmen, at a big meeting with the Cholberg Shipyards here, have agreed to take shares in the company which will proceed with the building of wooden vessels here for the Dominion Government. Under an Order-in-Council passed by the Federal Cabinet, whatever shipyards contract with the Dominion Government to build ships on the 75 per cent loan basis must have at least 60 per cent of its workers returned soldiers.

At the meeting held here it was agreed that the only workers employed on the construction of these ships will be shareholders in the Company, and that the ordinary Trades Unions would not be recognized in the yards.

## COMPANY WILL NOT PAY MORE

Supt. Schellenberg Takes a Decided Stand on Strike Question.

The 35 laborers who walked out at the drydock yesterday morning demanding an increase of wages from 55c to 65c are still out today. Speaking to the Daily News this morning, Superintendent Schellenberg said: "The company has no intention of acceding to the demand because we cannot afford it. It is higher than is being paid in the south for the same class of work and the company will stand firm. Plenty of men can be obtained to do the work at the prevailing rate and if they cannot, then the plant will close. The strike will only be settled by the men returning to work or other men being obtained to take their places. The men walked out without notice and the trouble was probably inspired by a couple of agitators anyway."

## O. B. U. Not in It.

D. S. Cameron, general secretary of the O. B. U., disclaims that the Central Labor Council had anything to do with the strike as none of the men out are members of the organization. The Council has advised the strikers to go back to work pending arbitration in which the organization would be willing to assist. Tonight a meeting of the strikers will be held when a decision will probably be reached as to the continuation of the strike.

Nine days only of Clearing Sale, starting Thursday, January 8, at Jabour Brothers, Ltd. (5)