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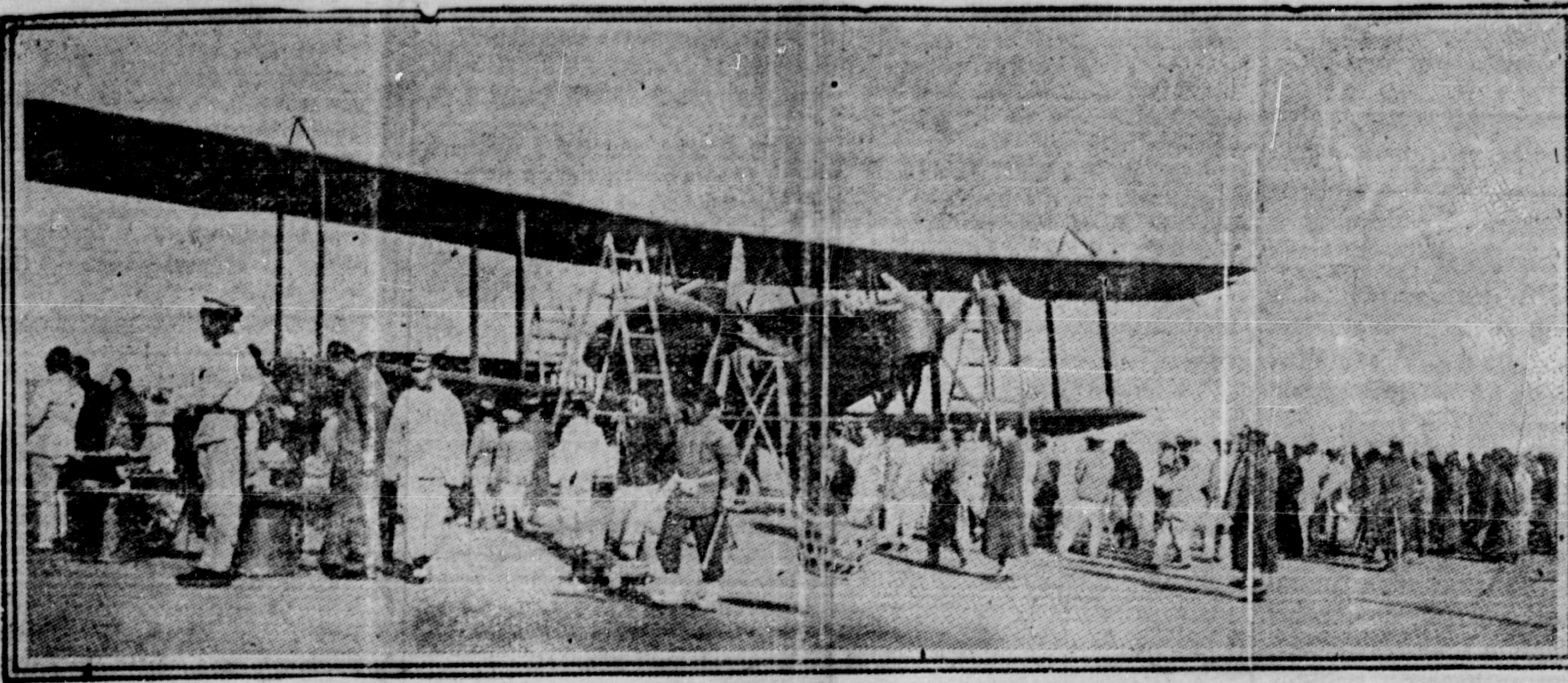
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The celestial government is becoming aware of the importance of aircraft for commercial purposes, and has recently ordered six Handley-Page machines to supplement the railway service on the Mongolian frontiers. The above view shows the first machine being tested in Peking after

WITNESS SAID TO BE STUPID

Patmore Argues that Keir is not Bright and did not Intend to Mislead

William Keir, charged with perjury in connection with a recent disorderly house case in the police court, was up for preliminary hearing this morning. It is alleged that his evidence in the first case was not according to fact and he freely admitted that he had made a statement in the trial that was not true. The defence put in by L. W. Patmore, defending, was that the accused was stupid and that he did not understand the questions asked by Prosecutor Williams.

False Evidence.

Stipendiary Magistrate McMullin conducted the trial and Magistrate McMordie was called to the box as a witness. He told as to the demeanor and evidence of the accused at the first trial. Chief of Police Vickers gave evidence, telling of a phone call he had had from the accused at the residence of Louise Adams in the evening as contradicting his evidence at the first trial when he said he had not been there after the Sunday morning in question. Louise Adams testified as to the accused being at her house on the Sunday evening.

The accused took the box and he admitted that he had been at Louise Adams' house on the Sunday evening. He had been mixed up at the first trial and misunderstood Mr. Williams' question. He stated that he had not discussed the evidence with anybody since the trial, later amending this and saying that he had talked it over with Mr. Patmore. He said that he was not very bright sometimes, and that he had had a poor education in Scotland. He had been second engineer on the Point Ellice and that he was latterly blacksmith's helper at the Cold Storage.

Stupid or Not?

Mr. Patmore advanced the argument that the man was simply a first class stupid witness. He had not intended to deceive. No one could suggest that his stupidity was designed. The charge of perjury must show intent to mislead and it would be foolishness to commit the man on such evidence.

Mr. Williams contended that the man was not as big a fool as he would have the court believe. Of course this was his only defence. To be second engineer on a boat like the Point Ellice he cannot be altogether a fool. If he was a fool he should be in the asylum. There should be a check on this misleading evidence.

Adjournment was made until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning when Magistrate McMullin will give his decision.

AUDITOR HUNT IS EXAMINED

Court Registrar Burritt has been Making Discovery Examination for Drydock Trial.

Fred Richard Hunt, local auditor for the Prince Rupert Dry Dock & Engineering Co., has been undergoing examination for evidence which will be produced at the trial between the Erb and Mullen interests at Vancouver on April 7. On Friday and Saturday examination was made by Court Registrar Burritt at the dry dock offices and it is being concluded this afternoon. L. W. Patmore appears for the plaintiffs, Newman Erb et al, and W. E. Williams for the local company under Mullen.

Mrs. E. A. Howatt was an arrival at the Hotel Prince Rupert from Port Clements this morning.

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DECISION RESERVED

Application by Mullen to Examine Mr. Justice Orde Regarding Bank of Montreal.

(Special by Government wire.)
VANCOUVER, March 18.—The judicial decision was reserved in the application by the Mullen interests for a commission to examine Mr. Justice Orde, now of Toronto but formerly of the legal firm of solicitors to the Bank of Montreal in regard to interviews with Deputy Minister of Marine Johnstone over the shipbuilding contracts for Prince Rupert.

HOUSE SHORTAGE IN VANCOUVER

Almost Impossible to Rent Either Residence or Flat in The City.

VANCOUVER, March 18.—It is almost impossible to rent either a house or a flat in Vancouver today. The demand is steady and not only rents but the price of houses has gone up.

Two years ago there was no sale for houses in South Vancouver or any of the suburbs a short distance from town. Today residences are changing hands every day and the prices are stiffening. Terms are not as easy as they were and the sums asked are much greater than they have been since the land boom before the war.

SPEAKS HIGHLY OF BAPTIST MINISTER

William Marchant, customs inspector, arrived in the city on the last train from the east and will remain here for some days looking into local conditions. He came by way of Calgary where he was delegate at a Baptist convention. Mr. Marchant speaks highly of Rev. James Dunlop, who is coming here.

Delayed in leaving Edmonton on account of the prairie storms, tonight's passenger train is not expected in before 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

with the poor English gentleman who is in love with the niece but in disfavor of the uncle on account of his poverty. Finally Pat brings about the inevitable meeting of the two masters and after some words between them they make peace and the two romances come to a happy consummation. Those who had witnessed the farce elsewhere commented favorably on the way it was handled by the local performers. The two ladies were presented with bouquets before the final drop of the curtain.

SHAMROCK CLUB CONCERT GREAT

Vocal, Terpsichorean and Dramatic Talent Displayed Was Surprising and Skilled.

The first annual grand dramatic and musical entertainment under the auspices of the Shamrock Dramatic Club given last night in the Westholme Theatre drew a crowd that filled the house to the doors and provided an excellent evening's pleasure for every one present. One pleasing feature of the concert was that the most of the performers were new to the audience and many of them proved pleasant surprises in the talent displayed. The success achieved was proof of a lot of painstaking training and practice and those instrumental in staging the affair are to be congratulated on the result attained. From the beginning chorus to the final drop of the curtain everything went without a hitch.

The program was in honor of St. Patrick and the patron saint of the Emerald Isle was honored indeed.

The opening number was a selection of Irish airs by the Westholme Theatre Orchestra and it was executed to perfection by them. Characteristic of Irish melody the tunes ran from those of the sentimental and rhythmic ballads to the vivacious airs of the country dances and each was given its proper interpretation by the orchestra. The entire act music was also enjoyable features of the affair. Among the airs appropriately played were "Wearing of the Green," "Echoes from the Green Isle," "Come Back to Erin," "Erin's Isle," "Humors of Donnybrook," and others.

Choral Recital.

The first part of the concert program took the form of a choral recital. The members of the chorus were Misses Grace Curtin, Blanche Curtin, Patricia Meagher, Pulmira Astori, H. Morency, Mrs. J. S. Roberts, Messrs. Harry Astori, J. S. Roberts, F. W. Moersch, Harry Fletcher and Gillis Couture. Mr. Roberts, who is new to Prince Rupert audiences, took the most important solo role and his clear voice was pleasing indeed to the audience. In all his songs he was joined by the company in the choruses. "Ireland is Ireland to Me," and "The Princess of My Heart" were both much enjoyed.

Other soloists in this part were Harry Astoria, Gillis Couture, H. Fletcher and Misses Blanche Curtin and Patricia Meagher. The two former sang verses of the opening song "God Save All Here." Harry Fletcher, pleasing as ever, sang "An Irish Love Song," and "Mother Machree." The latter brought much applause and he was forced back in an encore. The Shamrock Glee Club Quartette, consisting of Harry Fletcher, Harry Astoria, G. Couture and J. S. Roberts, sang "Dear Little Shamrock" with a beautiful blending of the voices.

Lady Soloists.

Emmett Adams' solo, "The Bells of St. Mary's" sang by Miss

Patricia Meagher in her delicate clear soprano, was one of the most delightful parts of the program. She was applauded loudly and was presented with a bouquet. The assistance of the members in the melodious chorus put much spirit into the song and its melody left its impression on the audience. Miss Blanche Curtin singing "The Kerry Dances" displayed a good deal of skill and was well received, also being presented with bouquets. W. J. Pitman played the accompaniments in his well known and popular style.

Second Section.

The second section of the program was opened by J. S. Roberts with two solos, "Macushla," and "Father O'Flynn," with Mr. Pitman accompanying on the stage. Will Edmunds gave a cello solo, "My Wild Irish Rose," and in response to vociferous applause played "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms."

Eight of the younger girls of the Annunciation School appeared in Irish and Welsh dances. These were among the most enjoyable numbers on the program. They were very pretty and were executed with harmony and unison that told of careful and painstaking training. The little girls taking part were Misses Martin, Riel, Bowness, Burritt, Reilly, McLaren, Bostrum and Palmer. The costuming of the girls was a feature that was remarked on in favorable terms.

The Farce.

The farce comedy "That Rascal Pat," proved most enjoyable. J. Fred Ritchie, Jr., taking the part of Chas. Livingstone, a proud but penniless young Englishman, showed a good deal of talent and stage presence. Pat McNogerty, a typical Irish valet, was played by F. W. Moersch and he took his difficult part excellently. Miss H. Morency acting the flippant maid, in love with Pat, excelled herself. Major Puffjacket was played by J. S. Roberts, and Laura, the Major's niece, was excellently portrayed by Miss Grace Curtin.

The farce shows the escapades of the Irish servant on accepting a place with Major Puffjacket after months of unrequited service



J. S. ROBERTS

of the office staff of Kelly-Douglas & Co., Ltd., and formerly of Vancouver, who was the leading soloist at the concert in the Westholme Theatre last night. He is proving a great accession to the musical life of the city.

PROGRESS AT SHIPYARDS

Now 374 Hands Employed in all Throughout the Works.

BRACKETS ARE NEARLY COMPLETED

General Manager Optimistic to the Future of the Plant.

are at present 374 people employed at the shipyards and in this city, and E. P. New York, the new man representing the Erb interests that if they could only find accommodation for would put on another once. He says that failure of other method they will their present commissary sent to include another 50 men.

Just was connected with shipyard and was one of the U. S. Shipyard and Emergency Fleet Union, and is late of the Electric Co. at Schenectady.

Just says that the work is well at the yards. The department is busy and working hard on the ship. The bilge brackets are on and should be completed April 1. Then framing commences. The material for holding has already been ordered. J. H. Pillsbury, who was before Mr. Rust came, assistant to the manager general superintendent.

Measurements are being made yards. A telephone exchange system to connect up the departments of the yard is being central is the latest estimates of cost for being secured.

new manager is very optimistic regard to the future of the yard. He says the Erb is negotiating for standard Oil tankers of the standard type of 12,000 tons and also for three ships of 10,000, and 12,000 tons for Norway and account. The proposal lay down two more ways during the summer to run shifts, this being made by the large amount of at this northern point.

LUM INMATES FINED \$50 EACH

Found Guilty—Stealing Dismissed and One Man Pays \$25 for Spree.

Chinese opium cases read from last Friday were up in the police court this morning when some more were read of. Lee Quong and Lem both pleaded guilty of being of an opium joint and fined \$50 which they paid. Bailey is taking pictures records of the guilty parties.

Two charges against Lum of being in possession of and being the keeper of an opium den, were read until March 25. He is a bail.

Large Dobbins, the youth who charged with the theft of a y and towels from the Prince Rupert, was dismissed.

Lathrop paid \$25 for being drunk and disorderly.

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