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Cloudburst Struck Britannia Beach Last Night and Swept Away Half; Relief Rushed

(Special to The Daily News.)

COVVER, Oct. 29.—There has been a terrible cloudburst which has spelled catastrophe for the community at that place, with probably considerable loss of life.

Following an emergency call, five doctors and eight nurses rushed there this morning as fast as a steamer can.

These will care for the injured. The cloudburst struck the little town below the mines during the night and swept away half the houses. Scanty reports indicate that eight people are missing and a large number of others are injured.

Communication is almost cut off.

(By Canadian Press.)
COVVER, Oct. 29 (Noon).—Several persons are drowned and many are injured on the beach by a cloudburst and flood and the report of communication by wire, is the report that came over last night from Britannia Beach, according to a brief received by the Government Telegraph through its

cloudburst washed out the fill at the mining town at 9 o'clock last night. A great rush of water came down, carrying houses and people and sweeping away half the houses. It cut through the town, separating it into two sections.

It is reported that two separate parts of the town are now isolated from each other, and therefore it is impossible to arrive at any definite figures as to the loss of life. It is, however, that there have been a number of victims of

men of the Government Telegraphs sent a message from the town, where he had gone by motor to report, and then went back to mend the break, which is a wide one. The line with Squamish direct and then back to Britannia Beach by a consequently both Squamish and the Beach are cut off.

First communication with the place will be by the Union Pacific boat Capilano. This vessel left here this morning with a full load of goods and passengers. It should arrive there at 11:30 this morning.

A message received this morning by Walter Owen, of Provincial Police, from Mr. Mees, justice of the peace at the town of Britannia, stated that following the cloudburst during the night half of the town of Britannia were washed down to the beach and the residents were reported missing. In accordance with request, five doctors and eight nurses were sent back to the town by the steamer Capilano, and they were accompanied by constables.

AT COW BAY TO START IN TEN DAYS

16 and 20 Men Will Be Employed and Job Will Take About Two Months.

provincial government starting actual operations on the building of the level at Cow Bay and the road to it from Third Street in about ten days. About 16 and 20 men will be engaged in the work and there will be about 16 and 20 employed on the work. The work is expected to take about two months to complete and it is expected to cost the neighborhood of \$75,000.

BUILDINGS COUNTY WATERFORD

Threatened Penalties for Giving Information.

AST, Oct. 29.—The police at Passage, County Waterford, which were wrecked last night, were burned to the ground and the villagers were threatened with penalties for giving information.

YOU INTERESTED IN SALE PROPERTY?

Applications will be considered for the transfer of the lots purchased by the City at the recent sale, at the upset price. For full particulars apply at the City Engineer's Office.

DAUGHTERS ENGLAND ENTERTAINED PYTHIAN SISTERS LAST NIGHT

Last night the Daughters of England entertained the Pythian Sisters and their friends at a whist drive and supper in the Knights of Pythias Hall. There were 11 tables of whist and the first prize winners were Mrs. W. G. Hughes and S. J. Howe. Consolation awards went to Mrs. J. Howe, who cut for the honor with Mrs. A. Iverson, and D. McCulloch.

On behalf of the Daughters of England, Mrs. Woods welcomed the guests and pointed out that this was to be the first of a series of similar events through which it was hoped to strengthen the fraternal and social relations of the ladies' orders in the city. After the supper Mrs. G. W. Johnston and C. O. Rowe spoke, thanking the hostesses and expressing the opinions that the idea was a good one.

The affair was in charge of the social committee of the Daughters of England.

CENSUS TAKING IS COMPLETED

John Flewin, census enumerator for this district, is spending a few days in town and expects to return to his home in Port Simpson tomorrow night.

Mr. Flewin reports that he has made all his census returns to Ottawa and is now cleaning up accounts. The last return, that from the Stikine district, went in last week. The reports have not been tabulated and there will be no official announcement until it comes from Ottawa. Therefore, there are no totals for the district to be given out, although Mr. Flewin stated that the return for Prince Rupert had been placed about 6,500.

ST. ELOI IS TOTAL WRECK

Engineer Robert Goodlad Burned Result Explosion on Shore—Is in Hospital.

The two-man halibut fishing boat St. Eloi is a total loss and the engineer, Robert Goodlad, is in the hospital suffering from burns about the face and hands as the result of an explosion which occurred following the wreck of the boat when she struck a rock near Minktrap Bay last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Gilbert Dursey, the skipper and owner, and Goodlad were brought to the city last night by Captain Alfred Swanson on his launch Provincial. Dursey is uninjured although he like his partner, suffered from exposure following the wreck.

It was on Thursday afternoon when the St. Eloi struck the rock. It was on ebb tide and with the flood she heeled over and sank and is a total loss. The captain and the engineer left in the scuff and made for shore. Here they started to light a fire with despatch and an explosion of the can followed which resulted in Goodlad receiving his burns.

Burns Not Severe.

Capt. Swanson, on a hunting trip in the Provincial, happened to be passing by about twenty-four hours later and he noticed the scuff on the shore. He proceeded to investigate and finding the plight of the two men he immediately set out for home with them on board. He arrived last evening and Goodlad was taken to the hospital. His burns it is understood, are not very severe and he will recover shortly. Suffering from shock and exposure, neither men were able to eat coming up the coast on the Provincial.

The St. Eloi is a well known craft in the local halibut fleet. It was one of the smaller halibut vessels and was about 38 feet in length.

VETERAN CUT THROAT OWING TO FINANCES

Herbert Page of Pritchard Was Worried Over Government Loan.

KAMLOOPS, Oct. 29.—Herbert D. Page, 42 years of age, a war veteran, was found dead with his throat cut. He ran a ranch near Pritchard and it is believed he was worried over a \$5,000 loan from the Government, secured under the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

NEW ENGLAND HERE WITH HALIBUT FOR SHIPMENT TO EAST

The New England Fish Company's trawler, New England, Captain Scott, reached port this morning at 11 o'clock from the coast with 90,000 pounds of halibut, between 10,000 and 50,000 pounds of which will be unloaded here and packed for shipment to the Eastern market over the Canadian National Railway. After these fish have been unloaded the balance of the catch will be taken to Ketchikan.

SAILOR FRIEDMAN MADE RICE QUIT IN THE SEVENTH ROUND

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Sailor Friedman of Chicago last night defeated Ernie Rice, English lightweight champion, in the seventh of a fifteen round bout last night. A damaged eye compelled Rice to quit.

ARTFUL.

"Madam," said the maid, "the lady, suffering from shock and exposure, neither men were able to eat coming up the coast on the Provincial."

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Train Traffic In And Out Of Vancouver Tied Up By Heavy Rains For Four or Five Days

VANCOUVER, Oct. 29.—Never in the history of this section of the Pacific Coast have flood conditions been so serious as they are today.

Railway bridges and tracks have been washed out on the Canadian Pacific Railway and it will be impossible to get a train in or out of Vancouver for four or five days on this line. A section of the town of Port Coquitlam is under water due to the overflow of the Coquitlam River over its banks as a result of the incessant rains during the past few days. The Canadian Pacific Railway bridge and the traffic bridge over the river have been carried away. Other bridges have also gone out. Damage has been done by the rain as far east as Lytton. Mudslides have occurred on the Canadian National line at Boston Bar in the Fraser Valley. The rain has now ceased and it is expected that the waters will commence to recede. Among the big washouts on the Canadian Pacific is one at Mile 121, Thompson division, which is 100 feet long and from 40 to 60 feet deep.

Majority for Government On First Division of Session Shows No Sign Weakening

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—The Oliver Government was yesterday sustained by a vote of 24 to 18 in the first division of the session. Previous to the vote Premier Oliver and Attorney-General Farris denounced the Bowser charges in regard to the Liquor Control Board and characterized the insinuations as grand stand play.

The Premier brought in an amendment to the Bowser motion for an investigation, demanding that the Bowser "insinuations be put in the form of definite charges" before any investigation take place. The amendment carried, Thomas Menzies, independent member for Comox, voting with the Government.

In their speeches both Premier Oliver and Mr. Farris welcomed an investigation of any specific charge. Previous to the putting of the vote, J. McRae of Yale, R. H. Neelands of South Vancouver and C. E. Henniger of Grand Forks had participated in the debate on the address, Henniger stoutly defending the Government.

Labor Leader Gets After Government Support Liberals

STOUFFVILLE, Ont., Oct. 29.—James Murdoch, former commissioner of the Board of Commerce and at present vice-chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, spoke in support of W. L. Mackenzie King last night for the first time since his nomination on the Liberal Ticket in South Toronto.

Mr. Murdoch charged the Government with putting obstacles in the way of the Board of Commerce efforts to reduce the cost of living, until the board resigned in protest against the contemptible force. He also claimed that the Winnipeg strike of 1919 was not a revolution against constitutional government but an expression of dissatisfaction with the present Government.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK AT PRESENT NOT SO BAD

J. M. Campbell, Agent Reports Little Local Unemployment and More Work Will Keep Conditions Fair.

J. M. Campbell, provincial government employment agent, reports that at present time there is very little unemployment locally and the outlook from present appearances is not too bad. Between 60 and 70 men are registered but these are mostly outsiders, having come from Anyox, Stewart and up river points.

Present work in sight includes the building of the road and level crossing at Cow Bay, which will take quite a few bridgemen and rock men, the dock superstructure contract, the station and the court house. If these jobs are carried out they will assist materially in keeping down unemployment. Much of the work offering is, of course, of a temporary nature. The uncertainty of the extent of the continuation of work at the dry dock makes that rather difficult to figure on. It is hard to say what the situation will be in a month's time. The large amount of local building that is going on is also helping matters.

A lot of the smaller fishing boats are lying up and that means that still more men will be looking for jobs.

OLDEST PEER IN ENGLAND DIES AT AGE OF NINETY-FOUR

FALFIELD, Gloucestershire, England, Oct. 29.—Earl Ducis, the oldest peer in England, died here at the age of 94. He lived in an immense house in the midst of one of the most beautiful parks in the country. Visitors were always allowed to use the park for picnics in summer and the lakes for skating in winter. He also kept up an experimental farm as an example for the tenants on the estate.

HARTLEY DEWART DECLARES FARMERS VERY EXTRAVAGANT

In a statement issued by Hartley Dewart, leader of the Liberals of Ontario in resigning his position a few days ago said:

"It has been constantly urged upon me that I should give the agrarian outfit a chance. Heaven knows I want the limit. Despite all our criticism and help the financial condition of the province is in a sad way, which is not due to hydro obligations, but to gross mismanagement, absolute incompetency and extravagance, or worse. "Now the same outfit wants to try their prentice hand on the Dominion. God forbid! There should be no alliance or understanding, expressed or implied, between Liberalism and Greed."

SHIPS TO PLY TO MANY PORTS FROM CANADA

Canadian Merchant Marine to Have Regular Sailings of 26 Freighters.

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—Canadian Merchant Marine sailings have been arranged from Halifax and St. John for the winter months and will maintain regular freight services throughout the winter to the West Indies, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand and South America.

From Vancouver there will be sailings to the Orient and to Australia and New Zealand and also to India.

In all, there are 26 sailings scheduled in addition to special charters. These vessels carry the Canadian flag and the name of Canada to the ports of the countries mentioned and the tramps go to the more remote ports with occasional cargoes.

ARBITRATION IS CONCLUDED

Decision Next Week in Wage Dispute on Canadian National Railway.

OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—The submission of evidence before the Canadian National arbitration board concluded yesterday. The board will give its ruling next week.

President Mosher, on behalf of the men, admitted that some reduction might be justified, but the company was asking too much.

Mr. Brady, for the company, said the company must get the full amount of the proposed reduction.

GRAND TRUNK TRAIN THROWN FROM TRACK; RAIL WAS REMOVED

FLINT, Mich., Oct. 29.—The Grand Trunk passenger train westbound was derailed when persons for whom the sheriff is searching, removed a rail. Three people were seriously injured. The entire train but one car was thrown into a ditch.

Alex S. Munro, who has been second engineer on the Prince John for some months, left for Vancouver on Thursday night having been transferred to the company shops at that port.

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HALLOWE'EN BALL
in aid of the Hospital on
Monday Evening
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Dancing at 9. Tickets \$1
Westholme Orchestra.