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## JASPER TO COAST PEDESTRIAN REACHES GOAL

## TRADE RELATIONS OF BRITAIN AND CANADA ARE TO BE INVESTIGATED

### BUILDING OF WOODEN SHIPS WILL BE RESUMED VICTORIA YARDS BY THE GOVERNMENT

VICTORIA, June 21.—The impasse in the wooden shipbuilding situation which has prevailed for six months and has seriously affected local yards in that time was broken yesterday by an announcement from Ottawa stating that the Dominion Government had decided to take over the shipyards and uncompleted ships of the Victoria Ship Owners Limited and complete their program of construction.

The news is received with a good deal of satisfaction in local marine circles and in the city generally. It will mean the resumption of work and the consequent employment of a large number of men for a time at least. The government will complete the ships now in hand but no announcement has been made as to further work at the yards.

### TERRIBLE MINE DISASTER TOOK PLACE AT HERNE

Twenty-two Known Dead—179 Miners Unaccounted for.

HERNE, June 21.—Twenty-two are dead and many injured as a result of the explosion of fire damp which destroyed a coal mine here yesterday. One hundred and seventy miners still remain unaccounted for.

BERLIN, June 21.—Sixty-eight men were killed and 73 were injured in a mine explosion near Herne.

### BODY OF TEDDY GERSTER FOUND

Japanese Fishermen on Skeena River Picked It up Last Night.

The body of Edward Alexander Gerster, the local youth who lost his life three weeks ago when he fell overboard from the launch Irish Belle near Porecher Island, was found floating on the fishing grounds at the mouth of the Skeena River last night by Japanese fishermen of Inverness Cannery.

Word to this effect was received this morning by Chief A. C. Minty, of the provincial police, from the bookkeeper at Inverness Cannery. The body was first taken to Inverness but is now at Dominion. Arrangements are being made to send a launch out this afternoon to bring it to Prince Rupert.

The identity was established by means of a card found in the clothing bearing the young man's name and his home address in Vancouver.

### TWO MINISTERS LEAVE CANADA

Ballantyne and Guthrie Will Meet Meighen June 28.

OTTAWA, June 21.—Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of labor, and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, leave Quebec today for England and will remain two months. They will join Premier Meighen on June 28 and Hon. Mr. Guthrie will endeavor to settle transportation accounts between Canada and Great Britain. The business involves millions of dollars arising out of the transportation of troops during the war.

### APPOINTMENTS TO LIQUOR STORE MADE

P. I. Palmer Has Already Named Four of His Staff.

The staff for the local government liquor store is being assembled gradually by P. I. Palmer, the government vendor. So far the following appointments have been made: C. L. Youngman and W. Miller in the accounting department; warehousemen, D. Denning and J. W. Baker.

C. L. Youngman, who is at present with the forestry department, and W. Denning, are both 102nd Battalion men who saw considerable service overseas with the Canadian Forces.

W. Miller acted as government liquor vendor during the prohibition period when the medical prescription system was in vogue.

J. W. Baker is also a veteran, having served overseas with the 47th Battalion. He is a member of the local G.W.V.A. band.

### OLD TIMER OF PROVINCE DEAD

"Sandy" McRae, of Revelstoke, Dies of Heart Disease While Hunting.

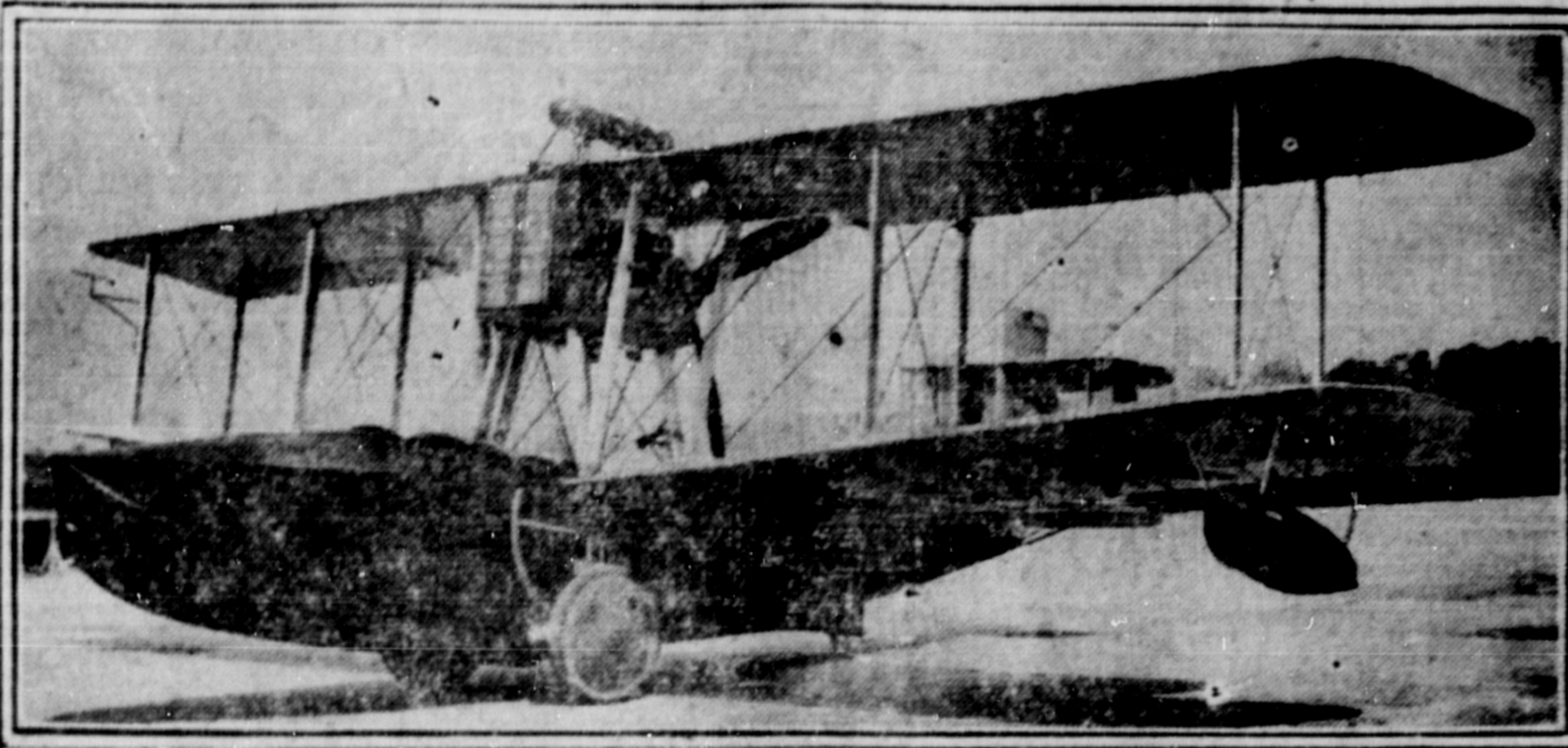
REVELSTOKE, June 21.—Alexander "Sandy" McRae, died of heart disease while hunting with a party of friends for bear just outside the city limits. Deceased was one of this town's oldest residents and had lived here for thirty-five years. He was well known throughout the Kootenay and in the province generally. He was active in politics and was a Liberal of the old school. He was 57 years of age.

### CITY WANTS MORE SOLDIERS' LOANS

Decided Last Night to Ask for Another Allotment of \$100,000.

The city council last night, on motion of Ald. Kelly, seconded by Ald. McNeill, decided to ask for \$100,000 of the Soldiers' Housing loan which, it is understood, will be shortly forthcoming from the Dominion Government. The city has already asked for \$25,000 but requests for loans are coming in so fast that the soldier-alderman felt that the city was justified in asking for a larger allotment. This loan would cover the cost of erecting 30 or 40 more houses in the city.

### AMPHIBIOUS PLANES LIKELY TO DOMINATE THE AIR.



The successful use of the amphibious biplane by Great Britain is another step in the advance of aviation. The machine's slight rise and equal facility on either land or water. A fleet of the planes has already been ordered by the British Government, with which it hopes to revolutionize aviation, both military and commercial. The photo shows the Vickers "Viking," a - cted by the British Air Ministry.

### BUSY SALMON SEASON IS ON

Sockeye Fishing in Northern Waters Commenced Yesterday.

Sockeye fishing in Northern British Columbia waters opened yesterday, the area affected including the west coast of Vancouver Island north of parallel 48.30 and the Gulf of Georgia north of 49.30. This includes the mouths of the Skeena and Naas Rivers and Rivers Inlet and all other sections of the coast with the exception of No. 1 district embracing the Fraser River, Burrard Inlet, Howe Sound and waters of the International boundary line and certain portions of District No. 3, contiguous to Vancouver Island, where the ban will not be raised until July 1.

As has already been announced, salmon fishing this year is confined almost exclusively to sockeyes on account of the large supply of other varieties that are already on hand as a result of the packs of previous years. Chums and pinks will not be handled to any extent by the cannery. Therefore, the busiest part of the canning season may now be said to have started. It will be a short season for fishing of sockeyes will continue but to the first of August.

Prices to be paid by cannery for sockeye in the northern district have been fixed at 45 cents per fish for fishermen employing their own gear and to fishermen supplied with cannery gear, 30 cents a fish. No attempt has been made to fix the prices of the other salmon varieties such as chums and pinks, and prices to be paid in areas thrown open after July 1 will be settled about that time.

Returned soldiers, as a class, will not play an important part in this year's fishing. No restrictions apply to the number of white fishermen entitled to licenses other than payment of the necessary fees, and statistics compiled by the Dominion fisheries department would indicate no startling increase in this field. The Japanese fishermen must not exceed in number that of 1919.

### JOE LYNCH TO BATTLE AT NEW YORK TONIGHT

NEW YORK, June 21.—Joe Lynch, of New York, tonight defends the bantamweight championship title in a ten round bout with Sammy Sandow, of Cincinnati.

### Overland Journey by Foot Has Ending in City Police Station

The hurried trip of Sergeant Bailey and Constable Logan from the city yesterday afternoon, upon receiving a tip that a man closely resembling the escaped prisoner Michaelson, had been sighted in the wilds somewhere in the vicinity of Somerville Cannery proved not entirely barren of results. A person was discovered who assuredly did resemble the man they sought, but was not him.

The two police officers left the city on the launch Oh Baby in the early afternoon and returned from their quest at midnight, bringing with them a smiling, tawny, fattered and voluble individual who spoke with a decidedly foreign accent. Giving the name of John Davidson and his nationality as Finnish, this strange and weird person had a most remarkable story to tell of his adventures for the last six months. He claims to have been in the country since 1907 and to have worked at various jobs during that time.

Longed for Sea. Last January he became tired of life on the prairies and longed for a sight of the sea once again and a chance to follow his calling as a sailor and fisherman. Leaving Jasper, a distance of 700 miles from here with an outfit consisting of a sack of salt, a package of matches and two one pound plugs of tobacco, he started on foot for the coast. He did not know the name of any particular city. Vancouver, Prince Rupert, or Skagway, were the same to him. Even when he had all but accomplished his object and reached the sea coast he did not know it, for when close to the bridge at Zenardi Rapids yesterday he turned round again and was found by the police searchers heading inland.

His story of how he subsisted on this remarkable pilgrimage is somewhat vague and smacks of the miraculous. He says he never begged a meal, nor slept under cover since he left Jasper in mid-winter. There being always available an unfailing supply of green vegetation, he says he was never without sustenance. His worldly possessions, appeared to consist of a metal mirror and a modern can opener. In conversation with the Daily News this morning he appeared quite natural and was pleasantly talkative about his trip, pleased to be in Prince Rupert, thankful for the hospitality accorded him by the Hotel de Vickers, and anxious only to get once more on to his beloved briny and follow his boyhood calling.

MAY PRESENT PEACE OFFER Rumored This is Intention of the Sin Fein on Visit of the King Tomorrow.

LONDON, June 21.—It is rumored that the Sinn Feiners of Ireland intend to present King George with a peace offer when he visits Belfast tomorrow to open the Ulster parliament. The offer will be made personally.

Five soldiers were killed in hostile activities in Ireland yesterday.

CORK, June 21.—James Francis Bernard, fourth Earl of Bandon, was kidnapped this morning from his residence. Armed men were known to have been in the whereabouts of the Bernard Castle. The home of the kidnapped man was set afire.

LONDON, June 21.—King George and Queen Mary were given a remarkable send-off at the railway station here when they departed for Holyhead, Anglesey, enroute for Belfast to participate in the state opening of the Ulster Parliament tomorrow. Great crowds gathered and gave an ovation as the train pulled out of the station.

SECOND SESSION OF BIG CONFERENCE LONDON, June 21.—The Premier of Britain's overseas Dominions held their second session this morning. Edwin Montague, secretary for India, and General Jan Smuts, premier of the Union of South Africa, had prepared statements for today's meeting.

### Chairman British Producers' Organization to Visit This City in Course Tour Canada

LONDON, June 21.—Ben H. Morgan, chairman of the council of the British Empire Producers' Organization, sails tomorrow on the Empress of Britain for Canada and in the course of his visit to the most of the Canadian cities, where export possibilities may be worked up, expects to visit Prince Rupert.

The object of Mr. Morgan's trip to Canada will be to discuss with the producing interests measures that will secure for Canadian products a larger market in Great Britain for Canadian industries more financial support from the Mother Country.

Another point of importance that will be reviewed is the opening up of other Empire markets for Canadian goods.

Support From Britain. In regard to Canadian industries, the organization which Mr. Morgan represents feels that a point has been reached where unless support from Great Britain is properly organized a very large number of the industries in Canada will become entirely American in character, and by producing goods according to United States standards it will be made increasingly difficult for British capital to participate.

The organization is taking up many details in regard to the encouragement of inter-empire trade and commerce and in this connection representations are being made with a view to bringing about effective preferential arrangements between Canada and Australia especially.

Mr. Morgan has a considerable knowledge of Canada; he was also the first trade commissioner to Australia and South Africa, and his books on the trade and development of industries in these countries are well known to all students of Empire economic problems.

The Prince Rupert Board of Trade has already been notified of Mr. Morgan's proposed visit here and it has been invited to present any matters in connection with local industries and trade which he might deal with for his organization, which is allied with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The matter will be taken up at an early meeting of the board.

MANY FAILED TO REGISTER In Vancouver 15,500 voters Lose Franchise—Victoria, 400.

VANCOUVER, June 21.—Announcements made of the business of the Courts of Revision on the provincial voters' list which closed yesterday show that 15,500 voters in Greater Vancouver and 400 in Victoria failed to apply for reinstatement and will lose their franchise for the next provincial election.

HECATE STRAITS FISH BOAT HAD FIGHT WITH FIRE BUT IS NOW SAFE SEATTLE, June 21.—After fighting fire at sea, which started in the galley and threatened for a time to destroy the vessel, the seine boat Florence docked here yesterday from the fishing banks of Hecate Straits. The damage to the boat was slight.

STEAMER QUEEN IS IN DISTRESS Picked up Hopelessly Adrift by Power Schooner and Being Towed to Golden Gate.

VICTORIA, June 21.—The Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Queen is reported disabled off the Oregon coast because of engine trouble. She has been taken in tow by the power schooner Johanna Smith and is being towed into San Francisco. Before being picked up the vessel was hopelessly adrift.

The Queen left here on Thursday evening at 5 o'clock for San Francisco via Seattle. She had 140 passengers and a crew of fifty.

NAVAL SEAPLANE FALLS FROM AIR Crew of Three Officers and Seven Men Have Fortunate Escapes.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Naval seaplane N. C. 7 caught fire while 150 feet in the air and fell into Hampton Roads. The crew of three officers and seven men had miraculous escapes and were all rescued.

CONDITION IS BAD AS EVER No General Drift Back to Coal Mines of Great Britain.

LONDON, June 21.—Although some collieries have reopened and a considerable number of miners have gone back to work there is, as yet, no general drift back to the mines. Generally, the industrial situation in Great Britain is as chaotic as it was before.

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