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Fires in Interior are Beyond Control BELL'S FLYING MACHINE RETURNS WITHOUT ACHIEVING OBJECT

Village of Topley Suffers Bad Loss From Forest Fire; Centre of it is Wiped Out

HAZELTON, Aug. 1. — Last night the store, post-office, hotel, barns and other buildings at Topley, in the Bulkley Valley between Telkwa and Burns Lake, were wiped out by forest fire. No casualties have been reported despite the tremendous amount of damage being done to property. Practically all the farmers in the neighborhood of Topley have suffered, some of them having been rendered homeless. A big fire in the jackpine slashings still burns furiously.

Another big fire in the Kitwano Valley, between here and Terrace, is gradually burning up all the fine timber limits of spruce and cedar. Twelve to fifteen square miles have already been destroyed and reports indicate that the only way of saving it will be by means of rain.

All forest fires are still burning fiercely throughout the interior and the Forest Branch reports that it will be impossible for it to stop any of them.

WHEAT CUTTING IS UNDER WAY

WINNIPEG, Aug. 1. — Wheat cutting is becoming general between here and Brandon. The pleasant hum of the distant binders is heard continuously by travellers over the road and from the train it is seen that many fields of grain are yellow and the machines are at work. The first grain near Winnipeg was cut last week on Fred Smith's farm on the Ste. Anne River. Almost at the same time several binders were started in the west and today very few farmers but are already cutting and will be cutting this week.

THREE ALASKA BOATS ARRIVE WITH SALMON AND HERRING CARGOES

The motorship Apex arrived from Ketchikan last night and today is unloading 20 carloads of herring at the ocean dock for transshipment to the Eastern States. This represents the largest single shipment that has arrived here for transshipment since the Alaska boats started coming here.

The steamer Redondo is expected this afternoon with another 10 or 12 carloads of herring.

Barge Bellingham and tug Lloyd G. returned north last night after having unloaded 9,000 cases of salmon for transshipment.

YPRES CELEBRATED

Anniversary Marked by Pilgrimage Under League Auspices

LONDON, Aug. 1. — The anniversary of the opening of the third battle of Ypres was marked on Saturday by a pilgrimage to Ypres League, in which the Belgian, French and British delegates participated.

FISHING WAS GOOD

Dr. Kergin Guests of the Boys on Trip to Khtada Returned Yesterday

Dr. L. W. Kergin and sons Will and Fred returned yesterday from a fishing trip to Khtada Lake. The doctor was the guest of the boys aboard the little launch Sunbeam II. The sport at the lake was excellent and the trail was in good shape and the members of the party say they had a splendid time. Both going and coming they stopped off at the hot springs above Essington and had a hot bath. They brought home all the fish they wanted.

AERODROME FOR PRINCE GEORGE

This Is Recommendation of Inspector to Canadian Air Board.

Prince George may have a permanent aerodrome established by the Canadian Air Board if the recommendations which will go before the authorities at Ottawa shortly are acted upon favorably. The importance of this city, situated midway between the Rocky Mountains and the coast, as a landing place and depot for machines crossing the province from the prairies to the sea, demands the development of facilities for this type of traffic, which is destined to increase rapidly as commercial flying gets into its stride in Canadian progress.

Yesterday S. N. R. Anderson, of Ottawa, one of the inspectors for the Canadian Air Board, arrived here from Hazelton, where he has been inspecting the air harbor of the Larsen machine which is being operated by the syndicate of railway men.

Examined Site.

The stop off here, on Mr. Anderson's return trip, was for the purpose of examining the ground in the Fort George townsite, at present being used as an improvised aerodrome. Properly cleared and widened this field would suit aeronautical purposes very well, but it has the disadvantage of being located on one of the old townsites, and represents a section of 25-foot lots, the owners of which are scattered broadcast wherever the advertising literature of the original promoter used to find speculators.

It is possible that arrangements may be made to acquire the lots occupied by the landing field on Central avenue, Fort George, but if this is found to be impracticable there are many other sections in which an aerodrome could be established, and one excellent site can be found on the provincial government reserve southwest of the old townsite.

Inspector Anderson paid a visit to the aerodrome yesterday and was impressed with the excellent location of the land and the level approaches to it.

Speaking of the inspection which has just concluded at Hazelton, Mr. Anderson stated that the big steel monoplane "Hazelton" has been equipped with her pontoons and is now probably on her first flight into the Omineca country. The plane uses the Skeena river near Hazelton as her base, and when not in flight is moored to the bank near the town.

The first trip of the Hazelton into Omineca, which was scheduled for Monday, was to be made into Bear lake and on from that point northward. The plane has already made scouting trips inland from Hazelton, taking off and landing on her pontoons with remarkable facility.

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MUCH SUNSHINE AND LITTLE RAIN JULY

The weather report for the month of July shows a small amount of precipitation and much bright sunshine having been recorded.

The figures, as given out today by H. O. Crowe, Dominion Meteorologist, are as follows:

Mean temperature, 54.93.

Maximum temperature, 68, on July 31.

Minimum temperature, 43, on July 27.

Precipitation, 1.66 inches.

Bright sunshine, 195 hours.

YOUNG PASSENGER

Little Lad Seven Years of Age Travelling to Scotland Without Escort but Labelled.

MONTREAL, July 31. — Campbell Hill, a seven year old boy who came here alone on the train from Richardson, Sask., was a passenger out of here Saturday on board the C. P. R. Steamship Metagama. The little lad was carefully labelled and was looked after by the train crew and others aboard the C. P. R. transcontinental. He seemed quite capable of looking after himself and will have a great time on the boat. His parents are dead and he is on his way to Paisley, Scotland to live with his grandmother.

Wales Island Skipper Lost Life When Tender Sank in Portland Inlet

Wales Island Cannery gasoline fish carrier No. 9 sank in Portland Inlet yesterday afternoon and her captain, James Hamilton, lost his life. Arrivals in the city on the steamer Chelohsin this morning brought word to this effect.

The boat had been returning from the fishing grounds and was heavily loaded with salmon. Caught in a heavy sea with a strong wind blowing, the little craft got into distress. The crew left for Somerville Cannery to obtain help and, on their return, the boat had sunk, taking with her to the bottom the skipper who had remained behind.

The scene of the tragedy is off set out with a crew for the scene Pierce Island, ten miles from in an endeavor to locate the body but, up till midnight last night, their efforts had been in vain. The water is very deep formed of the accident, at once at this point.

T. Frazier and Company Complete Deal for Mine at Alice Arm this Week

ALICE ARM, Aug. 1. — With the taking over of the management of the Esperanza Mine this week by Norman Frazier and associates of Anyox, another chapter has been added to the history of this already famous mine. The new company, which is composed of local Anyox capital, plan an active and energetic campaign of mining and development work. Two shifts will be put on mining and taking out the ore as developed in the present working tunnel. Also further development work is planned by driving a new tunnel to cut a quartz lead that out crops further down the hill and to the south of the present ore body.

The price realized by the previous owners, Messrs. Elge and Jeremier, of Vancouver, was \$35,000 with a cash down payment of \$10,000. James Peacock, one of the members of the new company, who is a practical miner of many years experience, will be in active charge of operations.

Fourth Owners

The present owners are the fourth company to possess ownership of the Esperanza since the ground was first staked by H. Roundy in 1902. Mr. Roundy handed the claims to J. Morrison of Vancouver, from whom it passed to Pedro and Baldy Salinas and back.

FLIGHT TO NORTH POLE ABANDONED

Amundsen Party Has Had to Transfer From Maud to Schooner Holmes.

NOME, Aug. 1. — Raold Amundsen, the Arctic explorer, has abandoned his proposed aeroplane flight across the North Pole and Canadian Airman Fullerton is returning to Vancouver, says a wireless message. Amundsen transferred his party from the Maud to the schooner Holmes, adverse weather conditions making it impossible to navigate the Maud.

STEAMER IS ASHORE AT LACHINE RAPIDS

Report on Delayed Telegram Yesterday Says Passengers Were to be Taken Off

MONTREAL, July 31. — The steamer Rapids Prince with 100 passengers aboard went on the rocks at Lachine Rapids when the rudder chains snapped. The passengers will be taken off today.

Larsen Monoplane Failed to Locate Lakes in North

HAZELTON, Aug. 1. — The big Larsen monoplane owned by Len Bell and associates returned to her home harbor at noon on Saturday after travelling 600 miles in an effort to locate Thutade Lake. The smoke hung so thick in the Ground Hog that it was impossible to locate any of the lakes, rivers or mountains.

The trip was made entirely by compass after leaving the Yukon telegraph line at Fifth Cabin. Those making the trip report having seen plenty of wild game. One band of 50 mountain goats were seen near the head of the Kispiox Valley.

The return trip from Sixth Cabin, a distance of 120 miles, was made in one hour.

Another trip will be made as soon as smoke and forest fires permit.

JAILED FOR FAILING FIGHT FOREST FIRE

F. Roberts of Terrace Convicted Yesterday by Magistrate Kenney

TERRACE, Aug. 1. — Before Magistrate Kenney, F. Roberts was today convicted of refusing to fight fire in contravention of the Forest Act, and was fined ten dollars and costs or in default ten days imprisonment. He chose imprisonment.

STREET GRADING SECTION FIVE

To Be Done by Station Men on Competitive Tender—City Engineer's Report Adopted.

The city council is preparing to commence forthwith with the local improvement grading of Fourth and Fifth Avenues and various by-roads in Section 5.

Reports from the city engineer on the 14-foot grading and the putting in of a 4 1/2 foot sidewalk were adopted last night, with the instruction that the necessary bylaws be drafted. It was also decided, on motion of Ald. Dybhavn, seconded by Ald. Collart, to have the work done by station gangs on competitive tender. The city engineer will divide the work into sections and call for the tenders. The city's compressor, which has been rented to the Babington Co., in connection with the Smith Island and rock quarrying, will be available for the work at the expiry of the two month's lease period.

The 14-foot grading, according to the city engineer's report, will cost \$34,500. It will have a lifetime of ten years and will be paid for in ten annual installments. The work will be entirely charged against the property affected and the annual cost will be \$3,450 per front foot.

The sidewalk, costing \$5,600, will have a lifetime of five years and will be paid for in five years, the cost per front foot abutting being \$343 and opposite, \$178.

Refund of \$262 to the Sisters of St. Joseph, who spent this amount on removing 136 cubic yards of street rock in front of the convent when that building was erected, is to be made. It was agreed when they did this work to make the refund when the city started its permanent grading. Ald. Collart moved and Ald. McLeod seconded that the refund be made.

Always do everything on the level and keep away from snares of the devil.

NOTICE

An examination for Licensed Sealers will be held by the Forest Branch at Ocean Falls at 9 a.m. on August 7, and at Prince Rupert at 9 a.m. on August 11 and 12. For further particulars apply Forest Branch, Third Avenue, Prince Rupert, B.C.

DROWNED IN THOMPSON

Father, Son and Daughter Victims at Kamloops Sunday.

KAMLOOPS, July 31. — L. O. Fraser, his son and daughter were drowned in the Thompson River Sunday. The first two went to the rescue of the daughter. The body of the son has been recovered.

Mr. Fraser was an employee of P. Burns Co. He came recently from Calgary.

MINING MAN VICTIM IN AUTO ACCIDENT

H. W. Treat of Seattle Interested in Mining in B. C. Killed.

VANCOUVER, July 31. — According to word received here from Chilliwack, Harry Whitney Treat, a well known resident of Seattle who is interested in mining in British Columbia, was killed in an automobile accident early today near Cultus Lake.

CABINET TO DEAL WITH BIG QUESTIONS

Ministers, Including the Premier, Are Back at Ottawa

OTTAWA, July 31. — Premier Mackenzie King returns to his office today and with other ministers now back in the city, cabinet action on some of the more pressing questions facing the government is expected during the next few days. The cabinet council meets tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon.

VANCOUVER ANNEXES MANN CUP AND NOW LACROSSE CHAMPIONS

VANCOUVER, Aug. 1. — The Mann cup, emblematic of the amateur lacrosse championship of Canada, passed to Vancouver when that team defeated Victoria five to one.