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Big Coal Mine Disaster Cumberland HUNGARIAN TROOPS MASSING ON THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER LINE

Terrible Explosion Yesterday At Dunsmuir Mines, Cumberland Fifteen Dead and Sixteen Injured

CUMBERLAND, B.C., Aug. 31.—Nine men are dead, one is dying, three are missing, and sixteen are more or less seriously injured as the result of an explosion in Number 4 mine of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd. coal properties yesterday afternoon. Three of the dead and three of the injured are white men, the rest being Orientals.

The widows and children include two white women and twelve white children. Of the white men killed Robert Dunsire and John Gibson each leaves a widow and six children. The third white man, a Finn named John Johansson was unmarried. The names of the Orientals, three of whom cannot be accounted for, have not been established. One of the Japanese is dying in the hospital. The white men injured are expected to recover.

The cause of the explosion cannot be determined pending an investigation. The damage to the mine is trifling.

Number 4 mine is situated about a mile from Cumberland. It is an old mine, having been worked for something like thirty years. It is entered by an inclined shaft on the shore of Comox Lake.

15 Killed; 16 Injured
CUMBERLAND, August 31.—(latest dispatch this afternoon) Fifteen are dead and sixteen injured as a result of the explosion in No. 4 mine of the Canadian Collieries here. All bodies were recovered this morning. The list of dead includes three white men, seven Japs and five Chinese. The injured are J. R. Taylor, L. McAdam, G. Irvin and twelve Orientals.

The heroic work of Nurse Bellotti, who insisted on accompanying the rescue party into the mine's depths despite the possibility of another explosion, is praised on all sides. Dr. Hicks and Dr. Carson and Miss Bellotti worked untiringly until this morning when the last victim was on the way to the hospital.

LIBERALS STILL IN LEAD PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD IS.
CHARLOTTETOWN, Aug. 31.—Three Liberals and two Conservatives were elected in the provincial by-elections yesterday leaving the standing in the legislature the same as before, namely Liberals 24, and Opposition 6.

SOUTH RUSSIA IS REBELLING AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI REGIME
LONDON, August 31.—Persistent reports from German sources say that South Russia has started a counter revolution against the Bolsheviks and that a new regime has been entered in Odessa with the declaration of independence from Moscow.

GEORGES CARPENTIER RETIRING FROM RING
PARIS, Aug. 31.—It is understood that Georges Carpentier will retire definitely from the ring within six or eight months. The report creates only mild interest in Paris where fight fans charge him with snobbishness. One newspaper suggests that Georges may be automatically retired in the bouts with Battling Siki and the winner of the Beckett Moran bout.

BIG CONTRACT FOR LOCAL MAN

McDougall & McNeill to Build New Pulp and Paper Mill at Elko, B.C.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 31.—The contract for the first unit of a thirteen million dollar pulp and paper plant to be erected at Elko, B.C., has been awarded to McDougall & McNeill, contractors of Calgary and Vancouver. The plant is to be erected for the Wigan Pulp and Paper Co., a \$25,000,000 concern financed by a syndicate of prominent Canadian and American newspapers. A thousand men are to be employed.

Mr. McNeill, who is just completing the contract on the Court House here said this morning that the contract was not definitely signed but that he was leaving Vancouver tonight in connection with it. The unit is to cost \$3,500,000 and will have a capacity of 100 tons a day.

MISS BECKWITH IS QUIETLY MARRIED AT ST. MARY'S, OAK BAY

Becomes Bride of A. R. Nichols of This City—Breakfast at Attorney-Generals Home

VICTORIA, Aug. 31.—Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock a quiet wedding was solemnized at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, when Alice Marguerite (Rita) daughter of Mrs. H. G. Beckwith was united in marriage to A. Roy Nichols of Prince Rupert by Colonel, the Rev. G. H. Andrews.

The bride was becomingly gowned in blue and silver with hat to match. After the ceremony relatives and a few intimate friends adjourned to the home of Attorney General and Mrs. Manson, Yale St., where the wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols left for Seattle and other points by the afternoon steamer. Later they will return to Prince Rupert where they will make their home in the house formerly occupied by the Attorney General.

Mrs. Nichols, who has lived at Prince Rupert for several years, is a sister of Mrs. Manson. She was a member of the younger set in the northern city where she was extremely popular. Mr. Nichols is in the engineering department of the Canadian National Railways at the same city.

THREE MURDERED AT CANTON, OHIO

CANTON, Ohio, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Fred Burns, 27; Frank Burns, her husband; and Mrs. Mary Noland, 23, were murdered yesterday morning by an unknown man. The murderer lay in wait for his victims and struck them down with an iron as they entered the house. He escaped.

PRINCE GEORGE TEAMSTER FACES MURDER CHARGE

Joe Thibault Dies Following Altercation Last Friday with Joe Ross Which Resulted in Striking

PRINCE GEORGE, Aug. 31.—Joe Ross, formerly pound keeper here and more recently employed by the city as a teamster, will stand trial on a charge of murder as the result of the death last week of Joe Thibault, the present poundkeeper. It is charged that Ross killed Thibault near the city material shed on Friday morning last following an altercation over crop damage done by stray cattle. Witnesses testify that after the quarrel Thibault started to go away but Ross followed him and struck him over the head with a piece of scuttling. Death was due to shock and hemorrhage, the blow received on Thibault's head having been sufficient to fracture his skull on both sides. A jury sitting before Governor Guest rendered a verdict to the effect that Thibault came to his death as a result of the blow delivered by Ross. Deceased never regained consciousness after having collapsed following the blow.

RUPERT GETS A WINDFALL

Over Three Thousand Dollars Coming to Treasury From Motor Tax

VICTORIA, Aug. 31.—The sum of \$201,640, one third of British Columbia's motor taxes for the present fiscal year, is being distributed to municipalities of the province today. Each municipality receives its share on the basis of population. Vancouver gets more than \$55,000, Victoria more than \$19,000, and Prince Rupert, with a population of 6,393, is allotted \$3,350.

MAY WITHDRAW FROM REPARATIONS TODAY

German Offer Not Satisfactory and France May Take Action.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(delayed) The feeling is expressed in preparation circles this afternoon that the French government would withdraw its delegates on the reparations commission preparatory to important action on the German indemnity question. This belief arose from the fact that the German delegates had advanced no new proposals acceptable to France.

The Germans presented their case this morning and said the offer represented their limit. The commission expects to act by noon Thursday.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Skogmo, Ambrose Ave., at the General Hospital yesterday. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Adams, of Eighth Avenue, at the General Hospital yesterday.

DRASTIC CUT LIQUOR PRICE

Wines Get Large Reduction to Encourage Use of Light Beverages

VICTORIA, Aug. 31.—The government's new scale of liquor prices becoming effective on Friday of this week, shows reductions of from ten cents to a dollar a bottle. The decrease in revenue as a result is estimated at three-quarters of a million dollars based on last year's sales. On the fourteen brands of Scotch whiskey there is a reduction of 75 cents a quart. Five others are reduced from \$1.50 to \$3.75, and two brands from \$1.50 to \$3.50. All brands of rye have been cut sharply.

Wine prices have been drastically slashed. The Attorney General declared this should result in the use of more light stuff and less hard. The decreases amount to as much as \$4 a gallon in some cases.

No reduction was made in the price of beer, the new taxes including any change there. Pure grain alcohol is cut from \$24 to \$27.50 to \$9.00.

DEAD FISHERMAN WAS WIDOWER AND 42 YEARS OF AGE

Old Sather, the fisherman of the schooner Nornen, who died yesterday afternoon in the General Hospital from heart failure, was 42 years of age and was a widower without children. He was a native of Norway and his aged father still lives in the Old Country. There were no relatives in this country. Sather resided in New Westminster where he was better known than here. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the B.C. Undertakers' parlors.

DOLLAR AT PAR

Canadian Money Yesterday Placed on Equality With American

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Canadian dollar touched par yesterday for the first time since August, 115. During the last few years it has been at a discount at one time going as low as 20 percent and about a year ago it touched 18 per cent.

The principal reason for the steady decrease in exchange of the past two months is because of the improved trade balance of Canada owing to the extensive purchases of Canadian wheat by the United States and the virtual shutting off of coal shipments to the Dominion because of the strike.

SOLUTION OF BIG PROBLEM

Reparations Commission Decides to Accept Belgian Compromise on Moratorium Situation

PARIS, Aug. 31.—The Allied reparations commission has decided to accept the Belgian compromise on the German moratorium proposition as a solution of the present crisis. A formal vote will be taken this afternoon. The British, Italians, and Belgians are unequivocally in favor of this settlement. The attitude of the French members is not yet known.

While Vienna Awaits Relief From League of Nations, the Jugo Slavic Forces Gather

VIENNA, Aug. 31.—Reports of the concentration of Hungarian troops on the western border of Austria are officially confirmed. Newspapers say these gatherings are due to uprisings which have occurred in Bergenland. It is reported that the Jugo-Slavic troops are growing in strength on the Austrian frontier, while Vienna awaits the verdict of the League of Nations in regard to the Austrian appeal for aid in the present financial and economic crisis. High tension is in evidence on all sides. Lloyds have refused applications for riot insurance at any price.

GERMANY REJECTS DEMANDS OF ALLIES FOR GOLD GUARANTEE

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The cabinet decided to reject the demands of the reparations commission in Paris for gold guarantees as a condition of granting a moratorium to Germany by the allies.

RESCUERS ARE NEAR TRAPPED MEN IN MINE

One Hundred Feet Divides Rescuers From Entombed Men in Argonaut Mine

JACKSON, Calif., Aug. 31.—One hundred feet of rock and earth this afternoon separated the rescue party which is working in the underground depths of the Kennedy Mine from the entrance to the 4,800 foot level of the Argonaut Mine where it is believed 43 miners entombed in the burning mine since last Sunday midnight are trapped. The rescuers are working desperately. It is believed that the only hope of finding the men alive lies in their being in the air pockets of the lower levels formed by the bulkheads which the men have had the presence of mind to construct to ward off the gas fumes.

ALD. PERRY IS TO LEAVE CITY

Popular Pioneer Citizen Notified Today of Transfer in Indian Department Service

WILL SOON RESIGN FROM CITY COUNCIL

Ald. C. C. Perry, Indian Agent for the Skeena River district, is to be transferred to Vancouver to take over a new agency that has been created there by the Department of Indian Affairs. Word to this effect was received by Mr. Perry this morning from Ottawa. While there is, as yet, no definite instructions as to the exact date that the transfer is to take effect, Mr. Perry expects word to leave for his new post at an early date, probably within a few weeks. The Vancouver agency, which will be a very important one on account of a number of large problems which have developed recently, has been created through the division of New Westminster district into two.

Ald. Perry's transfer will necessitate his resigning from the city council, the resignation to be submitted as soon as definite word as to the date of his transfer is received.

A pioneer of this district and ever one of the city's most zealous and public spirited citizens, the news that Mr. Perry is to leave will be a matter of regret to the community generally, although the move will be a promotion in the service. Mr. Perry first took up the work of the Indian department starting the Queen Charlotte Agency in 1909. In 1910 he took over the Naas River agency with headquarters at Metlakatla coming not long after to Prince Rupert where he has been ever since. For a short period in 1909 Mr. Perry was in the pulpit of the local Methodist church. He has been on the aldermanic board for the past four years and his popularity has been attested to on the leading position he, on most occasions, took at the polls. In 1919 he was president of the Northern B.C. Agricultural Association. He also has taken an active part in numerous other public and semi-public fields.

Mrs. Perry and family will accompany him when he leaves the city.

JAPANESE WAR VESSEL SINKS

Small Cruiser Goes Down With Practically All Hands Off Kamchatka

TOKIO, Aug. 31.—The Japanese cruiser Nitaka, 3,420 tons, went down in a typhoon off the Kamchatka coast on August 26 with virtually all hands, according to advices received by the Admiralty yesterday. Practically none of the members of her crew of 300 were saved. A destroyer was ordered to the scene.

WABASH FLOATED AND PROCEEDS ON VOYAGE

VICTORIA, August 31.—The freighter Wabash, which was ashore near Race Rocks for two days, was floated this morning with the assistance of the salvage vessel Algonquin. The Wabash was uninjured and proceeded on her voyage to New York.

COMPANY FINED FOR NEGLIGENCE TO PREVENT SPREADING OF FIRES

VANCOUVER, Aug. 31.—A fine of \$150 and costs was imposed on the Deeks Gravel and Rock Co. of Porteau by Magistrate Alexander yesterday. The firm was convicted of neglecting to prevent the spread of fire on lands which they were operating contrary to the Forest Act. James Armstrong, an employee of the company, was found guilty of setting out the fire without a permit.