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PRICE FIVE CENTS

430 Men are Employed Premier Mine WHISKEY ROBBERY DISCOVERED TODAY BY CHIEF OF POLICE

Premier is One of Biggest Mines in World Says Wood President Owning Company

"The Premier may not be the biggest mine of its kind in the world, but it is one of the biggest," declared R. W. Wood, president of the Premier Gold Mining Company, who left last night for Vancouver on the Prince Rupert after visiting the mine and making a thorough inspection of the property.

Mr. Wood says they will ship regularly 3000 tons of ore a week to the Tacoma smelter and 2500 tons a week to the smelter at Ansoy, the former valuable high-grade and the other lower grade suitable for handling at that place. All this is brought down from the mine on the aerial tram, the second longest in the world, which "works like a charm," as Mr. Wood expressed it.

Speaking of the operations of his company, Mr. Wood said they were acquiring other properties in the neighborhood, such as were required, and all were on the Canadian side of the border. He was particularly pleased with the showings since his last visit and admitted that valuable finds had been made since that time, though he was not prepared to say what was their extent.

There are at present 430 men employed by the company and if necessary this number will be increased. Transportation of the ore is being handled by the Coastwise Steamship Company of Seattle.

Mr. Wood lives at Fernie and is an old friend of Fred Stork. He was particularly pleased to hear of Mr. Stork's success and said he always predicted success for him since he was mayor of Fernie. He deserved all that had come to him.

98 PER CENT AMERICANS SATISFIED

Ireland Gained Everything
for Which Been Fighting,
Says Croker.

DUBLIN, Feb. 24.—Richard Croker, former Tammany leader, in an interview said he knew 98 per cent. of the people of the United States were in favor of the Irish treaty. He himself believed Ireland had gained practically everything they had fought for in the past 700 years.

BIG QUANTITY OF FISH TODAY

Of 261,000 Pounds Offering,
163,000 Pounds Was Marketed
Here—Rest Goes to Seattle.

There was a big list of fishing schooners offering halibut for sale at the Exchange this morning and the price took a considerable drop, ten cents being the prevailing figure for first class fish. There was a total of 261,000 pounds in and of this quantity 98,000 pounds left for Seattle leaving 163,000 pounds to be handled here.

The arrivals were as follows: Imperious, 9000 pounds; Dorreen, 13,000 pounds; sold to the Royal Fish Co., at 10.5c and 4c. Minnie V., 6,000 pounds; Cape Spencer, 7,000 pounds; and Thelma, 9,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., at 10.5c and 4c.

Sherman, 18,000 pounds, and Adeline, 7,000 pounds, sold to the Allin Fisheries at 10.5c and 4c.

Flora & Margaret, 12,000 lbs.; Westford, 5,000 pounds, and Reliance, 8,000 pounds, sold to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co. at 10.1c and 4c.

Chancellor, 9,000 pounds; Johanna, 12,000 pounds, and Allie, 4,000 pounds, sold to Pacific Fisheries at 10.2c and 4c.

Inez H., 10,000 pounds, and Livingstone, 13,000 pounds, sold to the Pacific Fisheries at 10.3c and 4c.

Reveille, 8,000 pounds; Pair of Jacks, 15,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., at 10.6c, and 4.5c.

Summer, 50,000 pounds; Brothers, 22,000 pounds; Discovery, 6,000 pounds; Nidaros, 14,000 pounds, and Valid, 6,000 pounds, cleared for Seattle.

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FEAR BIGGER PLAN MAY KILL LIBRARY

The Library Association is fearful that the proposal to erect a modern library building as a cost of approximately \$8000 will have the effect of killing their bylaw for the establishment of the library, which is a much more modest effort. They point out that one of the provincial government buildings might be secured later to house the library and in the meantime what they want is the books and the librarian. They will ask that the bylaws be kept separate.

CONFISCATED SHIPS BROUGHT LARGE SUM

Lord Inchcape Reports on Sale of
Former German Craft—
£20,076,216 Realized.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Lord Inchcape's report on the sale of former German ships on behalf of the Allied Reparation Commission shows that 418 ships with a total tonnage of 2,500,000 were sold for £20,076,216. The expenses of sale averaged about 12 1/2 per cent.

REMAINING CAPTIVES ARE TO BE RETURNED

DUBLIN, Feb. 24.—The nine remaining Ulster captives who were kidnapped recently will be released today. They are mostly special constables.

MORE SAVINGS

Recommendation for Cutting
Down Expenditures in British
Government.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The third report on national expenditures by the economy committee recommends a further saving of £8,782,300 principally in the colonial and revenue departments. They had already recommended the reduction of the army and navy and other estimates saving an immense sum.

WAR INDEMNITY NOT RECEIVED

Not a Penny Yet Comes to Britain the Chancellor Tells
Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Great Britain has not yet received a penny of war indemnity from Germany, the House of Commons was told by Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer yesterday. The cost of maintaining the forces of occupation, however, amounting to more than a billion marks has been repaid to the extent of 970,000,000 marks. Of this sum £2,640,000 has been paid to Australia.

DAUGHTER OF SLAIN MOVIE DIRECTOR.



Los Angeles police authorities, who are trying to solve the mystery that enshrouds the death of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, who was found slain in his Hollywood bungalow, have opened up several chapters of the director's past life which he kept hidden to all but himself. It has just been learned that the slain director left a wife and child in 1908. Previous to entering the motion picture realm he was known as William Cunningham Deane-Tanner, an art dealer. He entered movies under an assumed name (that of Taylor). He sent his daughter, Ethel Daisy Deane-Tanner (shown above), to a school at Mamaronock, N. Y.

Whiskey is Stolen From Bonded Warehouse First Ave. Owned by O. Besner

Thirteen cases of Scotch whisky, valued at \$214.50, was stolen from Olier Besner's bonded warehouse on First Avenue East some time during last night.

The robbery was discovered this morning at 10 o'clock by Chief W. H. Vickers of the city police, who happened to be passing the premises. He noticed that the door of the warehouse was open and, on further examination, found that the padlock and staple had been pried off the building. He notified Mr. Besner, who ascertained the extent of the robbery. At 10 o'clock last night, Mr. Besner said, the place had been locked up and everything was intact.

The police are working on the case, but there is no clue as to the person or persons committing the robbery. There is also no undue suspicion against anyone up to the present time.

NO CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE

High Commissioner Not Yet in
England to Attend the
Royal Wedding.

AGENTS-GENERAL GOING.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Seemingly no instructions have yet been received as to who is to officially represent Canada at the royal wedding on Tuesday. There is no high commissioner here, P. C. Larkin not having yet arrived.

A dozen tickets for the abbey have been sent to the high commissioner's office for distribution among Canadians. The recipients include the four provincial agents general, Lady Nanton of Winnipeg, Hon. J. D. Reid and Lady Schrieber.

The colonial office is extending accommodation to many overseas visitors to witness the procession from the windows.

RETIRED OFFICER IS EXONERATED ON SHOOTING CHARGE

BELFAST, Feb. 24.—Leslie Huddelson, a retired British officer, was today exonerated on a charge of shooting Lieut. Duffey of the Irish republican army on Wednesday. The evidence showed that Huddelson merely fired back when shots were fired through the door of his house by Duffey's party.

MINISTER TO SECURE ELECTION WITHOUT CONTEST IN QUEBEC

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—Dispatches from Lachute this morning indicate that the Conservative convention this afternoon will concede the election of Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, by acclamation in Argenville.

EXAMINE ICE OF SKEENA R.

Engineer for Pulp and Paper
Company to Visit Skeena
Crossing.

H. P. Crowe, resident engineer for the Prince Rupert Pulp and Paper Co., accompanied by E. F. Duby, is leaving tomorrow for Skeena Crossing to make an examination of site for the transmission line in connection with the ice flow on the river, this information having been requested by the Dayton office which he represents.

Wendell Farris, representing the pulp company, is at present at Dayton, Ohio, discussing the affairs of the company with the Meade Engineering and Development Company.

REDISTRIBUTION RESULT CENSUS

B.C. Gains One Member, Possibly
Two; Prairie Provinces Get
Eleven More.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Since Canada's population stands at 8,772,631, as ascertained in last year's census, there will be 215 members in the next House of Commons. This will be an increase of ten members over the present representation. The figures are still, however, subject to revision and final returns may make changes, especially in British Columbia. At present that province gains one member, but there is a possibility that the final count may give it another. The Maritime Provinces lose one member, Quebec is unchanged and Ontario gets a decrease of one.

The big gain comes in the prairie provinces where there will be eleven new constituencies. The Yukon may lose its representation altogether, for the present census shows a population of 4132 as compared with 8512 in 1911.

UNEMPLOYED LESS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Relief Schemes Are Benefiting
Many—Minister of Labor
Makes Report.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Minister of Labor states there are approximately 1,890,000 unemployed persons registered in Great Britain. The figure shows a decrease of 44,000 in five weeks. Unemployment schemes are benefiting 127,100 men.

BANK TELLER IS ARRESTED

Planned the Robbery of Postmaster Who Lost \$6000 a
Week Ago.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 24.—Severn LaForet, 24 years of age, teller in the Tecumseh branch of La Banque Provinciale, is under arrest here. According to the Windsor police he has confessed to planning the holdup of Herbert Jacobs, postmaster at Tecumseh, who was robbed a week ago of \$6000. The confession implicates five others.

SCHOOL BOARD FAVORS NIGHT SCHOOLS HERE

Informal Meeting Last Night With
John Kyle, Organizer—Equip-
ment Here Is Good.

There was not a quorum at the conference of the school board with John Kyle, organizer of night schools, and technical training, last night, but the matter of starting night classes was gone thoroughly into and the members who were present will, as a committee, report favorably at the next formal meeting of the board. Dr. Kergin, Mrs. Ling, J. C. McLennan and L. W. Patmore were present in the course of the meeting, but Dr. Kergin had to leave early and Mr. Patmore was late in arriving.

Mr. Kyle expressed himself as being highly pleased with the domestic science and manual training facilities in this city and said there were none better in the province. He will be pleased to recommend to the provincial government that half the cost of the equipment be paid as provided for under the act.

PETER VERIGIN PLAN IS HOAX

So Say Provincial Police Who In-
vestigated Conditions and
Interviewed Principals.

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—The provincial police say that Peter Verigin's statement about the proposed slaughter of the Doukhobor children is a hoax. Police investigators have been busy during the last two days at Brilliant studying conditions. They have been assured by Verigin that he has no intention of slaughtering any children.

The investigators have telegraphed reports to Superintendent McMyun of the provincial police saying they have interviewed Verigin and Koftinoff, who say their statements to the newspaper were not explained fully enough. "There is no cause for alarm. All is quiet at Brilliant," said the police wire.

ACTION TAKEN UNSEAT MEMBER

Charges Made in Connection with
Election Expenses of R. M.
Johnson, Moose Jaw.

MOOSE JAW, Feb. 24.—Alleging illegal practices in the making up of a statement in connection with election expenses, action was started on Thursday to unseat R. M. Johnson, the Federal member-elect for Moose Jaw. Johnson states that there is nothing in the charges and that he is prepared to refute them. He is a Progressive.

VISCOUNT HARCOURT DIED LAST NIGHT

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Viscount Harcourt died last night, aged 59 years. He was the son of the late Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the British statesman. He served as privy councillor, first commissioner of works and secretary of state for the colonies.

ASSESSMENTS IN VICTORIA ARE REDUCED

Six Million Dollars Being Lopped
Off Estimated Values by
Assessor.

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—The assessments on every piece of land in this city at present valued at more than \$1000 will be reduced this year. The general reductions run from 2 1/2 per cent. on lots assessed at from \$1000 to \$1500 up to 10 per cent. on lots assessed at \$3000 and up. The total reduction will cut the assessment about \$6,000,000, bringing it down to about \$38,000,000.

COLLISION ON PRAIRIE; FIVE MEN KILLED

Great Northern Winnipeg to St.
Paul Train Crashes into
Snow Plow.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 24.—The Great Northern Winnipeg to St. Paul train collided with a snow plow last night. Five trainmen were given a shaking up.

JAP SUFFRAGE BILL DEFEATED IN DIET

HONOLULU, Feb. 24.—The Japanese universal suffrage bill was defeated in the Diet by 288 to 159, says a despatch from Tokyo.