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FAMOUS QUEBEC BASILICA BURNED DOWN

GERMANY WILL SUBMIT NEW REPARATIONS PROPOSALS TO COMMISSION

Ancient Edifice With Its Valuable Contents Is Entirely Destroyed

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—The famous French basilica, built in 1717 and containing some of the richest art treasures of the Catholic Church, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The fire was discovered starting from crossed wires between the roof and ceiling. It made sudden headway and, on account of smoke, firemen could not get in to fight it effectively. Neither could the priests get in to remove the stored treasures or the altar vessels. All they could do was stand and watch the blaze demolish the contents for two hours. Nobody was hurt. The monetary loss has not yet been estimated but it will be enormous. It is largely covered by insurance.

ALASKA LUMBER TO AUSTRALIA

One Million Feet Already Shipped and another Vessel Coming to Ketchikan for Million and Half

KETCHIKAN, Dec. 22.—South-eastern Alaska is taking a high position in the world lumber market. The shipping firm of W. L. Gwynn & Co., Inc., which dispatched the barkentine Anne Gwynn from this port for Sydney, Australia, last September, has chartered the steamship Isomonia and will place the vessel on berth in Ketchikan, where she will load a cargo of 1,500,000 feet of spruce for Australia. A third ship to load spruce in Ketchikan will be fixed in the near future.

Gwynn & Co. have shipped a total of 1,000,000 feet of spruce in parcel lots from Ketchikan to the United Kingdom since last June.

REFUSED TO JOIN STRIKE

Vancouver Longshoremen Decline to Hold up Cargo of Steamer Makura

VANCOUVER, Dec. 22.—Vancouver longshoremen voted down the proposal received from New Zealand striking longshoremen that the Vancouver stevedores refuse to unload the steamer Makura when she arrives on Saturday with a scratch crew shipped during the strikes in the Antipodes. The ship will be unloaded as usual.

MC TIGUE TO MEET BECKETT IN BOUT

Irish Middleweight to Have Battle For Heavyweight Title on January 25

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mike McTigue, Irish middleweight, and Joe Beckett have been matched to meet for the British heavyweight title in London, January 25, according to a cable received from McTigue by his manager, Joe Jacobs.

CARIBOO ROAD HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

QUESNEL, Dec. 22.—The old 83-mile roadhouse was destroyed by fire this morning.

DO NOT WANT XMAS HOLIDAY

Railwaymen Protest Closing of Shops for Fortnight
CALGARY, Dec. 22.—The shop employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway here have protested against the closing down of the shops for two weeks at Christmas.

FIRE DESTROYS CHICAGO DEPOT

Dearborn Street Station Burned Out and Eight Railways Homeless—Million Dollar Damage
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Within a single hour, fire yesterday destroyed the Dearborn Street railway station here and eight railways, including the Grand Trunk, are homeless. Nobody was hurt and passenger cars and holiday mail were saved by the heroic efforts of employees. It will cost \$1,000,000 to replace the station.

TURN HOSPITAL OVER TO CITY

Board Will Consider Recommendation to This Effect at Next Meeting

Duncan McRae, chairman of the finance committee of the hospital board, reported at the meeting of the board last night that his committee at the next meeting would ask the board to turn the hospital over to the city and let it run it.
D. G. Stewart, as chairman of the board, stated that he quite agreed with the idea of the motion. There was a good deal of criticism of the hospital management in the past. "If the city thinks they can run the hospital to better advantage, I for one, am ready to give it to them," he said and added that the hospital board would be donating their assets of nearly \$70,000 and with a clean bill of health, almost out of debt.
Ald. Colhart and Ald. McLeod were present at the meeting but neither made any statement on the matter. Ald. Colhart however, said something jokingly to the effect that the city might not be very pleased with the gift.

THREE WALK ACROSS COLUMBIA RIVER ICE

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 22.—Fred Smith, ferryman, and Barney Scott and wife, walked across the Columbia River last week on the ice. They are the first persons to accomplish this for many years and indicates the cold snap being experienced in this section at the present time.

EXPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS DOWN

October and November This Year Down Two Million From Last
OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Canada's exports of farm products for the months of October and November, the first two months under the new American tariff, totalled \$45,697,954 as against \$17,633,141 for the same period last year, it was stated today.

REPUBLICANS OUT OF JAIL FOR XMAS

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—A large number of Republicans held as prisoners in Mount Joy prison, it is understood, will be released at Xmas, having signed a declaration of allegiance to the Free State. For the remainder no holiday parole will be granted.

LAD SUCCUMBED TO PNEUMONIA

Alvin Francis, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brochu, Died Last Night in General Hospital

The death occurred in the General Hospital last night shortly after 6 o'clock of Alvin Francis Brochu, fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brochu, of the Seaview Department store. The lad succumbed to an attack of pneumonia with complications. He was born in Dawson, Y.T., and had been here with his parents for some years attending the public schools on the city. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Hayner Bros.

RAMSEY MACDONALD NOT IN FAVOR OF INDECOROUS CONDUCT

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Ramsey MacDonald, the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, gave evidence in a speech made in London that, while he officially disapproves of the indecorous conduct of his followers in the House near the close of the session, he intends to pursue an organized vigorous policy of harassing the government. Outbursts like those of a section of the Laborites in the House, he said, can rarely be indulged in without injuring the party and are far less effective than well controlled action.
"When the next session begins," Mr. MacDonald said, "we are going to insist on the time of parliament being given to the consideration of real social issues and not allow it to be wasted in meaningless debates. If the government, next session, comes out with no greatly changed scheme of housing, we shall use every ounce of our parliamentary powers to harass and worry them until we prevail over their souls."

GENERAL DELIVERY AT POST OFFICE TO OPEN SATURDAY EVE

As a special consideration to the public, Postmaster J. Morrison announced this afternoon that the general delivery wickets would be open tomorrow night between the hours of 7:30 and 10 p.m. This is being done on account of the lateness of tonight's train which will not be in until 6 tomorrow morning, the heavy Christmas mail and the fact of Sunday intervening the day before Christmas.



HON. JOHN HART.
The B.C. Minister of Finance presented a budget to the Legislature at the recent session which was notable for the general satisfaction it gave and the little criticism it received.

Central Power Wants Definite Statement on Liabilities so That She May Work to Solvency

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Germany, it was learned today, is about to present a new set of proposals for settlement by the reparations commission. The principal request will be that the Allies name a fixed and final sum as the German indebtedness, thus giving Germany a chance to work towards a definite goal of solvency. Germany claims that she cannot pay on the installment plan as long as it is unknown when the debt will be settled.

XMAS DINNER FOR PREMIER

Bulkley Valley Growers Send Him "The Best Goose from the Best District."

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—Premier Oliver has been presented with a goose for Christmas dinner. It arrived yesterday by express from the growers of the Bulkley Valley who said they wanted to honor the premier by sending him "the best goose from the best part of the province."

SHAEFFER WILL MEET CONTI ON JANUARY 8

Two Billiardists Will Play For Right to Challenge Willie Hoppe

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Jake Schaeffer, former world's 18.2 balk line billiard champion, and Roger Conti, the champion of France, will meet in Chicago, Jan. 8, 9, 10 to determine which shall be privileged to challenge Willie Hoppe, for the international 18.2 balk line billiard title he regained in the recent tournament here. The billiardists will play a total of 1,500 points in the three evenings, in blocks of 500 points each.

CREW THROWS WHISKEY OVER

Big Liquor Runner from Bahamas Has Mutiny of Crew When Supplies Run Short

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Because the prohibition navy kept up such a close watch, owners could not get supplies to one of the largest vessels in the Bahama whiskey running business. The crew mutinied and threw overboard most of the cargo of 1,700 cases of whiskey worth \$170,000 off the Long Island coast. The ship returned to the Bahamas with short rations of water and food. Officers are now watching the possibility of a bootlegging syndicate trying to recover the whiskey from the ocean bed.

DANISH WANT CANADA'S AID

Two Hundred Families Wanting to Migrate Cable Premier For Financial Assistance

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—Because of unemployment, two hundred families wishing to migrate to Canada have cabled Premier MacKenzie King, of Canada, asking financial assistance for passage money. A reply has not yet been received.

DECISIVE VICTORY OF LABOR IN AUSTRALIA

Polled 100,000 More Votes for Senate Than Did the Nationalists

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 22.—An analysis of the popular vote in the recent Australian elections shows that Labor polled 100,000 more votes in the senate and house elections than the Nationalists.
No further developments in connection with the general elections or the political situation in Australia are expected before the holidays. The result of the vote for senators was unknown this week.

SOUTH AFRICAN WIRELESS PLANT WILL BE BIGGEST

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Dec. 22.—Engineer McLellan of the Marconi Company is here to take charge of the construction of the new South African wireless station, which when completed will be the biggest in existence, and will give direct service practically to every country in the world. The agreement with the company has been ratified by Parliament and the work will be started immediately. The station is expected to be ready for service in eighteen months. All materials possible will be purchased in South Africa.

FAMILY SHOE STORE IS NOW INCORPORATED

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—The list of incorporations this week includes that of the Family Shoe Store, at Prince Rupert, capitalized at \$25,000.

HON. T. D. PATTULLO



The Minister of Lands and member for Prince Rupert has whipped his department into such smooth running shape that he is able to give much attention to immigration matters which will soon make itself felt in further colonization and occupation of provincial lands. Mr. Pattullo's Forest Act amendments, which though not adopted in full, showed that he is alive to the necessity of strict conservation of B.C.'s timber wealth.
Mr. Pattullo will pay his constituents a visit early in the New Year.

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