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Buckley Mill Running Full Blast Employing 120 Men in Addition to those Working in the Logging Camp

BUCKLEY BAY, Jan. 5.—The Massett Timber Co.'s mill here is now in full operation and 120 men are employed in the plant. Quite a number of men arrived from the south on the last two trips of the Prince John bringing the staff up to full strength. R. H. Marlett is in charge.

The machinery with which the company is cutting the cuts, which will be shipped to Los Angeles for remanufacture, is the most modern that has ever been operated on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The logs, from the time they come into the mill until they are turned into 12 by 12 timbers averaging about 40 feet in length, are not handled, the use of the "nigger" doing the turning over that in less modern plants is done by men with peevies. The whole operation is controlled by levers on the sawyer's carriage.

At the present time there is only one logging camp running, this being the camp of Jamieson & Frost. On account of unsettled weather conditions others are not being started at this time.

Shipping to Seattle

The old lumber stock at the mill is being disposed of in Seattle. The schooner Sophia Christensen is now anchored in the stream awaiting the arrival of the tug Gull, which is coming from Vancouver with 500 tons of coal, to tow her south. She has 100,000 feet of lumber aboard. A second schooner, left Seattle last Saturday and is expected to arrive here very shortly. There is a great deal of this old stock awaiting shipment to Seattle.

BREAK UP OF REPARATIONS CONFERENCE

Just a Friendly Disagreement,
Say French Delegates:
Entente Remains

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The conference of the allied leaders, which gathered recently to consider the question of German reparations, dissolved amicably yesterday with the British in disagreement with France, Italy and Belgium on the question of how to deal with Germany in this connection.

France and Belgium are continuing to exchange views as to what measures they will undertake jointly.

French delegates to the conference insist that there is no rupture of the entente cordiale. The breaking up of the conference without any settlement was merely the result of a friendly difference of opinion on the question of reparations.

The British delegates leave for home today.

TREATY SIGNED WITH ITALIANS

Belgian and Spanish Treaties
Held up for Present so
Ministers May Return

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The treaty respecting commercial relations between Canada and Italy was signed at the foreign office here by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Ernest Layton and the Italian ambassador.

Similar negotiations with the Belgian and Spanish Governments have been postponed for six months, permitting the Canadian ministers to return for the coming session of the Canadian parliament.

BUILD PULP MILL

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—Frederick Chase of Foley, Welch & Stewart, says a pulp mill may be built in the Grand Pacific country if the freight rates are reduced.

BRITAIN WAITS FRENCH ACTION

Seemingly Hopeless Situation in
Europe Today is Brought
About

LONDON, Jan. 5.—British official circles are anxiously awaiting the first move against Germany by the French.

It is considered unlikely here today that the British cabinet will meet until next week as Bonar Law has already fully reported upon his activities in Paris and no further British action is necessary until France makes the next move.

The newspapers today feature such headlines as "What Will U.S. Do?" in view of the reparations conference smash, but such sentiments are not seconded in official circles. It is believed in these circles that the United States, like Great Britain, has already done everything possible to avoid a seemingly hopeless situation, which the British are convinced threatens Europe today.

MAYOR MAY RUN AGAIN

Has Been Approached But
Has Not Yet Given His
Decision

Mayor Rochester has been approached by several prominent citizens to reconsider his decision not to seek re-election but has not, as yet, made any decision.

Speaking this afternoon to the Daily News, His Worship stated that it was true he had been approached on the matter but he had not yet given his reply.

"I have served the city for five years and feel that it is now up to somebody else. I would like to help all I can but I have my own business and my health to consider," he stated.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CLASSES WILL OPEN IN CITY TONIGHT

Prospective members of the military officers' classes, which are open in the city met in the Court House last evening with Sergeant-Major A. Youngman, who has just arrived from Victoria to take charge of the classes. Eleven were present last night and it is expected about 16 will be enrolled. Col. J. B. McMullin was present and also Major John McGregor, V.C. The first class will open tonight in the Northern B.C. Regiment's orderly room in the Gibson Block on Second Avenue.

SNOW BLIZZARD ON EASTERN SEABOARD

Believed to Presage Extremely
Cold Weather—Thunder and
Lightning Also

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia, Jan. 5.—A snow blizzard punctuated with thunder and lightning is sweeping Cape Breton and extends right down the coast as far as Gloucester, Mass. It is believed that it presages extremely cold weather.

TRAINS COLLIDED

LAKEDE, Missouri, Jan. 5.—Four persons were killed and several injured when two freight trains collided and were wrecked near here.

SIR HENRY WILL POSTPONE VISIT HERE SHORT TIME

F. G. Dawson this morning received a telegraphic message from Sir Henry Thornton to the effect that he would spend one day in Vancouver but time being limited owing to important engagements in the East he would be obliged to defer his visit to Prince Rupert and other coast points until later.

Sir Henry expressed the necessity of making another trip almost immediately at which time he would visit all Pacific coast ports at which the company has any interests.

Mr. Dawson leaves for Winnipeg tonight.

SUSPEND HEADS AT CITY HALL

Mayor Rochester Takes Summary
Action But Officials On Job

REFUSE TO GIVE UP

Impasse Can Be Broken Only by
Action of Council

Because they refused to carry out the instruction of the city council to put the eight-hour day in effect in the City Hall on January 1 instead of the seven-hour day as was previously in force, W. D. Vance, city treasurer, F. J. Whitaker, city engineer, and T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities, were summarily suspended by Mayor Rochester yesterday afternoon and requested to turn over the keys of their departments to His Worship.

The notice was delivered to the officials following a conference between Ald. Dybbavn, Ald. Montgomery and Mayor Rochester. It came in the form of the following letter over the mayor's signature: "Take notice that you are hereby suspended from and after this date and until reinstated. This is by reason of the fact that you have neglected to carry out the decision contained in the resolution of the council on December 11, 1922, and communicated to you in my letter of December 26 last. You will please turn in to me what keys you may have in your possession in connection with your department."

Still on Job

In spite of the notice, the three officials concerned were still in their offices this morning.

On being interviewed, Mr. Vance said that they were not taking notice of the mayor's letter and were carrying on as they felt that they had not failed to carry out their duties. They had been given instructions to carry out an order which was against the law.

Mayor's Statement

Asked regarding the refusal to accept his notice, Mayor Rochester this afternoon said: "It is the officials' own business what they do now and I have nothing to say about it. It is now a matter for the council to deal with for I cannot dispose of their services altogether. The council will either have to make good my order or refute it. As far as I am concerned when I make an order I expect it to be observed and I do not recognize these officials any further."

It was stated by city hall employees last night that if these three officials were not in the hall this morning the whole staff would walk out.

CANADA TO PARTICIPATE

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, in an interview in the Times, says Canada is quite ready to participate in the proposed imperial economic conference and render any assistance she can in the development of inter-imperial trade.

ALASKAN WAS WRECKED OFF PACHENA POINT

Well Known Salvage Steamer
Goes Down With all Aboard
On West Coast

VICTORIA, Jan. 5.—The one hundred ton steamer, Alaskan, bound from this point to Barclay Sound was wrecked off Pachena Point Tuesday night and all on board are believed to have perished.

The body of a man was picked up three miles away with a lifebelt marked "Alaskan." Distress signals were observed Tuesday night off Pachena light-house, believed to have been displayed by the Alaskan.

The vessel was commanded by Capt. J. A. Baillies, of Victoria, and there were also aboard E. W. Brook, first mate and part owner and eight more Victoria and Vancouver men, but their names were not obtained last night.

The Alaskan was built in San Francisco thirty years ago and plied between Seattle and Alaska for many years. Lately she had been having trouble with her boilers.

VICTORIA, Jan. 5. (noon)—Toll of at least nine lives was claimed by the Pacific when the s.s. Alaskan was engulfed in a heavy sea and gale off Pachena Point on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Details are lacking but the finding of the body of an unidentified man and three lifeboats appears to be proof of the foundering of the little vessel.

An authentic list of the members of the crew is not available but it is known that the following were aboard: George Morags, mate, six children, Victoria; G. W. Gibbs, A.B., 42, widower, one child, Victoria; Bert Young, 17, Victoria; J. Brannigan, 130, wife and two children, Victoria.

According to the Dominion Government shipping list the Alaskan was built in 1886 at Onetia, Ore. She is 96 feet long, 19 feet beam, seven feet deep and has a gross tonnage of 150 tons, 102 tons registered. She was the property of the Pacific Salvage Co., Ltd. of Victoria.

R. Beaumont, local superintendent of marine here, stated to the Daily News that John Baillies, who is supposed to be lost on the Alaskan, served as mate on the Prince Rupert, Prince George and Prince John. He enlisted for overseas service and was at Halifax at the time of the big explosion. He served in the patrol service as a signal officer and returned later to Victoria aboard one of the war vessels that visited that port since the war.

LOSE LIVES IN BIG FIRE

Business Section of Capreol,
Near Sudbury, Destroyed
Yesterday

SUDBURY, Jan. 5.—A. B. Laid, C.N.R. dispatcher, and Edward Morris, of Ottawa, were burned to death yesterday when the business section of Capreol was destroyed by fire. They were trapped in apartments.

WHALEN LOGGING CAMP MOVED FROM SEDGWICK BAY TO BERESFORD ARM

The Whalen logging camp at Sedgewick Bay on Moresby Island has been moved south to Beresford Arm and Lockeport, which is about ten miles distant, is now the headquarters of the Whalen operations. A number of men arrived at Lockeport this week on the Prince John from Vancouver and there are now about forty men on the payroll.

Civic Campaign Opens Without Fireworks at Initial Meeting Here

Civic election candidates were given their first opportunity to address the electors at the public meeting held last night to the Carpenters' Hall under the auspices of the United Labor Party. Although all four mayoralty candidates were heard, it can hardly be said that opening guns were fired unless the artillery consisted of pep shooters and fire crackers. In any case, no broadsides were exchanged between candidates and there were no depth charges. Each of the mayoralty candidates were given 15 minutes to speak and their remarks consisted in the enunciation of their respective platforms.

and the setting forth of their views on some of the important issues of the day as regards civic affairs. Each was given a good hearing but, although the meeting was a large one which filled the seating capacity of the hall, there were few bursts of applause and there was little opportunity through that means of sizing up the popularity of the respective candidates. Three aldermanic candidates spoke and a message was read from a third, T. Ross McKay presided and there were a few ladies in the audience.

Casey First

The meeting opened with the introduction of George B. Casey, Labor candidate for alderman who, on behalf of the United Labor Party, read the platform of the organization, which has been published already, and dealt with some of the more important principles contained therein.

"The City of Prince Rupert, in common with other places, is undergoing an era of depression and it seems that some of the people have commenced to lose hope," said Mr. Casey. "Though the population seems to be uneasy, it seems to me this pessimism is uncalled for. There is no question, however, that the city is in rather a precarious condition and the United Labor Party has endeavored to bring in policies in keeping with the physical and financial circumstances as they exist today."

Dealing with the plank of co-ordination of administration and wholesale purchasing of supplies by the city, Mr. Casey stated the opinion that some saving could be effected if the city was more economical in spending. Competitive bidding for city supplies would be a factor in reducing costs.

Smith Island Rock

Regarding the use of Smith Island and rock for street surfacing, Mr. Casey declared this to be a most insane and wasteful policy. The imported rock was no better than local rock which would have the same results with the same treatment at a much lower cost. Regarding roads in the city generally, the speaker stated that the streets in outlying sections were fast decaying and many of them were beyond use. No council in the past had decided upon a policy of coping with the situation which was ever becoming more serious. A general road policy compatible with the tax bearing ability of real estate in the affected districts was an absolute necessity and permanent grading should be done wherever possible, abandoning the plan of temporary plank roadways which were now becoming a menace.

"The Booth School affair has been a positive catastrophe," said Mr. Casey. "The whole matter should be ferreted into to ascertain where the responsibility lies for such a happening. It should not go unchallenged. It has been a sore lesson and the public should get all the facts."

General Platform

Other matters touched upon by Mr. Casey were the recognition of labor unions in connection with city employment, a thorough investigation into the possibility of reconstructing the present Hays Creek bridge before deciding to build an entire new one although the bylaw in this connection should be supported, favorable consideration of the scheme of proportional representation voting for mayor and aldermen and other municipal offices, conducting of utilities on the true principle of municipal ownership.

BRITAIN WILL CO-OPERATE WITH FRANCE

Still Good Friends and Will Stand
Together at Lausanne

PARIS, Jan. 5.—France, free to handle the reparations question according to her own formula, turned today to the task of making Germany pay the French government. She apparently has the support of Belgium and it is less certain of Italy.

Premier Poincare will discuss Belgian co-operation with Premier Thelens, before the latter's return to Brussels.

Although divided by the reparations issue Poincare and Bonar Law met today for the discussion of other questions on friendly terms. The French premier called on Bonar Law and the two were together for half an hour discussing the near east situation. It was indicated that at Lausanne the two nations would continue to work together.

The ministers had another talk on the railway station platform before the train left with the British delegation for London on board.

BATTLE OVER WHITE GIRL

Negroes Defended Themselves in
Barricaded Shack and
Number Killed

GEDAR KEY, Florida, Jan. 5.—Two white men are dead, three are wounded and many negroes are dead and injured as the result of a battle following an attack on a white girl by Negroes. Twenty negroes barricaded themselves in a shack and defended themselves against a white posse that was looking for the offender. Much shooting followed and the siege of the shack was still going on early this morning, awaiting the return of daylight.

ABOLISH SALARIES FOR ALDERMEN IS PLAN FOR VICTORIA

Mayor Hayward Starts on Road to
Economy by Clipping Own
Stipend

VICTORIA, Jan. 5.—In accordance with his plans for drastic economy in civic expenditures, Mayor Hayward intends to introduce a bylaw abolishing salaries of aldermen and cutting his own salary of \$3,000 a year to \$1,500.

SCHOONER BREAKING UP ON EAST COAST

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 5.—Schooner Alice Goldbourne is breaking up on the rocks near Manchester. Capt. Lant and the crew of the vessel were saved by the coast guard.