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## REPARATIONS AIR SEEMS CLEARER TODAY

### PRINCE RUPERT'S WEATHER FOR YEAR JUST PASSED IS REPORTED UPON

#### France Now Willing to Take Big Reduction in German War Payment

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The diplomatic atmosphere seemed inclined to be upward today as the statesmen of Britain, France, Italy and Belgium foregathered for the anxious, awaited conference of premiers which will grapple with the reparations problem. The atmosphere was much less pessimistic than it was immediately after the abrupt termination of the London conversation last month.

Premier L. Poincaré of France, at the conference today, offered a proposal for the reduction of the German reparations to fifty billion gold marks. The plan offers a two-year moratorium but it exacts productive guarantees to insure the resumption of the payments later by Germany under the Class C bonds which would be used to wipe out inter-allied debts.

#### PEACE PACT FALLS DOWN

General Proposal Regarding Future War Not Acceptable to France

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The state department announced that the German proposal for a peace pact, under which France, Britain, Italy and Germany agree among themselves and promise the government of the United States that they will not resort to war for the period of one generation without the authority of a plebiscite, has not been accepted by the French government as an informal agreement brought out the fact that it was not acceptable to France.

#### SPEED DEMON HAS ACCIDENT

Motor Car Travelling at 80 Miles Strikes Trailer and Kills Two Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 2.—Travelling at eighty miles an hour, Stanley Davis saw a motor car and trailer ahead on a bridge. He had to strike one of them and, avoiding the first because there was a woman and a baby in it, he hit the trailer, killing two young men and injuring himself and two others.

#### G.T.P. BOATS ARE NOW UNDER C.G.M.M.

Change in Management Effective on January 1 is Announced in Vancouver

The G.T.P. coast steamship service which has been under the management of Capt. C. H. Nicholson since it was established some years ago came under the management of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd. on January 1, according to an announcement published in Vancouver last week. The change is being made, it is stated, in the interests of economy of operation through centralizing administration costs. R. B. Teakle is the general manager of the G. T. P. M. Ltd. in charge of the entire fleet and reporting only to Sir Henry Thornton.

#### OLIER BESNER BUYS INTO LOCAL COMPANY

Has Purchased Half of Mitchell Albert's Interest in Water-front Business

Olier Besner, proprietor of the Knox Hotel, has just purchased a quarter interest in the firm of Albert & McCaffery. Mr. Besner took half of Mr. Mitchell Albert's share in the business and Mr. McCaffery still retains the controlling interest in the company it is stated.

#### HOCKEY SCORES

Western Canada League Regina, 3; Calgary, 3; at Calgary, 2; Saskatoon, 6; Edmonton, 5; at Edmonton.

#### CITY CHURCHES JOINED IN NEW YEAR SERVICE

Many People Present at Salvation Army Barracks on Sunday Evening — Ceremony Impassive and Appropriate

The Salvation Army chapel on Fraser Street was crowded to capacity for the New Year watch night service which took place on Sunday evening under the joint auspices of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican, Baptist and Salvation Army churches.

At 10:30 there was a street service at Orme's corner where Pastor Smithson, of the Baptist church, and Carl Coleman, of the Salvation Army, gave addresses.

At 11 the service in the chapel commenced. The first fifteen minutes was devoted to a song service after which Rev. G. G. Begg gave an opening prayer and Carl Coleman extended welcome and New Year's greetings to those present. Rev. Dr. H. R. Giesler gave the address of the evening and at 11:45 there was a service of one minute New Year speeches. Archdeacon G. A. Rix presided and was followed by Rev. Johnstone, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Brook and P. H. Linzey. As the midnight watches started to blow, the assembly arose and sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." The singing dismissed with the invitation to partake of refreshments provided. Solos were rendered during the service by Mrs. Stockdale and Mrs. P. J. McCaffery and P. H. Linzey presided.

#### MRS. WELLSIE IS DEAD AT SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Minnie Wellsie, wife of a retired Canadian customs officer here, is dead at her home, aged 78.

#### USHERING IN OF NEW YEAR

Celebration was General in Prince Rupert on Sunday and Monday

Announcement 1923 was ushered in amidst great rejoicing in Prince Rupert as is the time-honored custom of the world over. Bells rang, whistles blew, guns and fireworks were fired off, little knots of people gathered here and there on the streets and happy young people met to make resolutions for the New Year and to wish each other all kinds of good luck and prosperity.

#### BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1922

Both Fell Off Here During Year Just Past

While the births and marriages in Prince Rupert last year were lower than those of 1921, according to the annual report just issued by Major J. H. McMullin, government agent, the death rate was also much lower. Last year there were 140 births as against 144 in 1921. A year ago the deaths totalled 64, but last year the number fell off to 55. Cupid got in a good year's work when he sent 52 couples to the altar up to last Saturday night but he went one better in 1921 when 53 couples joined the holy ranks of matrimony.

#### NEW YEAR'S FOOTBALL

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The following Association Football League games were played yesterday:

- ENGLISH LEAGUE.**
- Division I.  
Blackburn Rovers 0, Arsenal 5.  
Bolton Wanderers-Notts Forest game postponed.  
Everton 3, Tottenham 1.  
Newcastle U. 1, Oldham 0.  
Sunderland 2, Stoke 0.
- Division II.  
Manchester U. 1, Barnsley 0.  
Wednesday 0, Southampton 0.  
South Shields 3, Port Vale 1.  
Stockport City 2, Blackpool 2.
- Division III. (Northern)  
Accrington 3, Grimsby 0.  
Aston U. 0, Durham 0.  
Barrow 2, Wigan 3.  
Chesterfield 5, Tranmere 0.  
Hartlepool 0, Darlington 0.  
Southport 2, Crewe 0.
- Division III. (Southern)  
Millwall 1, Portsmouth 3.

#### DRY SQUAD HAD LIVELY BATTLE

Two Men Shot, Woman Injured, and Restaurant is Wrecked in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—Two men were shot and a woman was injured by flying furniture when prohibition officers raided the Hotel Chase and met with determined opposition from a crowd in the restaurant which was reduced to fragments. Furniture, tables and cutlery was wrecked before the fight was over. The officers returned to the police station without making arrests.

#### FISH SALES

Six Boats Sold 194,000 Pounds of Halibut This Morning

Six boats disposed of halibut catches amounting to 194,000 pounds at the Fish Exchange this morning on the first sale of the New Year. The boats and prices were:

Arctic, 30,000 pounds, at 14.1c and 8c; Pelican, 16,000 pounds, at 14.1c and 8c; to the Booth Fisheries.

Tom and Al, 60,000 pounds, at 13.8c and 8c; to the Allin Fisheries.

Senator, 35,000 pounds, at 14c and 8c; to the Pacific Fisheries.

Annie Toek, 31,000 pounds, at 14.9c and 8c; Mary Christopher, 22,000 pounds, at 14.7c and 8c; to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. Ltd.

#### WOULD REMOVE PREFERENCE IN HALIBUT PRICE

Canadian Fishermen of this Port Seeking for Defensive Measure Against U.S. Tariff

Canadian fishermen of this port are taking steps towards securing the removal of the preference in price given to American fish over Canadian caused by the 2c tariff on Canadian fish entering the United States. With this end in view a meeting was called in the city council chamber on Saturday evening. There were between 50 and 60 fishermen and representative citizens present but no definite decision was reached and the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday night of this week when a final resolution on the question will likely be adopted.

#### TO SHIP ORE AT SMITHERS

Mr. Duthie, on Way to Visit Mine, Makes Announcement in Vancouver

(Special to Daily News)  
VANCOUVER, Jan. 2.—Mr. Duthie, the Seattle ship-builder who owns the Mamie group of mines and other properties on Hudson Bay mountain at Smithers, and his manager, Capt. Turner, were here at the week-end on their way to Smithers. Mr. Duthie said that several trial cars of ore were to be shipped to the smelter from the property. He stated that the mine was making a wonderful showing with which he was well pleased.

#### MAD VISITOR TAKES LIFE

New Year Tragedy in Home at Canton, Ohio—Murder and Suicide

CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Joe Fernandez, aged 18, suddenly went insane while visiting at the home of Dominic Rich, aged 47. He clubbed Rich to death with a revolver butt, shot his wife, aged 28, and three-year-old son, shot his thirteen-year-old son in the leg and then killed himself.

#### FOUR MEN KILLED IN IRON WORKS DISASTER

Were Caught Under 600 Tons Press in Plant Near Sharon, Pennsylvania

SHARON, Penn., Jan. 2.—Four men were killed and five were injured at the Petroleum Iron Works near here when they were caught under a 600-ton hydraulic press.

#### NADEN IS COMING TO PRINCE RUPERT

(Special to Daily News)  
VANCOUVER, Dec. 2.—George R. Naden, deputy minister of lands, sailed last night on the Prince George for Prince Rupert. He will arrive there on Wednesday morning.

#### IMMENSE FORTUNE LORD NORTHCLIFFE

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily Express understands that the estate of the late Lord Northcliffe is valued at \$5,000,000.

#### FRIENDLY MATCH

Played at Glasgow: Queen's Park 3, Corinthians 1.

A butcher takes little thought of the marrow.

#### Total Precipitation for Year was 84.78 Inches According to Figures of Dominion Observer

Prince Rupert had a total precipitation of 88.78 inches last year, according to the annual figures issued by H. O. Grewe, Dominion meteorologist. Of this 84.78 inches was rain and 40 inches snow, ten inches of the latter being equal to one inch of rain. The most of the rain fell in October, November and December, the total for these months being 48.51 inches.

The maximum temperature for the year was reached in May when the thermometer registered 82 degrees and the lowest in February, 8 degrees. The mean temperature was 44.4 degrees.

Following is a table of the rainfall during the months of last year:

| Month     | Inches |
|-----------|--------|
| January   | 6.75   |
| February  | 2.35   |
| March     | 6.65   |
| April     | 4.41   |
| May       | 5.73   |
| June      | 4.00   |
| July      | 1.66   |
| August    | 1.83   |
| September | 9.88   |
| October   | 15.01  |
| November  | 23.32  |
| December  | 10.18  |

For December the report was as follows:  
Maximum temperature, 52 degrees on December 25th.  
Minimum, 12 degrees on December 10th.

Rain, 9.26 inches.  
Snow, 9.25 inches. Total precipitation, 10.18 inches.

#### TRAIN WRECK IN ALBERTA

C.P.R. Express Left Rails Near Bassano and 21 Passengers Injured

CALGARY, Jan. 2.—Twenty-one passengers were injured when Canadian Pacific train No. 2, Vancouver-Montreal express, left the rails a mile west of Bassano, Alberta, early this morning. Seven cars were derailed including three sleepers. The majority of the injured are suffering from cuts and minor bruises.

#### EASTERN ELECTIONS

Mayor Maguire Re-elected Mayor of Toronto — Copley Sustained in Hamilton

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Mayor Maguire was re-elected by a small majority.

#### FOUR MORE REBELS EXECUTED TODAY

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A despatch from Dublin says that four rebels recently arrested in the Tralee district were executed by the Free State today.