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DAMAGE AT ANYOX AMOUNTS TO $100,000

FRANCISCO VILLA IS SHOT BY OWN SECRETARY AT RANCH; BATTLE RAGES

Plans for Flying at Hazelton are Completed and First Trip Likely to be Made Next Week

Unusually bad weather has prevented the Railway Employees' Industrial & Investment Association's hydroplane Hazelton from already making its first flight this season from Hazelton to Thutade Lake, Len Bell, president of the association, states. Mr. Bell arrived in the city last night from Hazelton and will return East tonight.

Six prospecting parties are already awaiting to be taken in on the machine and Mr. Bell hopes that the first flight may be made next week, weather permitting, of course. Mr. Bell says that there have been some very severe storms at Hazelton during the past fortnight and there has been much thunder and lightning. Accordingly, flying has been quite impossible.

Frank Perry, the well known interior prospector, will make the first trip to the interior mining fields on the Hazelton this year. It was Mr. Perry who last year reported the discovery of a semi-tropical valley in that country caused by the prevalence of hot springs.

Capt. W. McCardell, Edmonton, and Capt. Wiseley, Los Angeles, are at Hazelton. They will be in charge of the hydroplane this year. Both are light weights and neither weigh over 125 pounds.

Capt. Earl Macleod of the Jericho Beach government aeronautic station, Vancouver, is also at Hazelton and has just completed an inspection of the machine on behalf of the government. He will be in the city on Sunday evening en route to Vancouver. A despatch published today states that Capt. Macleod with Squadron Commander Earl Godfrey will bring a machine here in the near future for the fisheries patrol service out of this city.

On being asked if the Hazelton would make a flight to Prince Rupert this season, Mr. Bell said that it would probably drop down here this year but it would not remain long because the salt water is hard on the bottom of the machine.

MEN RETURN TO WORK AT CAPE BRETON MINES

Situation Quiet With Miners Executive Meeting at Glace Bay

SYDNEY, N.S., July 20.—The Stellarton local this morning voted 327 to 54 to return to work immediately.

The Cape Breton coal strike situation is quiet today. With the deposed miners' executive meeting at Glace Bay to formulate a reply to John Lewis, international president.

The British Empire Steel Corporation announced that more than 1800 men are working in the Sydney mines. These were closely picketed this morning making it difficult for maintenance officials to get through.

BRITAIN'S NOTE READY TONIGHT

Will be Dispatched to Allies and United States This Evening Unless Delayed

LONDON, July 20.—Additional alterations were made in the draft reply to Germany's reparation memorandum by the British cabinet today. Unless some eleventh hour change seems expedient, the document will be dispatched to the Allied and United States governments tonight.

Among the forecasts made in political circles it seems safe to accept the note will deal with the appointment of an international committee of experts to appraise Germany's assets and suggest that Germany's industrial and mining plants be free to contribute to the payment of reparations. It is considered certain the note will not offer the cancellation of the French, Belgian and Italian debts.

VALUE OF MARK IS DIMINISHING

Pound Sterling or Five Dollars Purchases 2,000,000 in London and New York

LONDON, July 20. — German marks slumped by hundred thousand stages on the Exchange Market today to 2,000,000 marks to the pound sterling. This is believed to be caused by the action of the Reichstag against excessive currency demands.

NEW YORK, July 20. — Marks continue to sink in price on the New York market. They have now dropped to .0002½ cents. Two dollars and half purchases a million marks.

APPROVAL GIVEN TO THE BRIDGE BYLAW

VICTORIA, July 20.—Approval was given to Prince Rupert's bylaw to permit the borrowing of $23,500 for the construction of a bridge over Hays Creek at Sixth Avenue.

LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

Chicago 7, Philadelphia 1.
Pittsburg 8, Boston 6.
St. Louis 3, New York 0.
Cincinnati 0, Brooklyn 1.

American League

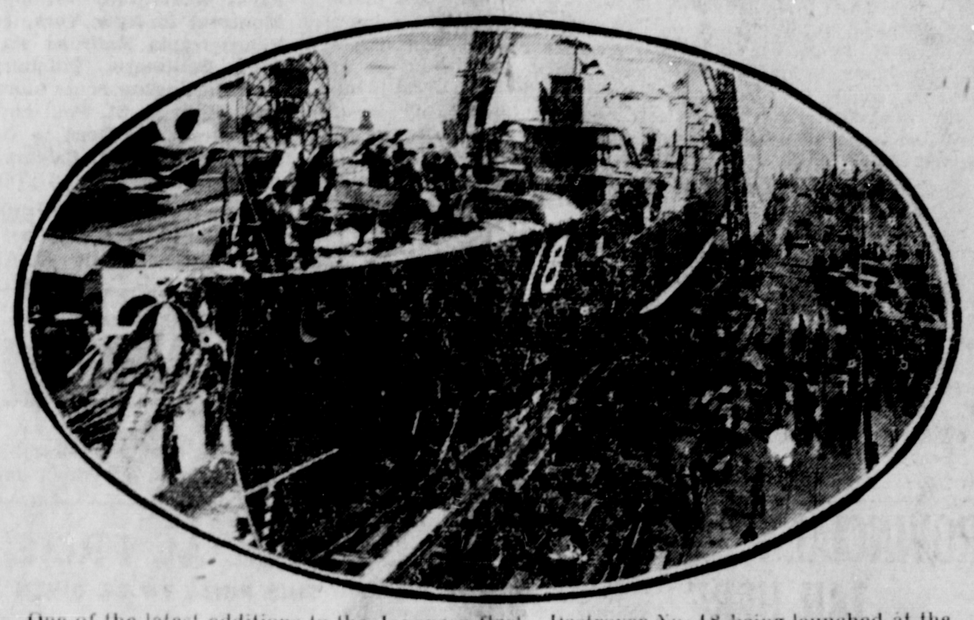
Boston 3, Chicago 8.
Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 4.
Washington 2, Cleveland 3.
New York 2, Detroit 9.

Coast League

Vernon 3, Oakland 7.
San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 4.
Seattle 2, Sacramento 8.
Portland 10, Salt Lake 4.

RUSSIA ACCEPTS LAUSANNE PACT

LAUSANNE, July 20.—Soviet Russia has notified the Near East Conference that she accepts the control of the continental Turkish straits negotiated here. She will sign the pact at Constantinople within the next three weeks.



One of the latest additions to the Japanese fleet. Destroyer No. 18 being launched at the Fuzi-Nagata Yard, Osaka.

FAILED COMPLY COMPANY LAWS

Five Hundred Company Charters Cancelled and Names Struck From List

VICTORIA, July 20.—Five hundred British Columbia companies which failed to comply with the company laws of the province were today declared dissolved and removed from the official list of registered companies, Attorney General Manson announces.

For these companies to get back to good standing it will be necessary for them to go through the form of getting charters approved and paying the new scale of heavy fees which were brought into force this year.

YUKON MAY GET ALL ITS LIQUOR

Officials of Liquor Board Discover Loophole in Prohibition Law

CHINESE OPERATING

VICTORIA, July 20. — Liquor Board officials have discovered an apparent loophole in the United States prohibition regulations which may make it possible for the Yukon to secure the liquor it has been awaiting since the stocks ran out more than a year ago.

It is said that the discovery of the board may also lead to the creation of an enormous business in liquor with the United States on a legal basis. Wealthy operators of Chinese distilleries declare vast quantities of Chinese liquor are being shipped into the United States for medicinal purposes.

The Liquor Board is not concerned with shipping liquor into the United States but in getting it across Alaskan territory to Yukon.

Officials are inquiring into the new possibility of getting the $100,000 worth of liquor for the Yukon which has been tied up in Vancouver warehouses.

LORD ASTOR'S HORSE WON ECLIPSE STAKES

SANDOWN PARK, July 20. — The Eclipse Stakes of ten thousand sovereigns was won by Lord Astor's Saltash with Aga Khan's Teresina second and Sir John Robinson's Duncan Gray third.

FISHING ON SKEENA STEADILY IMPROVES

The salmon run on the Skeena River is steadily improving, the Dominion Fisheries office reported this morning. Sockeye are still the most important factor of the catches. Reports received from the river for the first of the week indicated that boats off the mouth of the river and the slough were averaging 70 fish and boats fishing at Port Essington and above, 40 fish.

FIVE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR MURDER CONSPIRACY CAIRO

CAIRO, July 20. — Of the 13 persons found guilty on July 7 of conspiracy to murder British officials, the court has sentenced five to hang. The remaining eight get sentences of from three years to life imprisonment.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LEGISLATURE ELECTION

CHARLOTTETOWN, July 20.—Thirty Liberals, thirty Conservatives and seven Progressives were nominated for thirty seats to be filled at the election in Prince Edward Island to take place July 28.

VILLA KILLED AT HIS RANCH

Battle Follows in Which Slayer of Chieftain Also Loses Life

800 CASUALTIES SO FAR

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, July 20.—General Francisco Villa, commander of the rebel armies of northern Mexico for years and against whom General Pershing conducted his drive into Mexico, was shot and killed this morning at his ranch at Canutillo by Miguel Trillo, his secretary.

In the battle which followed Trillo was killed by men loyal to their slain chieftain. The fight is still in progress and there are more than 800 casualties so far.

SAKE WILL BE MADE IN B.C.

Japanese Whiskey Factory to be Established With Large Capital

VICTORIA, July 20. — Sake, a Japanese whiskey made from rice, is to be made in British Columbia in large quantities for general consumption it was announced when Vancouver interests obtained approval for organization of the Vancouver Malt and Sake Brewing Company with a capital of $100,000. The products will be sold through the government stores.

HYDROPLANE COMING HERE

Machine from Vancouver Will Patrol No. 2 Fisheries District

VANCOUVER, July 20.—Squadron Leader A. E. Godfrey and Flying Officer Earl Macleod of the Vancouver unit of the Canadian Air Force will shortly undertake a flight to Prince Rupert where the hydroplane will be stationed to carry on fisheries patrols during the remainder of the summer.

The machine will have headquarters in Prince Rupert and will be used to cruise various parts of No. 2 fisheries district.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE CONCLUDES SESSIONS

WINNIPEG, July 20.—Finishing its business in record time never equalled in the annals of the order, the Grand Orange Lodge of British America concluded its session last night by re-electing all the principal officers of the institution by acclamation and selecting Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as the place for the meeting of the 94th convention.

SHOTS WERE FIRED BY THE CHINAMAN

VANCOUVER, July 20. — The coroner's jury investigated the circumstances attending the death of John C. Jones, who was shot to death on Main Street Wednesday at noon and returned a verdict that the shots were fired by Chong Sam Bow, Chinese.

Women and Children at Anyox Spent Night on Slag Dump to Escape Danger: Dynamite Melted

While the men of Anyox, led by General Manager Munro heroically fought the fire, five hundred women and children fearing the blowing up of the magazine, camped all night on the slag pile or remained in boats at a distance from the town. At the mine settlement they took shelter in the glory hole, every moment fearing that an explosion would take place and that their men would be in danger and possibly their homes destroyed. It was an anxious time, according to passengers from Anyox coming to Prince Rupert last night on the steamer Prince Rupert.

While the workers were trying to prevent the fire reaching the magazine containing one hundred tons of dynamite and a quantity of powder, it was later discovered that the dynamite was already afire and was melting. The men carried out some kegs to a safe distance but the larger part was burned, the lack of a detonator preventing an explosion. It was not until the fire reached the black powder that the explosion occurred which was heard by people as far away as Alice Arm.

Damage $100,000

General Manager Munro admits that the damage will amount to fully one hundred thousand dollars. Only two buildings in town were destroyed, the Union church and the parsonage, but a number were partially wrecked by the explosion. Windows were broken everywhere, chimneys overthrown, plaster shaken off the walls, and it was a miracle that no lives were lost.

According to Mr. Munro the fire started from a spark from the mine incinerator on Saturday and a stiff breeze fanned the embers and the fire rapidly spread. Sunday it appeared to be under control but the wind rising again set it going and before midnight word was sent around for the women and children to seek safety, some in the mine glory-hole and others on the slag pile below the smelter or on the water, as there was danger of an explosion. It was only the fact that most of the dynamite had burned away before the powder exploded that saved the town.

400 Tons Dynamite

While the fire was raging on Sunday the steamer Griffco with 400 tons of dynamite aboard reached Anyox but hearing of the danger the Captain put to sea under full head of steam as the explosion of her cargo would have meant certain death to everyone in the vicinity.

For forty eight hours the men fought the fire heroically led by the General Manager and had the fire well under control several hours before the deluge of rain came Monday evening and made the work of the fighters secure.

While Mr. Munro gives all praise to the men who worked so fearlessly and well to stay the flames, the men who came out on the boat say that the success of the fire fighting was largely due to the fearless and energetic manner in which the general manager worked that saved the day. Dangers surrounded them on every side. While at one point there was the magazine, at another was the highly explosive benzol from the Coke plant.

Stuck to Her Post

When all the other women were taken to a place of comparative safety, the telephone operator, Mrs. Weir, remained at her post until the explosion threw the switchboard from its position and forced her to cease work.

The chief damage is to the trestle leading from the mine to the smelter. Everything it is expected will be sufficiently repaired by Monday for work to recommence. In the meantime everybody is working, putting things in order and cleaning up the debris.

Speaking reminiscently some of those who were present in the town at the time of the excitement say it looked at one time as if the place could not possibly be saved. Fire raged almost in every direction and the constantly shifting wind drove it first one way and then another. Now all are congratulating themselves on their wonderful escape.

IRELAND NOW HAS A STRIKE

Waterford Isolated From Sea; Foodstuffs Cannot be Delivered

BELFAST, July 20—Waterford is completely isolated from the sea as the result of a strike of port workers now in effect in various Free State seaboard towns, according to despatches received here. Foodstuffs to the value of $100,000 are lying in the harbor sheds and cannot be delivered.

DELORME CASE NEARS THE END

Defense Counsel Addressed Jury This Morning After Five Weeks Evidence

MONTREAL, July 20.—It is expected that the verdict in the case of Adelard Delorme charged with killing his half brother Raoul on January 6, 1922, which has been proceeding for the past five weeks, will be reached some time tomorrow. This morning the defense counsel, C. H. Cahan, addressed the jury declaring some of them might be in the same position as the accused and they should mete out the same justice they would expect themselves.

The crown prosecutor, R. L. Calder, will speak this afternoon, and the judge, Sir Francis Lemieux, will charge the jury Saturday morning.

CANADIANS IN BISLEY FINAL

Toronto, Victoria and Guelph Men Will Shoot Tomorrow For Coveted King's Prize

BISLEY, July 20.—Canada will have three marksmen in the final shoot for the coveted King's Prize tomorrow. They are Private White of Toronto, A. E. Ashe of Victoria, and Major Crowe of Guelph, Ontario.

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