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COLLIERY DISASTER IN SCOTLAND FATAL

PRELIMINARY STEPS ARE TAKEN TOWARD SETTLING GERMAN REPARATIONS

Seventy Lives Lost in Mine Near Falkirk, Scotland, Today Only One Man Escaped Water

GLASGOW, Sept. 25.—Seventy lives are believed to have been lost early today in one of the worst colliery disasters in the history of the Scotch mines, when a deep pit at James Nimmo Company's colliery near Falkirk was flooded.

The water which flooded the pit broke through the walls adjoining the mine. The working pit was flooded so quickly that there was no opportunity to warn the miners. Only one man escaped after the rush of waters began and there is but little hope of saving any of the unfortunates now below.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE GETS LARGER

Report of Inspector at Victoria
Indicates Great Increases
Especially in Schools

VICTORIA, Sept. 25.—Expenditures of the British Columbia municipalities have increased by practically one third since 1915, according to Municipal Inspector Robert Baird. In 1915 the total expenditures of the municipalities on streets, fire, administration of justice, public health, council salaries and schools amounted to approximately \$6,681,642 as compared with roughly \$9,901,000 last year, according to the report.

School expenditures increased from \$2,661,051 in 1915 to \$3,591,642 last year. They represent today an expenditure greater than that devoted to streets, fire, police, health and salaries.

In 1922 the expenditure on streets was \$2,218,066 compared with \$1,266,277 four years ago and \$2,444,368 in 1915.

Mr. Baird reports another increase in the amount of money received from public utilities by the municipalities of the province. The amount received during 1922 being \$3,038,124 compared with \$2,914,165 the previous year.

Greenwood again has the highest tax levy of 64 mills, the same as last year. The second on the list is Slocan with 54. The lowest tax rate among the cities of the province is that Courtenay with 24 mills. South Vancouver leads the list among municipal districts with a tax rate of 55 mills. Point Grey comes second with 43 and Summerland third with 40.

LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
Philadelphia 4-3, Pittsburg 2-4
New York 3, Cincinnati 6,
Boston 7, Chicago 8,
Brooklyn 8, St. Louis 2.

American League
St. Louis 6-4, Boston 1-2,
Detroit 4, New York 12,
Chicago 1, Washington 0,
Cleveland-Philadelphia, rain.

Coast League
Travelling.

Tug Alcedo of Vancouver, which is towing logs for the Big Bay mill at Georgetown, passed down the harbor yesterday afternoon having in tow a log boom of 300,000 feet for the mill from W. T. Muse's logging camp back of the Island. The tug went out through Metlakatla Passage and reached the mill this morning. Capt. Herb Clifton, formerly in command of the McCulloch, skips the Alcedo.

ADVENTURE WITH TIMBER WOLVES

Pete Johnson Raced Against
Vicious Beasts Two Miles;
Spent Night in Steam
Shovel

After a race on his hand car for two miles along the railway grade with three big black timber wolves, Pete Johnson, craneman for Gus Mogden, on a steam shovel east of Hazelton on the Canadian National Railway, was obliged recently to spend the night in the shovel while the hungry beasts awaited just outside in the hope that they would make an evening meal of him.

After the day's work, Johnson was obliged to return from the boarding car, two miles distant, to the shovel. Hardly had he got started when the vicious animals leaped out of the bush to the rear and made chase. Johnson pumped for all he was worth and, arriving at the shovel, made a leap for it with the wolves but a few feet behind. They attempted to climb into the shovel but Johnson kept them at bay by playing a hot water hose on them. They stayed at safe distance, however, and Johnson was forced to remain on his guard in the shovel. In the morning other members of the crew arrived on the scene and the animals made off into the woods again with scalded bodies but without their intended meal.

DISCUSS ARTICLE TEN OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Right of Each Nation to Determine
Its Own Obligations
Claimed by Canada

GENEVA, Sept. 25.—Persia alone voted against a resolution for the interpretation of Article Ten of the League of Nations but the unanimous vote of the assembly was necessary in order to secure its approval.

In the debate the Canadian representatives argued that each state alone should have the right to determine to what extent military assistance should be accorded other nations if their integrity was threatened.

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RESISTANCE RUHR ENDS

German Government Will
Give up Campaign
Against French
Immediately

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—After a conference with leading businessmen of Germany, Chancellor Stresemann announced last night that the German Government had decided to abandon passive resistance to the French occupation of Ruhr with unrestricted resumption of trade. Labor was ordered at once to resume to its full capacity.

FELL INTO SEA

BRUSSELS, Sept. 25.—The British balloon Margaret fell into the sea sixty miles north east of Skagen. All those on board were saved.

Arranging for Settlement of German Reparations by Conference of the Allies

PARIS, Sept. 25.—Premier Poincaré's next move, in view of Germany's economic surrender, will be to ask the inter-allied reparations commission to deal with the new situation, it was indicated today. As soon as the German Government has officially withdrawn its resistance orders, directions will be sent to the French commander to make the Ruhr occupation as nearly "invisible" as possible.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A new allied conference in which France, Britain, Italy and Belgium will take part is anticipated by London political writers as one result of Germany's decision to give up passive resistance in the Ruhr.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—It is officially announced this afternoon



Miss Aloha Hall of Vancouver and Miss Amahata Norden have set out from Paris on another lap of their journey around the world to win a prize offered by a club in Atlanta, Georgia.

Value of True Sport Emphasized at Banquet Given Football Team to Celebrate Victorious Season

That clean healthy sport not only built up a man physically but built up his mentality and helped him to achieve a manly character. It taught a young person to take either victory or defeat. The greatest thing that could be done for a young man was to teach him to develop a manly character and that the playing of games would do. This was the sentiment expressed by Dr. H. R. Grant last night at a banquet given by A. W. Edge, president of the Sons of England football team that had won trophies this season. The trophies were presented by their respective donors, D. C. Stuart and Fred Gilluly, and the evening was spent in speech and song in a most enjoyable manner, the party breaking up about midnight. The address of the evening was that of Rev. Dr. Grant, but there were a number of other interesting speeches, all having to do with the development of sport in Prince Rupert. Mr. Edge presided.

FOUND GUILTY OF STEALING BEDDING

Sentence on H. Beswick is Reversed and Alexander Brown is Dismissed

H. Beswick was found guilty by Magistrate McClymont in the police court this morning of stealing bedding from the West End Cafe valued \$25. Sentence was reserved. Insufficient evidence was produced to connect Alexander Brown with a similar charge and he was dismissed.

Evidence was given by J. K. Wong, proprietor of the cafe, Harry Evans, agent for the Dyer Apartments, Robert Barclay, from whom Beswick borrowed the money, Chief Vickers, Constable Macdonald and the two accused, City Solicitor E. F. Jones conducted the prosecution.

Good Sport Record

Telling of his own sport interests in earlier days, the doctor (continued on page two)

PREMIER JOHN OLIVER
Will Address a
PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday Evening at 8 o'clock in
Empress Theatre
The Premier will take this occasion to answer the charges made against him and his government by W. J. Bowser during his recent visit.
Ladies especially invited to be present.

Cones are being Shipped from Queen Charlotte Isds. to Great Britain for Reafforestation

After making arrangements for the shipment of 500 sacks of Sitka spruce cones from the Queen Charlotte Islands to New Westminster where the seeds will be extracted and sent to England for reafforestation purposes, Dr. A. W. Borthwick, an Old Country forestry official and member of the Imperial Forestry Conference which recently visited the coast, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the Prince Albert from the Islands and sailed last night by the steamer Prince George for Vancouver en route home.

Dr. Borthwick's visit to the Queen Charlottes was in the interests of an extensive program of reafforestation that is now being carried out in Great Britain. Seeds are being taken from various parts of the Empire for the purpose. Spruce seeds have already been obtained on the lower mainland but this will be the first time they will have come from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Arrangements were made by Dr. Borthwick with Thomas Deasy, Indian Agent at Massett, to have the Indians collect suitable cones from the Kelly, Whalen and Massett Timber Co.'s logging camps. They will be sent to the extraction plant at New Westminster from which the seeds will be forwarded to the Old Country.

Spruce seeds were taken from the Queen Charlotte Islands by the Germans for reafforestation in Germany for several years before the war but is the first time Great Britain has drawn from the field.

Dr. Borthwick also took the opportunity while on the Islands to size up the general situation and he expressed himself yesterday afternoon as very well pleased with the quality and quantity of the timber. "There is plenty of timber of the proper sort for many great industries," he stated.

HALIBUT PRICE IS HIGHER YET TODAY

Two American Boats Drew Down
Prices of 18c and 11.5c; Total of 36,500 Pounds Marketed

The halibut price at the Fish Exchange this morning topped off a higher level than has been paid during the past several months when two American schooners received 18c and 11.5c. Canadian fish was also on the increase though not so marked. Only four boats were in, the scarcity of fish being the principal contributing factor to the big prices. A total of 36,500 pounds was sold as follows:

American
Teddy J., 18,000 pounds, and Emblem, 4,500 pounds, at 18c and 11.5c to the Atlin Fisheries.

Canadian
Tramp, 10,000 pounds, at 15.8c and 10c, and Fanny E., 4,000 pounds, at 15.6c and 11c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

TANKER EXPLODES

OAKLAND, California, Sept. 25.—An explosion took place on the tank steamer Alden Anderson yesterday resulting in the death of two pumpmen. It caused thousands of dollars worth of damage.

D. E. Arsenaull, Dominion Inspector of dairy products, sailed last night for Vancouver after having spent the past few weeks on official duties in the city and district. He visited the creamery at Vanderhoof and reported favorably on it.

PEGGY MC NEILL TURNS TURTLE

Five Men Probably Drowned as
Result of Accident in Portler
Pass

VANCOUVER, Sept. 25.—Five men are missing and are probably drowned as the result of a wreck of the tugboat Peggy McNeill, Indian Agent at Massett, to Neill of the Pacific Tugboat and Barge Company's fleet which overturned in Portler Pass off the east coast of Vancouver Island last night when she was fouled by ropes attached to her tow.

The captain of the Peggy McNeill, Robert Drever, is the only man whose address is known. The only man saved was the mate, W. Ingram, who swam to a fishing boat nearby.

The missing men besides Drever are believed to be the first engineer Gus Young, second engineer McDougall and a deck hand named Manders.

DIVERT FURS TO PROVINCE

Sleigh Road to be Constructed to
Improve Communication
With Peace River

VICTORIA, Sept. 25.—To divert the fur trade of the Peace River country from Alberta to British Columbia and thereby prepare the way for future traffic from that empire of the north when the railroads bring it closer to civilization, B. C. government will construct a sleigh road along the 170 mile route from Fort Nelson to Fort St. John, according to W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works, on his return from the tour which carried him into the Peace River country.

The sleigh road which will be the forerunner of a wagon road will make it easier to ship freight into the rich trapping territory of the north and establish a direct means of transporting pelts to southern British Columbia. At present there is only a trail from the two outposts of trade.

Dr. Sutherland estimates that the sleigh road will not cost more than \$75 to \$100 a mile.

TAX SALE

Notice is hereby given that a tax sale of city lots on account of delinquent taxes will be held in the City Office on Monday, October 1, 1923, at 10 a.m. A list of the properties offered for sale can be obtained at the Collector's Office. 230