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GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN P.G.E. FINANCES

FIRST SHIPMENT OF ORE FROM SMITHERS BEING MADE VIA THIS PORT

S. S. Alameda will call at this Port Regularly North and South Bound

Announcement is made by the Alaska Steamship Company that the S.S. Alameda of their line will call here on November 10, inaugurating a regular service between Seattle and Prince Rupert and also between this city and points in Alaska. The announcement is made through E. C. Gibbons, president of the board of trade, who has received a notification from the company to that effect.

The Alameda is a large steel vessel, gross tonnage 3158, and net 1939. She was built in 1883 at Philadelphia, is 314 feet long, 44 foot beam and 17.3 draft. Her engines develop 3,500 horse power.

BEER CAUSES CONTROVERSY IN ALBERTA

Legislation Will be Allowed to Formulate Own Bill for Liquor Control

CALGARY, Nov. 7.—Complete returns from the liquor plebiscite held Monday are not yet available but it is estimated the majority for a moderation act remains at 30,000. A special session of the legislature is not likely but the ordinary session will be called earlier than usual and Government leaders indicate that no hard and fast bill will be presented but the Legislature will be rather expected to frame its own bill, especially as the interpretation of the clause on the ballot calling for the sale of beer on licensed premises is already giving rise to bitter controversy as to who shall sell beer.

SHIPPING ORE TO CALIFORNIA BY THIS PORT

First Consignment Has Been Forwarded From Duthie Mine to Selby

SMITHERS, Nov. 7.—The first shipment of ore from the Duthie mines to Prince Rupert en route to the smelter at Selby, California, has gone forward and will be followed by other shipments until the tug Humaconna which left here Sunday night to go to Dutch Harbor whether the Shinkoku was being towed. The tug at more or less regular intervals. While only 400 tons has been forwarded by the new route so far, shipments will become more frequent as the business develops until it is expected a steady stream of ore will be flowing through the port of Prince Rupert bound southward.

The Duthie mines are now controlled by the Federal Mining and Smelting Company, one of the Guggenheim concerns.

BLOOD INDIAN DIED TODAY

Believed Tried to Blow Own Head off with Powder from His Mine

LETHBRIDGE, Nov. 7.—"Two Stab," the Blood Indian alleged to be the slayer of Winnie Tollesup of Raymond, died this morning. It is believed that he met his death at his own hand and that powder from his coal mine was used in an attempt to blow his head off to avoid capture.

It is not likely that the mystery connected with the crime will ever be solved definitely though the police believe the evidence against the Indian is complete.

Before he died Two Stab denied he murdered the girl.

CHILDREN INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT DURING DENSE FOG

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7.—Two children were seriously injured and four other people slightly injured when an auto stage collided with a street car in a dense fog on the outskirts of Vancouver last night. Marion Nesbitt, aged four, and her two year old Brother Gordon of 1011 1/2 Quailham are unconscious in the hospital but are expected to recover.

MACKENZIE KING HONORED BY DEGREE OXFORD UNIVERSITY

LONDON, Nov. 7.—Oxford University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Common Laws on Premier King of Canada yesterday.

Mr. King is already C.M.G. and LL.D. of Toronto University and M.A. of the university of Chicago and of Harvard.

SHINKOKU MARU AGAIN ADRIFT

Hawser of Tug Algonquin Parted Carrying Towing Rail and Poop Deck

HUMACONNA TO RESCUE Second Tug Was Fog Bound In Duncan Bay Again Enroute North

SEATTLE, Nov. 7.—A new one inch hawser with which the United States coast guard cutter Algonquin was towing the freighter Shinkoku Maru, disabled by the breaking of her tail shaft, parted, the Algonquin reports in a message here.

The Shinkoku, which had been picked up 100 miles south of the Aleutian Islands was in no danger after the hawser parted, the message said. The Algonquin remains standing by until the arrival of the tug Humaconna which left here Sunday night to go to Dutch Harbor whether the Shinkoku was being towed. The tug at more or less regular intervals. While only 400 tons has been forwarded by the new route so far, shipments will become more frequent as the business develops until it is expected a steady stream of ore will be flowing through the port of Prince Rupert bound southward.

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J. B. Lambert, district engineer for the federal public works department, returned to Haysport on last night's train.

P.G.E. Finances are Improving Rapidly Hon. J. D. McLean States in Legislature: \$300,000 Better

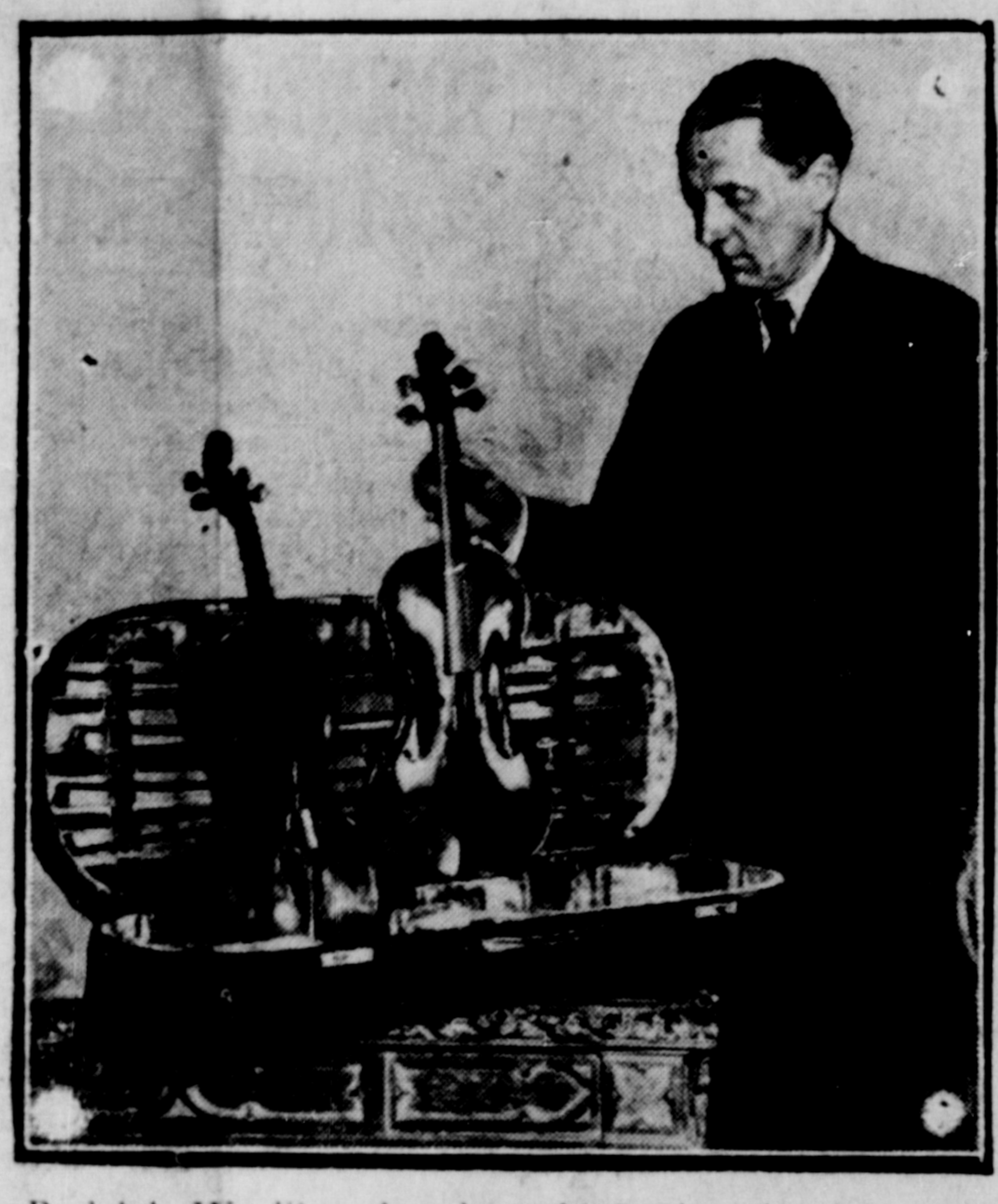
VICTORIA, Nov. 7.—The operating expenses of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the past year were cut by \$252,000 in the finances of the government owned line, Hon. J. D. McLean announced to the legislature yesterday afternoon in his first report as minister of railways.

The Pacific Great Eastern line should be built north into Prince George, Dr. McLean declared. Engineers are now investigating the advisability of changing the route of the line around Quesnel so as to avoid a stretch of unsatisfactory roadbed, he announced. As a director of the P.G.E. he could not recommend that the line be built into the Peace River country now, a project which would cost \$20,000,000, Dr. McLean told the House.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN LIKELY TO AGREE ON REPARATIONS QUESTION

PARIS, Nov. 7.—Prospects for an agreement between France and Britain on the text of the invitation to the United States to join the conference of experts for the examination of the reparations question is regarded in diplomatic and French official circles today as bright.

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Rudolph Wurlitzer has brought to America two rare violins worth \$116,000. One of the instruments is a "Belts" Stradivarius, made in 1704, and the other the "Le Duc" Gaurnerius, made in 1743. The latter is known to have the largest tone of any violin in the world.

United States Election Shows Little Change in Strength of Two Parties

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Democrats were elected yesterday in all three states where gubernatorial elections were held, Kentucky, Maryland and Mississippi.

In the contests for the House of Representatives the Democrats won four and the Republicans three. In New York state Republicans retained control of the General Assembly but the Democratic judiciary ticket in Manhattan and the Bronx were swept into office.

Mayor Rolph of San Francisco was re-elected. The results of the elections leave the two houses of Congress Republican with small majorities. House of Representatives is made up of Republicans 225, Democrats 204, Socialist 1, Independent 1, Farmer-labor 1, vacancies 3. The Republican majority is 18. The Republican majority in the Senate is 6.

MRS. BRAYFIELD OF TELKWA DIES AND FUNERAL TOMORROW

Archbishop DeVernet has received a telegram stating that Mrs. Brayfield, wife of Rev. J. S. Brayfield of Telkwa, died yesterday. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at Telkwa, Archbishop DeVernet officiating, assisted by Rev. R. W. Biddell of Smithers.

The Archbishop leaves this evening on the train for the interior centre.

NEW TELEPHONE IN NEWS DEPARTMENT OF THIS PAPER

Owing to the steady increase in business and the delays consequent thereon with only one telephone, a separate phone has been installed for the editorial department of this paper. In calling the editor or reporters patrons will kindly ask for 86 instead of 98 as formerly. Business calls continue as before.

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Eight Witnesses Heard Today in Japanese Murder Case of Buckley Bay Before Mr. Justice McDonald

Eight crown witnesses were heard at the Supreme Court assizes this morning at the murder trial of G. Nishida, Japanese of Buckley Bay. Shortly after 10 o'clock the Grand Jury returned a true bill.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the charge of unlawfully killing and murdering his countryman, B. Harata, at Buckley Bay on August 18. Sadao Suga of this city was sworn in as court interpreter and the jury was empanelled as follows: Robert W. Cameron (foreman), George C. Walker, Joseph Greer, James Sturgeon, George Waddell, John M. Buckley, Herman Capstick, Morton M. McLachlan, Thomas Sproat, Frank St. Armour, James Hampton and Harry W. Birch. Mrs. Rebecca Keith and J. A. Smith were challenged. W. E. Fisher prosecuted and L. W. Patmore of Patmore & Fulton, is prosecuting. The defence also has an interpreter from Vancouver. Court adjourned at 1 o'clock until 2:15 this afternoon when Dr. J. A. Briggs was the first witness called.

IS SENTENCED TO HANG FOR JONES MURDER

Chong Sam Bow Found Guilty at Vancouver: Reprieve to Be Asked

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7.—Chong Sam Bow, Chinese, was sentenced to death in Mr. Justice Gregory's court last night for the murder of John Clayton Jones, electrician, on July 19 last.

Counsel for the defense will apply to Ottawa for a reprieve before February 8, which is the date set for hanging, contending that Chong Sam Bow was subject to fits of insanity and that in one of these he shot Jones, while not responsible for his actions.

The jury, in finding the Chinaman guilty, apparently accepted the contention of the crown prosecutor that blind rage rather than mental insanity prompted the Chinaman, who drew a gun and shot blindly at Jones, whom he had never seen on the crowded street here at noon.

The evidence showed that Chong was subject to fits of anger.

PREFERENCE TO THIS COUNTRY

British Government Suggests Imposition of Duty on Canned Salmon and Apples

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The British government is making preference proposals to the governments of the Dominions. At this morning's meeting of the economic conference it is understood the British representatives expressed a willingness to extend the recent offer of increased preference by the addition of a number of articles, the most important, so far as Canada is concerned, being fresh apples and canned salmon.

The offer is stated to be one for the imposition of a duty on foreign products with 100 per cent preference to empire products.

REPARATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED ONCE MORE

PARIS, Nov. 7.—The reparations commission decided to comply immediately with the German request on the reparations question as proposed by the Berlin Government on October 24, if the several Governments, including the United States, are unable to agree regarding setting up of an advisory investigation committee.

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