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MANY LOSE LIVES IN ISLAND EXPLOSION

RED STORK PRESSES CLAIMS OF PRINCE RUPERT AS A SHIPPING PORT

Terrible Explosion Occurred at Cumberland Last Night when from 35 to 40 Miners Lost their Lives

CUMBERLAND, Feb. 9.—One of the worst disasters in the history of coal mining on Vancouver Island occurred at about past eight last night when a terrific explosion took place at the Number Four mine of the Canadian Coaleries (Dunsmuir) Limited, taking toll, it is feared, of between 35 and 40 lives.

Up to 10.30 this morning 25 bodies had been taken from the shaft, fourteen of whom were white men and eleven Chinese. It is said there are still ten bodies in the mine.

SURRENDER IS HOPEFUL SIGN

British Press and Public Takes sanguine View of Latest Development in Ireland

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Irish press has declined to enter into negotiations, it is stated in a report from Dublin. The surrender of Liam Deasy is received with interest by the press and the public as the first hopeful sign for months. Deasy was a close associate of Michael Collins in the fight against the British and he is credited in many quarters as having had the brains of the irregulars' military campaign. In addition to his formal note of surrender, Deasy wrote a long explanation of his position, which was considered a forcible argument for peace.

GOOD MAJORITY PREMIER KING

Amendments Voted Down by Ottawa House of Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The Progressive amendment to the speech of the throne moved by R. E. Duggan, urging reductions of the customs and excise duties, and an amendment by J. T. Shaw, urging economy, were both defeated this morning in the House of Commons. The main motion carried without a division, 140 to 74.

WIDOWED WOMAN DIES AT PORT SIMPSON

Brentzen Was One of the Old Timers. One of the Last Links With the Old Days

PORT SIMPSON, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Brentzen, formerly a native of Alaska, but who lived with her husband for many years in the Hudson Bay stockade, has just passed away. She raised a large and interesting family, most of whom remain to treasure the memory of a good mother. The lady who is gone was a kind and favorite of all. She had no malice against her neighbors, always speaking well of them. Her passing breaks one of the last links between the past generation and the present.

SILVER HOLDING WELL

VANCOUVER, Feb. 8.—London port interest and Chinese demand should hold the price of silver to the present level. The Indian government silver reserve is \$991,000,000.

PEACE MOVE IN IRELAND

Amnesty of Death Sentences Granted to Facilitate Surrender of Republicans

DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—Richard Mulcahey, minister of defence, yesterday issued a proclamation granting ten days amnesty to prisoners under death sentence to facilitate the surrender of Republicans.

This highly significant peace move was first revealed in army headquarters with the announcement that Liam Deasy, deputy chief of the irregulars, now under sentence of death, was trying to induce Eamonn de Valera and others to surrender and that pending the negotiations the execution of Deasy and other prisoners had been suspended. Hopes are running higher than for some time.

The proposal for surrender contained in Liam Deasy's letter to de Valera and other leading irregulars cannot be considered officially, it is stated at Republican headquarters.

MAKES OFFER TO THE CITY

G.T.P. Development Co. Would Give Over Sections 3, 4 and 9 if Reduction in Acreage Granted

Suggesting a taxation agreement for his company similar to that enjoyed by the G.T.P. Railway Co., W. McLarnon, representative of the G.T.P. Development Co., at the court of revision, yesterday afternoon asked the court for a reduction in valuation to \$50 an acre of some 450 acres of land on the townsite not yet plotted out. In lieu of such a concession, Mr. McLarnon offered to turn over to the city all the company's property in Sections 3, 4 and 9 provided the city undertook to pay this year's taxation. Failing such an agreement, Mr. McLarnon stated it was the company's intention to sell all its lots in Sections 3, 4 and 9 at whatever prices they would bring.

The court explained to Mr. McLarnon that such an offer was not a matter for it to deal with. Eld. Stephens, chairman, asked that the offer be submitted officially in writing to the council. Mr. McLarnon said this would be done.

PREMIER GOLD SHARES QUICKLY PICKED UP AT 300 ABOVE PAR VALUE

VANCOUVER, Feb. 8.—A small number of Premier Gold Mine shares appeared on the Vancouver stock market and were eagerly absorbed at four dollars a share of par value \$1.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Results in the second round of the English Cup yesterday were as follows: Sheffield U., 3; Middlesboro, 0. Blackburn Rovers, 0; South Shields, 1.

ENGLISH LEAGUE, Division I.

Preston North End, 4; Stoke, 7.

MINE EXPLOSION IN NEW MEXICO

Heavy Toll of Life Feared as Result of Accident in Phelps Dodge Mine Yesterday

DAWSON, New Mexico, Feb. 9.—Seven bodies of miners entombed in No. 1 Phelps Dodge mine here by an explosion yesterday have been recovered. The company announced that there is very little hope of rescuing alive the other 115 men who were in the mine at the time of the accident.

ESPERANZA MINE IS PRODUCING REGULARLY

The Esperanza mine is steadily producing ore says the Alice Arm and Anyox Herald. One hundred tons of second grade ore was shipped to Anyox smelter during the week, and ten tons of high grade is stored at the government wharf. The company are at present employing six men at the mine, and in addition to this number, four men are working high grade veins on leases. Red Campbell and Angus McLeod have taken a lease on a high grade. Wm. Hutchison, and Chas. Brown, who are also working on a lease are doing well, and expect to make a clean-up before spring.

SMITHERS MAN IS ARRESTED IN CITY

W. Allison Arrived on Last Night's Train But Will Go Back to Face False Pretences Charge

Acting on instructions received by wire from Chief Constable Kelly, of Smithers, Constable Harry Martin, of the local provincial police, met last night's train and placed W. Allison under arrest. Allison will be returned to Smithers in custody of Constable Martin tonight to face a charge of false pretences.

POLISH CLERIC ASSASSINATED

Life of Metropolitan George is Taken at Warsaw by Another Monk

WARSAW, Feb. 9.—Metropolitan George, chief of the Russian Church in Poland, was assassinated last night by a Russian monk. The assassin belonged to a group of clergy who opposed the Metropolitan because of his pro-Polish policies.

Miss Flower arrived in the city on last night's train from Saskatchewan to take a position on the nursing staff of the Prince Rupert General Hospital. She is a graduate of Vancouver Hospital.

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TURKEY AND ALLIES AGREE TEMPORARILY

LONDON, Feb. 9.—An agreement has been reached between the Turkish authorities at Smyrna and the Allied naval commanders under which status quo will be maintained pending diplomatic negotiations according to a despatch via Constantinople.

NINE KILLED IN GAS WORKS

Bad Accident in Plant of Toronto Company Yesterday—Others May Die

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—As a result of an accident when installing apparatus to increase the flow of gas in the mains, nine employees of the Consumers' Gas Co. lost their lives yesterday through carbon monoxide poisoning and a number of others were seriously if not fatally affected.

The dead are Fred Carey, John Martin, John Cottrell, A. Leadbetter, L. Leadbetter, Archibald Murdoch, George Stevens, Harry Lonsdale and an unidentified man. Rescuers were met by a gas screen which it was impossible to penetrate except by firemen wearing masks. Thirty men were rescued by the firemen.

LUMBER PRICES ARE TENDING UPWARD ON MARKET AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Under pressure of the strongest demand in the lumber market since the feverish days of 1919-1920, prices are holding firm and surging upward. Southern Pine Association shows orders for the past week of 127 million feet for 129 mills. Douglas fir is quite as active as yellow pine because of heavy cold buying in California; heavy cargo shipments to Eastern seaboard continue and car orders are large.

ANOTHER REVIVAL AT PORT SIMPSON IS NOW IN PROGRESS THERE

PORT SIMPSON, Feb. 9.—There are at present over thirty people here from Kitkatla and as many more from Metlakalla on an evangelistic trip. Much interest has been manifested and a number of young people here have been led to decide to live a Christian life. The visitors have conducted the services in a decorous and becoming manner.

The native people never seem to tire of religious services.

FISH ARRIVALS

Two schooners marketed 24,000 pounds of halibut at the Fish Exchange this morning. They were as follows: Sherman, 15,000 to the Pacific Fisheries at 17.6c and 10c. Lansing, 9,000 pounds, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at 17.8c and 10c.

Joe McPhee, of the customs service, sailed this morning for Vancouver. He is on holidays and will be gone two or three weeks.

Fred Stork Urged Grain Shippers to Consider Prince Rupert Where Was a Fine Ocean Warehouse

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Fred Stork, member for Skeena, in the House of Commons this afternoon made a plea for the port of Prince Rupert, which, he said, grain growers would do well to consider in the shipping of their wheat. The port had the finest ocean warehouse equipped with most modern machinery. He declared the people of Skeena constituency were warring on in spite of hard times.

RESURRECTION OF DEAD IS AT HAND

I.E.S.A. Travelling Lecturer Addressed Some 160 Persons in Empress Theatre Last Night

Some 160 persons attended the lecture given in the Empress Theatre last night by H. Howlett, travelling lecturer for the International Bible Students' Association. The speaker's subject was "The Resurrection of the Dead is at Hand." In delivering his oration, he gave frequent Bible references, basing his remarks upon the passage in the Acts "Ye Men of Athens, I perceive in all things ye are too superstitious." Referring to conditions prevailing on earth at the present time, the speaker pointed out that these clearly proved all are living in the time when the greatest miracle of all is to take place—the resurrection of the dead.

L. Dutton presided.

GOVERNMENT BILLS TODAY

Several Resolutions by Liberal Members Occupy Attention of House of Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Government business is the order of the day in parliament today, and a number of government notices of motion are to be taken up. These include resolutions regarding France's gift of a tract of land on Vinny Ridge to Canada, cold buying in California; heavy cargo shipments to Eastern seaboard continue and car orders are large.

DEMPEY AND BECKETT MEET

Southampton Despatch to London Reports Negotiations For New York Bout Completed

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Joe Beckett, the English heavyweight, has signed articles to meet Jack Dempsey in New York next July or August, according to a message to the Evening News from Southampton. One condition, however, is that Beckett must beat Dick Smith in their bout set for February 19.

G. A. McNicholl, C.N.R. assistant general freight and passenger agent, has been notified that the company has opened a ground floor office in the city of Los Angeles. It is located in the Alexandra Hotel and H. R. Bullen is in charge.

C. F. Davis, chief engineer of the steamer Prince Albert, was a passenger for Vancouver on the Prince George this morning.

WINNER HERE FOR REPAIRS

Job Will be Done Tomorrow Evening—Canadian Rover is Expected Soon

C.G.M.M. freighter Canadian Winner, Capt. Spring, arrived in port from Vancouver yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and went up immediately on the pontoons at the dry dock for repairs. The job is a small one consisting of cleaning and painting and it is expected the vessel will be ready to return south tomorrow evening. It is understood she is to load at Vancouver for the Orient. The Winner was piloted up the coast by Capt. Duncan McKenzie, formerly master of the steamer Prince Rupert and now coast pilot for the C.G.M.M. Enroute she called at Union Bay, Richard Knox, C.N.R. superintendent engineer, and Bert Mantrop, boiler inspector, also came north on the vessel.

The dry dock management is expecting the Canadian Rover here for overhaul about the end of the month. This is a smaller vessel than the Winner and is engaged in coastwise freighting between Ocean Falls, the Columbia River and California.

USK SAWMILL RUNNING NOW

Plant Starts Operations; Cutting For Market on Larger Scale This Week

The Kleana Lumber Co.'s sawmill at Usk is starting the season's operations in full swing this week, according to word received from the interior today. The mill has been operating on a small scale already this winter but resumption this week will mark the commencement of cutting on a capacity basis for the eastern market. Several improvements were recently made to the mill with a view to starting operations on a large scale.

LABORITE RETURNED BRITISH PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The election in St. Stephens to choose a successor to the late labor member, C. J. Mather, resulted in the return of another laborite, A. R. Gosling, who defeated a Liberal and prohibitionist candidate.

Her repairs completed following the collision with the Princess Beatrice a few weeks ago, the Union steamer Camosun, Capt. Dickson, resumed service this week on the Bella Coola, Surf Inlet run. The Chelohsin, Capt. Stacey, which has been relieving the Camosun, is expected here Sunday night in place of the Venture on the Prince Rupert run.