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SHIPPING FROM RUPERT TO BEGIN IN JUNE

BIG CANNERY FIRE AT PORT ESSINGTON CAUSES GREAT LOSS TO DISTRICT

Steamers to Call Here Monthly to Carry Lumber to Orient from Mills of Prince Rupert District

G. W. Nickerson, local lumber broker, announced this morning that early in June a Canadian Government Merchant Marine freighter will call here to load the first shipment of lumber from this district for Japan. Two hundred thousand feet of hemlock lumber have been sold by the Royal Mill at Hanall and the George Little mill at Terrace to H. R. McMillan, of Vancouver, and 500,000 feet monthly is now wanted which will mean the calling here monthly of a C.G.M.M. boat to take the lumber across the Pacific Ocean.

A. W. Steventon, representing Mr. McMillan, arrived in the city on Saturday and left on the evening train for up-river where he will inspect the lumber already purchased and place orders for the 500,000 feet monthly. The shipments will be made over the lumber assembly wharf which is now being put in shape for its handling. The lumber to be shipped will be in form of what is known as "baby squares," 4 by 4 and 4 by 4 1/2, 10, 13 and 20 feet long.

Today's announcement represents the bringing to a head of the announcement made recently by B. C. Keeley, manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, that a special rate had been offered to Mr. McMillan for the shipment of lumber through this port to the Orient and also the announcement by R. E. Allen, manager of the Royal Mills, that a trial shipment was to be made this year. It marks an important step in the export lumber business of the north which may develop into large proportions annually resulting in the operation of all the mills in this district and a large shipping business through this port.

REFUSE OFFER OF GERMANY

France and Belgium Will Not Consider Thirty Billion Marks

PARIS, May 7.—France and Belgium have categorically refused to consider Germany's recent offer of 30,000,000,000 gold marks as reparations. The refusal is contained in a note sent to the German embassies at London and Brussels Sunday evening.

GOVERNMENT WHARF HAD SLIGHT BLAZE

\$50 Damage Was Done When Overheated Stove Pipe Ignited Roof of Shed

Slight damage amounting to probably \$50 was occasioned by fire which broke out at 8.45 last night on the roof of the government wharf shed from an overheated chimney. Quite a hole was burned through the roof and it was necessary for the fire department to cut in from the interior to get at the fire which was soon extinguished with the use of a chemical extinguisher.

CARPENTIER WON FIGHT FOR TITLE

PARIS, May 7.—Carpentier knocked out Marcel Nilles in the eighth round of a scheduled 15-round bout for the French heavyweight title on Sunday afternoon.

MASSETT LUMBER GOES TO SEATTLE

Spruce and Hemlock to be Used in Box Manufacture on Lake Union

SEATTLE, May 7.—Marking the debut of the northeast section of Lake Union as an active factor in Seattle shipping, arrangements have been completed, it was learned today, by which the steamships of the Los Angeles Lumber Produce Steamship line will supply the plant of the Puget Sound Lumber & Box Company with spruce and hemlock from Buckley Bay, Massett Inlet, British Columbia. The Los Angeles company are allied corporations, being owned by the same interests.

The Puget Sound Company's plant is at 12th Avenue North-east and Northlake Avenue, fronting on the arm of Lake Union that lies almost in front of the campus of the University of Washington. Heretofore that arm of the lake never had participated in Seattle waterborne commerce.

Two of the Los Angeles company's steamships, El Gieuto and El Abeto, already have delivered cargoes of spruce and hemlock to the Puget Sound company's plant. A third steamship, El Cedro, also will bring lumber for the plant when required. The vessels ordinarily operate between Buckley Bay and San Pedro but are being diverted to Seattle when the Lake Union plant requires spruce and hemlock.

The arrival and departure of the lumber carriers in that part of Lake Union has attracted wide attention in shipping circles. It marks another step forward, it is pointed out, in the development of Seattle's great fresh water harbor.

E. J. Conway, field engineer for the Granby Co., returned to the city by gasboat from Ikeda, Queen Charlotte Islands, yesterday afternoon and left last night on the Chelohsin for Ansox.

W. J. Alder arrived by the Prince George on Saturday afternoon to spend a few days in the city looking after his interests here.

Livingstone, 18,000 pounds, at 13.5c and 9.2c; Joe Baker, 5,500 pounds, at 13.6c and 9 1/2c; and Nuba, 8,000 pounds, at 13.5c and 9c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Agnes B., 5,500 pounds, at 13.5c and 9.5c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Fisher, 6,500 pounds, at 13.7c and 9.5c, and Kinconer, 1,400 pounds, at 13.4c and 9c, to the Booth Fisheries.

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., May 7.—After scrambling for 13 miles over one of the roughest ice packs ever piled up off Sydney Harbor, 12 passengers and 11 members of the crew of the steamer Kyle reached shore Sunday afternoon, making the last few hundred yards in dories which put off to meet them. The steamer Kyle struck very heavy ice floes eight miles off Cranberry and abandoned all efforts to reach here until the wind changes and breaks up the pack. Some 53 passengers had been on board for a month or more since the vessel left St. John's, Newfoundland.



The Prince of Wales inspecting the guard of honor before unveiling a memorial window at Westminster Abbey.

DEMPSEY GOT FIRST PAYMENT FOR FIGHT AGAINST GIBBONS

CHICAGO, May 7.—Arrangements were completed Saturday for the Jack Dempsey-Tom Gibbons heavyweight championship to be held at Shelby, Montana, on July 4. The articles were signed by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, who received \$100,000 cash, one third of the \$300,000 he is to receive for the bout.

DOMINION ASKED TO SUSPEND REGULATIONS ON COASTING VESSELS

WINNIPEG, May 7.—Before the legislature prorogued on Saturday, a resolution introduced by Premier Buecken calling on the Dominion government to suspend the Dominion coasting regulations and take steps to insure fair and equitable freight rates was unanimously passed.

LEAGUE BASEBALL SATURDAY GAMES

American League
Detroit 7, Chicago 8.
St. Louis 2, Cleveland 10.
Philadelphia 2, New York 7.
Boston 2, Washington 1.
National League
New York 5, Philadelphia 2.
Brooklyn 5, Boston 4.
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 10.
Chicago 6, St. Louis 7.
Coast League
Oakland 0, Vernon 3.
Sacramento 11, Salt Lake 4.
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 11.
Seattle 7, Portland 4.

SUNDAY GAMES

Chicago 4, St. Louis 16.
Philadelphia 4, Brooklyn 7.
Pittsburg 7, Cincinnati 8.
American League
Boston 1, Washington 4.
Detroit 3, Chicago 4.
Philadelphia 5, New York 1.
St. Louis 5, Cleveland 4.
Coast League
Seattle 7-0, Portland 8-3.
Oakland 3-6, Vernon 11-4.
Los Angeles 7-3, San Francisco 1-4.
Sacramento 8-1, Salt Lake 13-5.

Cannery at Essington Goes up in Smoke with Estimated Loss \$100,000

The British American cannery at Port Essington, owned by H. Bell-Irving & Co. Ltd., of Vancouver, was totally destroyed by fire which broke out at 9 o'clock last evening from defective electric wiring. It was impossible to stop the blaze after it was started and the plant, dry and grease-saturated, was soon a mass of flames. Fortunately there was no wind and the boats and adjoining buildings were saved although the gear and nets were all lost. The loss which is estimated at \$100,000, it is understood, was well covered with insurance. It includes 11,000 cases of fish of last year's pack.

The plant was being prepared for the salmon canning season which is about to open. At this late date it will be impossible to rebuild for this year but a camp, it is understood, will be continued and the boats will fish as usual. The North Pacific cannery, in the slough, owned by the same company, will put up the fish that would have otherwise been canned at Port Essington.

The British American cannery, which was the largest at Port Essington, has been in operation for nearly thirty years and was located at the east or far end of the town. It was a two line cannery. A. M. Kipp was the manager.

There are two other canneries at Port Essington, the Skeena Commercial and Cunningham's, both smaller plants than the British American, while the Balmoral is across the mouth of the Estall River.

LABOR DINES WITH ONTARIO GOVERNOR

Historic Event When 150 Provincial Leaders Sat Down Together

LOCAL OFFICIALS GO TO CONFERENCE

R. F. McNaughton, D.P.A., and H. McEwen, D.F.A., Will Attend Traffic Meetings in East

R. F. McNaughton, C.N.R. district passenger agent here, and H. McEwen, district freight agent left on Saturday night's train for Ottawa and Montreal where, at the call of J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president in charge of traffic, they will attend meetings of the traffic officials of the system. They will be met enroute East at Winnipeg by G. A. McNicholl, general passenger agent at Vancouver, who will return West by way of Prince Rupert. They expected to be away about three weeks.

MORRIS CONDON DIED YESTERDAY

Well Known Local Man Expired at New Westminster After Long Illness

Morris Condon died yesterday afternoon at Westminster for which city he left here about ten days ago. Mrs. Condon and son George and W. Burke, a half-brother of deceased's, sailed last night on the Prince George for the south to attend the funeral.

Mr. Condon, who had been in failing health for some months, was about 45 years of age and was a native of California. After having been in San Francisco, he came to Victoria where for many years he was in the hotel business and where he also acted as original promoter and manager of Joe Bailey, one time champion lightweight boxer of Canada. Deceased came to Alice Arm in 1918 and was engaged in the club business there for some time moving about three years ago to Prince Rupert where he assumed the management of the Trail Club which he conducted up to his leaving the city recently. The late Mr. Condon was a member of the local Elks' Lodge.

The funeral, it is understood, will take place in the south, the body to be later shipped to California.

RATE TO ONTARIO FOR COAL FROM ALBERTA

Nine Dollars Quoted When Train Loads Are Taken at One Time

OTTAWA, May 7.—Lower rates on coal from Alberta and the Maritime provinces are in sight, according to a telegram to Senator J. S. McLennan, chairman of the special committee of the senate on fuel supply. Sir Henry Thornton states that the National roads are ready to quote a rate of \$9 a ton on Alberta coal leaving in train lots to Ontario and similar consideration to the coal fields of the maritime provinces.

EDMONTON, May 7.—That the lower rate of \$9 a ton for Alberta coal to Ontario will not be sufficient to allow any big development in the Ontario market by Alberta is the unanimous opinion of the Edmonton coal operators, commenting on Sir Henry Thornton's announcement.

CALGARY, May 7.—Nine dollars a ton on Alberta coal to Ontario by the C.N.R. is too high by two dollars and would be useless, coal operators say here.

DEAD MAN FOUND AT HARTLEY BAY

Wireless Message Received by Provincial Police From Rev. J. H. Matthews

A wireless message received at the local provincial police office on Sunday from Rev. J. H. Matthews, of Hartley Bay, via the steamer Venture, intimated that a dead man had been found in the woods near Hartley Bay. There were no details as to identification or manner of death. A local provincial officer will be sent to the scene tomorrow to investigate.

BRITANNIA MINER DIES FROM INJURIES

VANCOUVER, May 7.—Neil McLeod, employed by the Britannia mines died Sunday from injuries received on Friday when he was crushed by a locomotive and ore chute. He had for 19 years been a miner in B.C.