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ALASKA SHIP SINKS AFTER COLLISION

Marine Disaster Off Race Rocks, Victoria

Three Million Dollar Salmon Cargo Lost But Crew of Thirty-six Men Are Saved—Crash In Dense Fog

VICTORIA (CP)—The 10,681-ton freighter Fenn Victory and the coastal motorship Diamond Knot collided early today in thick fog off Victoria and the Diamond Knot, rapidly filling with water, later went to the bottom.

Three hours after the collision at 2:10 a.m., the crew of thirty-six of the motorship took to the lifeboats. The Diamond Knot, laden with a \$3,000,000 cargo of salmon from Alaska on board, had gaping holes in her bottom and her holds soon became flooded. She was held afloat for a time while the Fenn Victory remained locked in her side but, when the larger vessel withdrew, she rapidly went down. Salvage tugs from Victoria and United States Coastguard vessels had fought a losing battle to save the Diamond Knot which was cut almost in half. It was at 9:15 a.m. that she finally sank. The Fenn Victory then proceeded to Seattle with the Diamond Knot's crew on board.

TWO SENATORS TO BE NAMED

OTTAWA—Death of Senator G. G. McGeer of Vancouver leaves two British Columbia vacancies in the city now to be filled, the other being that to succeed Senator G. H. Barnard of Victoria who retired. There are now four senators in the province—Dr. J. H. King, J. G. Turgeon, S. S. McKeen and J. W. DeB. Farris.

New Lieutenant-Governor Named

OTTAWA—Announcement was made yesterday by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of the appointment of J. A. B. McCurdy as new Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, succeeding Lt. Col. H. B. Kendall.

H. CAMPBELL GETS NEW POST

Named Director of Temperance Education for Provincial Government

VICTORIA—Harold L. Campbell, chief inspector of schools, has been appointed to the newly created post of director of temperance education. It was announced yesterday by Hon. George M. Weir, minister of education.

Mr. Campbell was years ago superintendent of public schools in Prince Rupert.

REAL PIONEER REVISITING CITY; SURPRISE CALLS UPON OLD FRIENDS

To return to a city after an absence of about thirty-five years and note the changes is the experience of Harry L. Dixon who arrived here a few days ago from Seattle.

It was back in 1909 that Mr. Dixon first saw Prince Rupert and that was away in advance of the completion of the railway or incorporation. There was not much to behold. The town consisted of Centre Street and collection of make-shift buildings down by the harbor front. He decided to stay and did for a while. He became interested in the transfer business.

"I believe my horse was the first here," he remarked reminiscently. Dwellings were scarce but he managed, before long, to put up a small house in the immediate neighborhood of where the late Frank Hart had a furniture store, Second Avenue and Sixth Street, the site now occupied by the Hotel Prince Rupert. It was here Mr. Dixon's daughter was born.

Recalling those eventful days, some of the old timers he mentioned included the late Fred Ritchie, Arthur Barrow, Jack Kirkpatrick and many another—not omitting Arthur Little, whose news stand and local

forum, was a central rallying point. Mr. Dixon enjoys meeting anyone still in Prince Rupert who can speak from experience of life in the city back in 1909. He started out to find Jimmy Bacon. That was easy for James continues to be in the active citizenship class. He looked him up and, posing as the casual tourist, inquired if he ever heard of a fellow named Dixon here in the early days. "Dixon," said Jimmy, after a brief pause. "Sure, I remember. Knew him quite well." "Here he is," said the stranger. Then the handshaking. For years bring changes. Mr. Dixon, who expects to return home this evening, says he cannot understand why people in the south do not know there is a highway here. Before he left Seattle, he quite unaware of there being any automobile connection between the city and Vancouver. He came north to be agreeably surprised. "Down our way," he remarked, "we never hear of any road. It seems there is no way to find out. No matter which way you turn, you're told there isn't any highway and, if it's not that, any information you do get leaves a lot of doubt. One can hardly call it information."

ASSOCIATED BOARDS CONVENTION



DELEGATES AND GUESTS—The above interesting group, showing delegates and guests at the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia convention here last week, was taken by Photographer R. B. Rawson at the Court House steps. (More Convention pictures Page 2).

Start Drilling At Port Edward

Blasting of Pulp Mill Site, Expected to Start Soon

Rock drilling work at the site of the Port Edward Cellulose Co. plant at Watson Island has begun and blasting is expected to start shortly by the B. C. Bridge and Dredging Co. which has a \$400,000 contract to clear the island textile pulp mill location. Equipment on the site includes four trucks, three air compressors and drills and a power shovel, most of it new. About 20 men are employed on the work at present. Face of the rock bluff opposite Port Edward is being drilled for blasting, with the intention of levelling the area for the mill site.

ASS'T MANAGER AT OCEAN FALLS

George Edwards of Vancouver arrived at Ocean Falls this week to take over the assistant management of the Pacific Mills paper plant, replacing James Petrie. Mr. Edwards was accompanied north on the Prince Rupert by Paul Cooper, president of Pacific Mills.

Baseball Scores

National League
Chicago 2, St. Louis 1.
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2.
New York 0, Philadelphia 5.
Boston 9, Brooklyn 2.
American League
Washington 1, Boston 2.
Detroit 1-0, Cleveland 3-11.
St. Louis 5, Chicago 3.

HUGHES INQUIRY SUDDENLY HALTS

WASHINGTON (CP)—The United States Senate inquiry into Howard Hughes' wartime plane contracts was halted abruptly yesterday and Hughes predicted it will never be resumed. Chairman Homer Ferguson of the war investigating sub-committee conducting the inquiry simply announced it had been decided to postpone further hearings to November 17.

VAUGHAN CALLS COAL EMBARGO OF UNITED STATES ARBITRARY

MONTREAL—“The situation created by the United States Office of Defence Transportation in placing an embargo on the movement of coal in open-top cars from points in the United States to points on the Canadian National Railways in Canada is serious. We believe the decision has been made arbitrarily and without a careful weighing of the factors involved.”

said R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president of the Canadian National system today.

“Since the O.D.T. ordered that United States open-top cars be returned to American lines from Canada, the Canadian National has been making every effort to comply with the order. The situation is that the numbers of such cars on our lines today does not exceed what has been regarded for years as being average.”

“It is realized that requirements of such cars in the U.S. for unusually heavy export shipments of U.S. coal have created an unusual situation but in Canada an equally unusual situation has been created by coal strikes in the United States and coal strikes in Nova Scotia which combined to threaten industrial and railway supplies of coal in this country and have forced the Canadian National to haul large quantities of U.S. coal to the Maritimes to stave off this threat. This is an abnormal situation, which had to be met by abnormal measures. It is also a situation involving unusually long hauls for coal which, in turn, slowed down the normal return of such cars to the United States. No other railway in Canada has been faced with this situation and it is deeply regretted that the O.D.T. appears not to have taken this factor into consideration before suddenly placing an embargo on the movement of coal in open-top cars on C.N.R. lines in this country.”

“The Canadian National Railways have been much more understanding and patient than has the O.D.T. since early spring the numbers of Canadian National box cars in the United States have been steadily increased until on August 10 there were 5,526 more Canadian National box cars in the United States

than there were U.S. box cars on Canadian National lines in Canada. Constant representations have been made to the Association of American Railroads and the O.D.T. to improve this situation but with no effect.”

Considering the fact that box cars are as urgently needed in Canada as open-top coal cars in the United States, it is to be hoped that this failure of U.S. lines to return Canadian National box cars will not result in our inability to provide all the cars needed for paper loading to the United States.

“Meantime the Canadian National Railways confronted with an order which it is helpless to change is increasing its vigorous steps to return the largest possible numbers of open-top cars to the United States even though in compliance with the order it believes the reserves of coal for home, industrial and railway purposes in Canada may be jeopardized.”

VICTORIA MAN SHOOT WINNER

SOUTH MARCH, Ont.—Sergeant Jack Regan of Victoria on Monday posted a possible century to win the feature match of the opening day's competition of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

PENNSYLVANIA DERAILMENT

ELIZABETH, N.J.—The Pennsylvania Railway was blocked here early today by the derailment of a freight train which sent coal cars sprawling over four mainline tracks. Elizabeth police said the derailment would probably block traffic most of the morning and delay thousands of commuters headed for Manhattan as well as mainline trains to and from New York.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver

B.R. Con.	11.35
B.R.X.	.0434
Cariboo Quartz	.10
Dentonia	2.25
Grull Wikksne	.16
Hedley Mascot	.05
Minto	.96
Pend Oreille	.03
Pioneer	2.00
Premier Border	3.95
Privateer	.0514
Reeves McDonald	.36
Reno	1.00
Salmon Gold	.10
Sheep Creek	.17
Taylor Bridge	1.01
Taku River	.40
Vananda	.68
Congress	.20
Pacific Eastern	.04
Hedley Almagamated	.12
Central Zeballos	.03
Silbak Premier	.0214
	.67

Oils

A.P. Con.	.15
Calmont	.38
C. & E.	2.45
Foothills	2.60
Höme	3.90

Toronto

Athona	.121/2
Aumague	.26
Beattie	.72
Bevcourt	.67
Bobbo	.15
Buffalo Canadian	.18
Consol. Smelters	85.00
Conwest	.85
Donalda	.78
Eldona	.33
Elder	.72
Giant Yellowknife	6.00
God's Lake	.85
Hardrock	.37
Harricana	.09
Heva	.29
Hosco	.35
Jackknife	.091/2
Joliet Quebec	.351/2
Lake Rowan	.17
Lapaska	.27
Little Long Lac	1.68
Lynx	.10
Madsen Red Lake	3.30
McKenzie Red Lake	.56
McLeod Cockshutt	1.65
Moneta	.43
Negus	2.03
Noranda	42.50
Louvicourt	1.90
Pickle Crow	2.65
Regcourt	.22
San Antonio	4.15
Snator Rouyn	.36

SHOVELL LACK HALTS WORK ON NEW ROAD

Construction work on the new road from Park Avenue to the Westview fishermen's floats has been halted by damage to Highway Construction Co.'s power shovel, but it is expected to be resumed shortly when a new shovel arrives, according to a report by City Engineer C. B. Howe made to city council.

Mr. Howe estimated that about 1,600 cubic yards of rock had been placed in the road bed, forming an unfinished base about 600 feet long. The contract calls for completion of the 1,800 foot road by the end of September.

A "fairly large leak" in the submarine water main under Shawatians Passage in about 70 feet of water, was authorized for repair after Mr. Howe had reported the findings of a diver who inspected the two 14-inch mains recently.

Mr. Howe was requested by council to prepare estimates on the cost of construction of a lane on the north side of Second Avenue east of First Street at the rear of the new Lindsay garage.

Downtown lanes have been partially graded and depressions filled with materials taken from the Third Avenue excavation. Similar work is being done on Sixth Avenue East from Immanuel Street to Seal Cove Circle.

Fish Sales

American
Summit, 32,000, 25.6 and 20.
Storage.

Canadian

Signal, 37,000, Co-op.
Mae West, 19,000, Co-op.

Local Tides

Thursday, August 14, 1947
High 12:06 18.1 feet
23:55 21.5 feet
Low 5:45 2.3 feet
17:49 7.3 feet

FOUR DIE IN CRASH

MANCHESTER, N.H.—Four persons were killed Monday when an army bomber and an advanced trainer collided in mid-air and plummeted to the ground.

Passing Measure

Emergency Powers Measure Approved by British House

OTTAWA—The Supplies and Finance bill, giving the Attlee government emergency powers to deal with Britain's economic crisis, passed today as Parliament adjourns.

Marques of Salisbury, Conservative leader in the Lords, said his group would not support the bill which was widely expected to pass.

Parliament adjourns until October 20 while officials met with union leaders and industrialists to plan for combatting economic ailments with a long-voted extensive conference of labor, industry and

KILLINGS PALESTINE

Deaths in Latest Outbreak Since Sunday

JERUSALEM (CP)—Two Arabs were stabbed to death today and six Arabs suffered wounds in three separate incidents today in the slum of Beta, Jaffa and Tel

stabblings raised to 10 today, including 25 the wounded, resulting from a clash between Jews and Arabs which broke out Sunday

of the British First Infantry Division were stationed about the trouble area in an effort to avert further bloodshed. Military authorities in the area said no curfew was in effect at the moment.

WEATHER

Synopsis

Clear aloft is causing clear weather over southern British Columbia today. However, expectations of the coast are not so fortunate as a thin layer of air in the lower levels is forming a blanket of low clouds and fog. The remainder of a weakening Pacific high over Northern B.C. is expected to bring variable cloudiness and showers from Prince Rupert northward. High pressure across the province will change in the various parts of B.C. is expected for Thursday.

Forecast

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte and North Coast—Variable weather today and Thursday. Rain showers this morning and tomorrow morning. Light winds occasionally during afternoon. Temperatures normal. Lows tonight and tomorrow—55-65, Massett 55-65, Rupert 50-65.

PULLEN WINNING NOW

Candidate for Port Takes Top Position

returns in the Port Carnival Contest show a recovery from previous results. Pullen, who was at the top of the list yesterday, topped to the top, and with 27,000 votes recorded in the voting.

Results are:
Pullen (Gyro) 27,000
Gerald (SON) 26,000
The Youngman (JCC) 19,000
Wilson (Kin) 16,000

Civic Centre CARNIVAL : CIVIC CENTRE GROUNDS, AUGUST 16 to 23
MIDWAY - MERRY-GO-ROUND - FERRIS WHEEL - DANCING - STAGE SHOW