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FLOODS HAMPER RAILWAYS SOUTHERN B.C.

LEADER ASQUITH SHOWS THAT HIS PARTY CONTROLS LABOR IN COMMONS

Heavy Rains and Mild Weather Cause Floods in Southern B.C. Railway Traffic is Held up

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13.—Unusual flood conditions prevailed all along the Fraser River valley as a result of heavy rains and the mild weather of the past two days. The train service into Vancouver has been dislocated owing to washouts and mud slides. Sumas bridge was threatened by the swollen stream and all traffic on the Canadian National was stopped. The C.P.R. trains were held up by slides at Hell's Gate canyon with two of the train crew caught in a rock slide reported injured.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—Flood dangers have disappeared throughout the southern end of Vancouver Island with the abatement of the heavy rainfall. Apart from a mud slide on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway north of Goldstream and the washing away of two small bridges in the Sooke district, little damage was done in the vicinity of this city.

An avalanche on the E. & N. buried the track to the depth of three feet for a length of 150 feet.

GIVES UP WORK OF EXCAVATION

Howard Carter Charges Dis-
courtesy on Part of Egyptian
Public Works

MADE GREAT DISCOVERY

Statue of Pharaoh Covered With
Solid Gold Was Twice Life
Size

LUXOR, Feb. 13.—Owing to what he characterized as the discourtesy of the Egyptian Public Works Department, Howard Carter, head of the excavation work, closed Tutankhamen's tomb today and abandoned operations. It is understood the crisis was precipitated by the refusal of the Egyptian government to permit the wives of the excavators to visit the tomb this morning.

The greatest discovery in the history of Egyptology, even in archaeology, experts claim, was made in Tutankhamen's sepulchral chamber. The pharaoh was represented in high relief covered with sheets of solid gold, more than twice life size. The serene, beautiful face was exquisitely enlaced with glittering eyes of argonite and the long upturned beard was of solid gold. The only blemish was the feet which were black as if bitumen had stained them.

OSAGE INDIAN OIL LAND SALE

Nineteen Million Acres Will go
Under Hammer Next Month
and Indians Get Rich

PAWUSKA, Oklahoma, Feb. 13.—The world struggle for oil will centre in this small city in the Osage Indian country on the March 18, when 19,100,305 acres of land go under the hammer at the government oil lease auction. The leading companies will bid for 160 acre tracts and as millions of dollars have been offered the Osage Indians, the richest people in the world will see their wealth mount.

FISH ARRIVALS

Two American halibut schooners marketed catches totalling 10,500 pounds at the Fish Exchange this morning. They were:

Tom and Al, 28,000 pounds, at 15.6c and 9c, to the Atlin Fisheries.

J. P. Todd, No. 2, 12,500 pounds, at 15.5c and 9c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

EXCHANGE RATES

United States, 3 1-32.
Sterling, 4.43 1/4.
Hong Kong, 52.90.

DATE OF FAIR IS ANNOUNCED

Big Annual Event Will Take
Place from Sept. 9 to 13
with Opening in
Evening

PRIZE LIST DISCUSSED

Plans Being Laid for Assembling
of Monster Mineral Exhibit
for Permanent Display

The 1924 Prince Rupert Exhibition will be held from September 9 to 13 inclusive and the formal opening will take place at seven o'clock on the evening of the first day. It was decided at the first regular business meeting of the new board which was held last night in the Fair Office. The decision to change the time of the formal opening from 2 o'clock as heretofore was made in order to make the ceremonies more convenient for the general public and thus secure a more general attendance.

One of the most important matters taken up at the meeting which was presided over by Vice-President Ben Self in the absence of President Joe Greer, who is on a business trip east, was the consideration of a preliminary report from the prize list committee. The report was gone over at some length clause by clause and was discussed thoroughly. Finally, it was adopted with some slight modifications. The clause relating to protest fees and time limits was amended making the fee \$5 instead of \$10 and making the time limit 12 hours after the making of an award. In connection with grain exhibits, it was decided that the entry of seeds of the current or preceding year's production would be allowed but that sheaf and stalk exhibits would have to continue to be of the current year's production.

WORK OF LIGHTENING AMUR MAY START WITH ADVENT FINE WEATHER

While there have been no vessels in from the scene of the Amur wreck since yesterday morning, it is assumed that, with the advent of fine weather today, the work of lightening the stranded vessel of her cargo preparatory to floating her off White Cliff Island will have started ere this.

The tug Marmion returned to the Amur this morning and is expected back late this afternoon. Now that the Tees has arrived at the scene, the services of the Marmion will no longer be necessary.

PRINCE GEORGE WILL BE PUT ON PONTOONS

C.N.R. Limer to Have Overhaul
Completed and Prince Rupert
Will Soon be Docked

The Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.'s trawlers, Andrew Kelly and G. E. Foster, which have been up for annual inspection and repairs, went off the pontoons at the Canadian National dry dock today and preparations are now being made to dock the steamer Prince George in order to complete her annual overhaul. The George will be put into service again shortly and the Prince Rupert will then go into the dock for her annual overhaul.

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Photograph shows the dipping of the colors as the Royal coach bearing their Majesties, the King and Queen of England, passed on their way to the opening of parliament.

Million Feet of Lumber for Canadian Scottish when she Comes Here at End of Month

When C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Scottish, Capt. Hocking, comes here direct from the Orient about February 25, there will be 1,000,000 feet of squares from this district for her to load for Japan. R. V. G. Lepine, local representative of the H. R. McMillan Export Co., announced this morning.

Two scows will arrive from Swanson Bay—one having 100,000 feet and the other 100,000 feet of squares.

About 200,000 feet from interior mills is already piled on the lumber assembly wharf and 300,000 feet further will be brought here before the Canadian Scottish arrives.

Five mills in the interior are contributing to this next Japan shipment: the Lakelse Lumber Co., Ambury; George Little, Terrace; Royal Mills, Hanall; Webster & Black, Fraser Lake, and J. N. Dezell, Hutchinson. Some of these mills are at present closed but the lumber they are shipping was cut prior to this.

C. H. Anderson of the Pacific Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau is at present in the interior inspecting the lumber prior to its being shipped from the mills.

NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE MONDAY

Fred Blondel Crosses Harbor at
Seal Cove and Fails to Return

Fred Blondel, a fisherman residing at Seal Cove, borrowed a dory at the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. plant on Monday afternoon to go across the bay to cut firewood and has not been seen since. Constable Alex. Saint of the provincial police scoured the neighborhood yesterday and, although he found freshly cut wood on the beach and floating in the water, discovered no trace of the dory or the man. It was a squally day on Monday and it is feared that Blondel might have met with mishap.

as a permanent exhibit at the station or elsewhere for the benefit of tourists and travelers. The government wharf was also suggested as a suitable site for such an exhibit.

D. McD. Hunter reported to the meeting that considerable circularizing of outside points in the district and further afield had commenced and results were already being noted. By the next meeting many replies might be expected.

Present at the meeting were Vice-President Ben Self, Honorary Secretary Frank Dobb, Directors Ald. R. F. Perry, Fred Scadden, H. M. Daggett, John Bulger, Thomas McMeekin, Dan Jabour, D. McD. Hunter.

David Spencer of Vancouver Loses his Life Scaling Grouse Mountain and Arthur Willis also is Missing

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13.—Believed to have succumbed to exposure on the rocky ledges of Grouse Mountain, the body of David Spencer, 19 years of age, was found by searchers late yesterday, lying in a hole 3,000 feet up on the mountain side.

The fate of Arthur Willis, Spencer's companion, remains a mystery.

A party of experienced mountain climbers are leaving this morning to bring the body to the city.

It is presumed that the youths, who set out on Sunday morning to scale the mountain, lost their way before reaching the summit and wandered among rugged rocks through heavy timber and were caught in the terrific rain and sleet storm that prevailed on Monday. It is thought that Spencer perished and Willis continued in an effort to secure aid.

Young David Spencer was a cousin of Colonel Victor Spencer of the firm of David Spencer Company.

RELAY WIRELESS CALGARY TONIGHT

Message Delivered in Winnipeg to
be Broadcasted by Western
Station

WINNIPEG, Feb. 13.—Another step will be taken in the making of radio history in Canada tonight when a message delivered at Winnipeg will be broadcasted by station GFCN at Calgary.

This coup will be effected by means of a direct telephone connection between the Union Station, Winnipeg, and the W. W. Grant studio, Calgary, and Osborne Scott, general passenger agent of the Canadian National Railways here will deliver a brief message to radio fans throughout the west during the second Canadian National program to be broadcast from Calgary.

The wave length of GFCN is 440 metres and listeners in should tune their apparatus for that call at nine o'clock mountain time when the program is scheduled to start.

PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF NAVAL VISITORS

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—Preparations are being made here to fittingly entertain the four thousand naval men who are expected to arrive here with the British special service squadron toward the end of June. It is suggested that there be a naval parade, a Navy League luncheon, land and sea sports, carnival and various other events.

PROVINCIAL POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING

Port Essington Jap Said to Have
Hanged Himself—No Details
Received

Provincial Constable R. Gibson of Port Essington is investigating the death of a Jap at the cannery town. Deceased is said to have hanged himself. Details have not yet been received at the office of the inspector here.

ASQUITH SHOWS TEETH TO LABOR

Threat by Leader Brings Statement
on Capital Levy From
John Clynes

FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS

Indications That House of Commons
is Controlled by Liberal
Party

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Former Premier Stanley Baldwin indicated today that the Conservative organization was not likely to take any action that would hamper Premier Ramsay MacDonald and his cabinet in negotiating with France. In opening the debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin said he gathered from the premier's statement yesterday that Great Britain was in process of either negotiating or entering into fresh negotiations with France.

H. H. Asquith, referring to the attitude the government had given the guardians of the Poplar district in London in distributing relief to unemployed, said emphatically that unless the government had reconsidered their action in this respect, there was not the least chance of the act receiving the countenance or approval of the House of Commons.

John R. Clynes, Lord Privy Seal, stated that the government would not approach any such question as a capital levy where national approval had not been given.

T. J. Shenton, inspector of mines, is sailing this evening by the Prince Rupert for Stewart on departmental duties.