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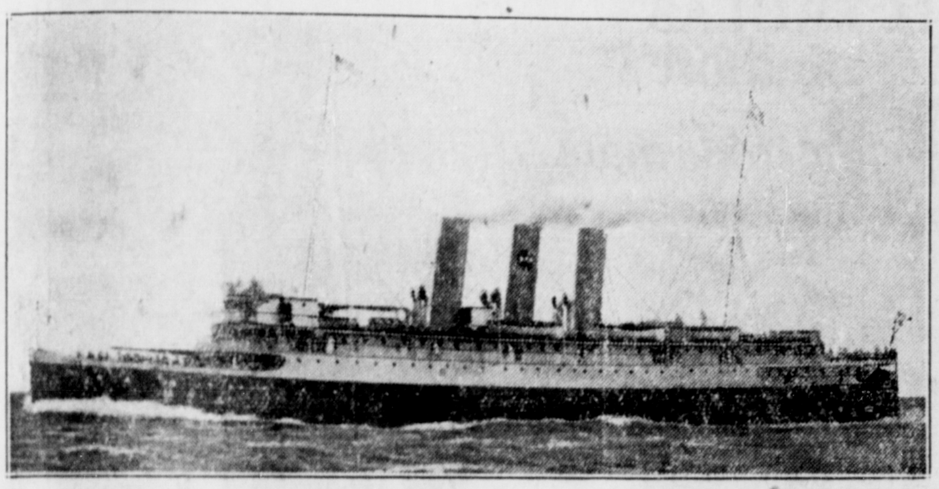
MANY CONTRACTORS VYING FOR BIG JOB

MERCURY READING ALBERTA LAST NIGHT LOWEST IN TWENTY-FOUR YEARS

C. N. R. Steamer Prince Rupert Will Be Holiday Ship Tomorrow



What with many local persons going south on the steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Harry Nekleo, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to spend the vacation in the south, this popular coast liner will have a capacity list of passengers and already the process of "doubling up" the rooms at the local city ticket office has commenced. The vessel will pull out, it is expected, with a bumper list of passengers which will tax all the accommodation available. Besides the local people, a number of persons from Anyox and Stewart will be aboard.

Among those locally who have bought tickets for the vessel are Miss K. Jensen of Burns Lake; O. Phillipson of Hazelton; Miss Dorothy E. Kidd, William Small, Hugh McEachern, Miss C. McKenzie, Miss A. A. Pierce, G. Cerveny, T. A. Bryant, George Derrington, F. Bagshaw, J. H. Halpin, A. C. Hutchinson, Joe Wong, A. E. Ralph, Mrs. Alex. Munro, F. E. Robertson, Miss I. Bourassa, S. Polson, Capt. F. T. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Dunn, S. D. Johnstone, W. J. O'Malley, D. Taylor, Arthur R. Lane, Peter Wold, C. Parkyold and Mrs. and Mrs. Iverson.

MANY ATTEND LABOR BANQUET

Number of Speeches at Successful Affair in St. Regis Cafe Last Night

A large and enthusiastic attendance, several splendid addresses by leading citizens and a fine musical program featured the second annual banquet of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council which took place last night in the St. Regis banquet hall. Ald. S. D. Macdonald, president of the council, was in the chair and there were about 180 persons present, the seating capacity of the hall being taxed to its limit with some of those present having to stand.

The proceedings opened with the singing of "O Canada" and, after full justice had been done to the banquet spread, President Macdonald made his opening address. He referred to the recent death of Samuel Gompers, the Labor chief of America. He had been one of the greatest leaders of labor in the world and his long term of office as president of the American Federation of Labor had seen great progress made in the way of advancement and organization of the workers. His death would be regretted the world over and not only by the laboring classes because he had been moderate and sane in his methods. Mr. Macdonald then referred to the general condition of labor in the city and stated that there had been a great advancement even in the last year. The large at-

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PROTECT THE FORESTS

Give Nature a chance and the Forests reproduce themselves with unceasing regularity.

BLUE BLOOD IN NEW CABINET

New Self-Made Men in Government of Stanley Baldwin at London

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Self-made men have ceased to have any say in the British cabinet. The old order has been brought back by Stanley Baldwin, the new premier, and brought back strong. All but two of the 19 men in his cabinet are college bred, and these two attended public schools, which are peculiarly private institutions in the country, frequented largely by the sons of people of means or culture or both. The new Conservative cabinet is rich in names long associated with positions of prominence in British life.

The ex-miners and ex-engine drivers have gone back to their labors at the head of trade unions and other organizations outside of Whitehall. If they sit in parliament, they occupy the opposition benches. The front bench is filled again with the type of men who for centuries have governed Great Britain, men whose birth the gods smiled upon, whose climb in life was made less arduous by the environment of ease and wealth, pomp and circumstance, that England gives in such generous portion to her privileged few.

PORTUGUESE TO VISIT RUPERT

Flyers Will Follow Route Mapped For MacLaren During Coming Summer

Another aviation expedition is to come through Prince Rupert if all plans mature. A despatch from Lisbon says: Considerable progress is being made with plans for an air flight across Europe, northern Africa, Asia and America, which Commander Sacadura Cabrai and Admiral Coutinho are proposing to start in March. The two aviators have bought five airplanes in Holland for the flight. The proposed route is through Algiers, Malta, Crete, Aleppo and Basrah; thereafter it follows the course mapped out for MacLaren, the English flyer, ending at St. John's, Newfoundland. This represents a total distance of 17,650 miles. It is not proposed to cross the Atlantic.

The technical details of the flight will be arranged by Admiral Coutinho, who will await the arrival of the first airplane at Shanghai and will accompany it by way of Prince Rupert to Vancouver.

Salvation Army Will Give Dinner to Unemployed

There are in Prince Rupert some unemployed people who have nowhere to go at Christmas and the Salvation Army is arranging to give them a Christmas dinner in their hall that day.

The dinner will be served between 12 and 2 and it will be followed by a two hour entertainment.

The Daily News will be glad to receive subscriptions toward this fund or the money may be sent direct to the Salvation Army. Contributions will be acknowledged in this paper.

STRESEMANN UNABLE TO FORM CABINET

Middle Parties Including Nationalists Refuse to Participate in German Government

BERLIN, Dec. 18. — Foreign Minister Stresemann has notified President Ebert that he is unable to form a ministry, the middle parties refusing to participate in the government. The middle parties referred to include the Nationalists.

QUEBEC MEN ARE HONORED BY POPE

Chief Justice Anglin, Hon. Rudolph Lemieux and Hon. Philippe Pelletier Invested by Pontiff

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The Pope has created Chief Justice Anglin, Hon. Rudolph Lemieux and Hon. Philippe Pelletier, knights of the pontifical order of St. Gregory.

'QUAKE IN VANCOUVER

Dishes Were Rattled in Fairview Section but no Material Damage is Done

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18. — A slight earth tremor was felt in the Fairview section of the city on Tuesday. It rattled dishes, etc., but did not material damage.

LOOKING TO STEWART FOR SMELTING ORES

Plant at Ladysmith to Open in Spring it is Announced and Will Handle Portland Canal Output

VICTORIA, Dec. 18. — Ladysmith smelter is to make a bid for Portland Canal ores. At present the ores from that camp must go either to Anyox or to Tacoma for treatment. As some of them need special kinds of treatment, it is expected to meet the requirements on Vancouver Island and keep the money in the province.

The smelter at Ladysmith has been closed for a number of years but the new owners, the Vancouver Smelters Ltd., is preparing to handle everything that is offered, including silver, lead and zinc. The recent developments at Stewart, where a number of mines will be shipping immediately, makes the provision of smelter facilities in the province necessary.

KRUPPS WANT MONEY

Seeking Loan of $15,000,000 in United States, New York Reports

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. — The Krupps, owners of Krupps' ironworks of Essen, are seeking a loan from the United States of $15,000,000.

CONFERENCE ON PACIFIC

U.S. Congressman Would Have Matter of Defence From Japs Discussed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A resolution will be introduced by Congressman Britten of Illinois empowering President Coolidge to call a conference of the white races bordering on the Pacific Ocean. The proposed conference would be either in Canada, Honolulu or Australia. The defence of whites against Japanese aggression would be the main topic to be discussed.

ELKS' CABARET DATE CHANGED

Affair in Honor of Musical Comedy and Minstrel Troupes will be Saturday Instead of Friday

The complimentary cabaret entertainment that the Elks have been planning to put on in their home for members of "The Beauty Shop" show, the minstrel troupe, ladies of the Royal Purple and members generally will take place on Saturday night of this week instead of Friday as originally planned. The change has been made in view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lewis, who supervised the putting on of "The Beauty Shop" will not arrive here from the north until Saturday morning on the Princess Mary.

W. H. Manuel, C.N.R. travelling auditor, left on last night's train for Jasper.

Anywhere From Forty to One Hundred Tenders May be Put in for Grain Elevator Here

Anywhere from forty to one hundred bids will be received by the Department of Trade and Commerce for the construction of the terminal grain elevator at Prince Rupert it is expected. Tenders must be in by January 2.

Within the past ten days, many representatives of contracting firms have visited the city to look over the ground. Many other concerns, it is expected, will submit their tenders without sending representatives here. There will probably be bids from all over the Dominion and most of the big contracting firms on this coast will tender.

Representatives of three Vancouver contracting firms arrived in the city on the steamer Prince Rupert yesterday and are today looking over the ground with a view to submitting tenders. They are: William Small, chief engineer for the Northern Construction Co.; J. H. Halpin and F. Bagshaw of the Pacific Construction Co., and W. O. Marble of Hodgson, King and Marble, engineers and contractors. They will return on the steamer tomorrow.

Mr. Halpin is not paying his first visit to Prince Rupert for he was here during railway construction days and had contracts for G.T.P. bridges, including that at Zanardi Rapids. The Pacific Construction Co., with which he is now associated, built the Spillers' elevator at Vancouver and made a time record on the job.

TROUBLES IN SPAIN ENDING

Spaniard Refuses to Obey Military Edict of Own Country

PARIS, Dec. 18. — General Rivera, Spanish dictator, declared that the Spanish retreat in Morocco is finished and the last of the pacification will be completed within a month.

Vincente Blasco Ibanza, Spanish authority, announces he will disregard the Madeira edict summoning him to appear before the military judge in the Spanish capital.

ALBERTA HAS RECORD COLD

EDMONTON, Dec. 18. A despatch from Red Deer reports the temperature 64 below zero. Schools of that city are closed until the weather moderates.

The government bureau at Canrose registered 54 below zero last night. This is the lowest that has been recorded in the province in 24 years.

FORTY FIVE MILES OF SOLID ICE ON RIVER ST. LAWRENCE

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—Ice on the St. Lawrence River extends solidly for the distance of 45 miles between Three Rivers and Contrecoeur and the usual winter roads are being constructed between the north and south shores.

APPEAL REJECTED

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.— The appeal of the Manitoba government from the finding of the railway commission in regard to an agreement with the Canadian Northern Railway has been rejected by the Supreme Court.

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SALVAGED ORE SHIPPED SOUTH

Steamer Robert H. Merrick Loaded 250 Tons from Kennecott Wreck at Keno Inlet

Two hundred and fifty tons of ore which was salvaged by Capt. Nels Nelson of the local gasboat Wanderer from the wreck of the motorship Kennecott at Keno Inlet on the west coast of Graham Island was shipped on the steamer Robert H. Merrick, Capt. Gillan, to Tacoma at the end of last week. The Robert H. Merrick, arrived at Keno Inlet on Saturday and, after loading the ore proceeded to Lagoon Bay and loaded 6,500 cases of salmon which will be delivered at Vancouver. The vessel sailed from Lagoon Bay on Tuesday.

Capt. Nelson expects that he may salvage still more ore from the Kennecott.

Algie Hunter of the local customs staff spent a week at Keno Inlet in connection with the shipping of the ore and returned here yesterday on the Wanderer.

REGARDING WAR DEBTS

No Immediate Action Expected in France—U.S. to Compromise With Germany

PARIS, Dec. 18.— Opinions in official circles indicate that France will not in the near future make any definite proposal to the United States regarding the French war debt.

It is understood that the United States has submitted a compromise plan for the collection of her war debts from Germany in view of the British opposition to the first plans.

TRADE WITH DOMINIONS

Premier Baldwin Announces in Commons That Steps Are Being Taken to Develop Imperial Commerce

LONDON, Dec. 18.— Premier Stanley Baldwin outlined in the House of Commons today a program for the consideration of the Imperial economic committee to increase the share of overseas' Dominions in Great Britain's commerce.

The Premier stated that a new bill safeguarding industries will consider subsidizing shipments from the Dominions of fruit and meat to Great Britain.