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RESIDENTS OF SAGHALIEN ARE TERRORIZED

ANOTHER P.G.E. CHARGE DISPROVED BY ADMISSION OF PROVINCIAL WITNESS

Earthquake Shocks in Southern Saghalien Id. Fissures 8 Feet Wide

TOKIO, March 18.—The inhabitants of southern Saghalien Island off the east coast of Asia are in a state of terror as a result of earthquake shocks which are still continuing there. In places fissures eight feet wide have appeared in the earth. Many houses were demolished by severe earthquake shocks on Saturday evening. The earth rocked and the people were terrorized but no lives were lost although several were injured.

STORE MANAGER UP FOR TRIAL

Charles B. Srigley Committed on Two Counts and Third Withdrawn

BUCKLEY BAY CASE

Auditor Says Average Monthly Shortage was \$1,500 During Seven Months



"St. Sebastian Pearl," is said to be the largest St. Bernard in England. The big fellow was photographed at a dog show in London where he was awarded first honors.

Another Bubble Pricked by Royal Commission on Pacific Great Eastern

VICTORIA, March 18.—At the session of the Royal Commission probing P.G.E. affairs yesterday, P. J. Finnerty, a sub-contractor who did cribbing work in which the government was accused of paying forty cents a foot for work which cost but seventeen cents, admitted that he had not understood the true conditions when he made the charge of excessive payments for cribbing. He was paid seventeen cents by the Murdock Company and that company charged the government forty cents. He admitted that he was not aware that out of the forty cents the Murdock Company had paid heavy costs for filling, the establishment of roads, keeping of books and other expenses. He had assumed that the company had been allowed extra payments for these expenses by the government.

VOTE TONIGHT ON ADDRESS

Progressives Expected to Vote With Government on Conservative Amendment

OTTAWA, March 18.—The debate on the address is expected to close tonight with a division on the Conservative amendment. General anticipation is that the Progressives will vote with the government on the amendment. There are no indications of support for the Conservative view-point on that subject from the former group during the discussion.

BIGGEST DAY'S CUT RECORDED

Buckley Bay Mill Turned Out 307,372 Feet on Monday in Two Shifts

The Massett Timber Co.'s saw-mill at Buckley Bay had the biggest day's sawing in its history on Monday when 307,372 feet was turned out according to a telegram received by J. M. Grosart who is in the city. This output was made in two nine-hour shifts. It consisted of 234,172 feet of cants and 73,200 feet of cut lumber.

ROUND WORLD FLIERS LEAVE

Hop Off This Morning From Sacramento For Eugene, Oregon

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—Starting the second leg of the flight round the world the planes of the United States army air service left here shortly before ten o'clock this morning for Eugene, Oregon. Tomorrow they expect to make Seattle.

WOMAN KILLED IN SPEEDER ACCIDENT

GRAND FORKS, B.C., March 18.—Mrs. Anton P. Holm of Five was almost instantly killed Sunday when a railway speeder on which she was travelling collided with a deserted speeder on a curve. Others of the party escaped with minor injuries.

LEW TENDLER WON

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—Lew Tandler, stopped Ted Marchant in the fourth round of a ten round bout here last night.

ASK COMMODITY RATE ON FRUIT SHIPMENTS

Vanderhoof Board of Trade Taking up Matter and Will Urge It

VANDERHOOF, March 18.—The Vanderhoof Board of Trade is asking for a commodity rate on fruit shipped from points on the C.P.R. to points along the line of the Canadian National Railway. They are taking the matter up with G. G. McGeer, provincial government counsel, in the express rate case and also they will send copies of the resolution to other boards of trade and ask for endorsement.

The superintendent of the Canadian National Express Co. at Edmonton is also being communicated with in regard to the matter.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOT FAVOR OF WIDER CONTROL OFF SHORE

LONDON, March 18.—In the House of Commons yesterday the Government was asked to consult with other maritime powers with a view to extending the territorial limit for fishery purposes to thirteen miles.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald replied that the Government was not prepared to consider extension beyond the three mile limit either for fisheries or "any other purpose."

POPE'S HEALTH IS CAUSING UNEASINESS

LONDON, March 18.—A Rome correspondent of the Express says the Pope's health is causing considerable uneasiness. The Pope is reported to be suffering from Arterio Sclerosis, common known as high blood pressure or hardening of the arteries.

CONDUCTOR RUN DOWN ON C.N.R. AT LUCERNE

KAMLOOPS, March 18.—Hubert Henry Squarebriggs, C.N.R. conductor, was fatally injured near Lucerne when he was run down on the line. He was brought here and died.

QUAKE IN ALGERIA

BATNA, Algeria, March 18.—A girl was killed and several buildings damaged in an earthquake here Monday.

C.G.M.M. steamer Ganadign Scottish moved up from the ocean dock to the dry dock this afternoon and was taken on the pontoons shortly after 2 o'clock. The big overhaul job on the vessel is now starting and she will be at the shipyard for at least five weeks.

BUCKLEY BAY CASE

That there should have been a net profit at the Massett Timber Co.'s general store between May 20, 1923, and December 31, 1923, of \$11,907.14 whereas there was shown by the manager of the store to be only a profit of \$1,629.72 and that there was an average monthly shortage of \$1,500 for the period was the evidence given by G. A. Cuddy, auditor, at the preliminary trial of Charles B. Srigley, manager of the store, charged with fraudulently converting to his own use and thus theft of goods to the value of \$5,000. Srigley was today charged on three counts—converting \$5,000 between April 14, 1922, and May 19, 1923; \$5,000 between May 20, 1923 and December 31, 1923, and \$91.00 on November 22, 1923. The first charge was withdrawn this afternoon. Evidence on the second charge was taken this morning before Magistrate Gale and accused was committed this afternoon. He was committed yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Mallory on the third charge.

W. A. Cantelon of Ladner and Cantelon, Vancouver, conducted the prosecution for the Massett Timber Co., Milton Gonzales of Williams, Manson & Gonzales, assisting him. W. O. Fulton, of Palmore & Fulton, had the case for Srigley.

At the opening of the \$91 case—the first to be taken up—Mr. Fulton objected to Mr. Mallory taking the trial because he was an employee of the prosecuting company or had been up till a very recent date. Stating that he had not been employed by the Massett Timber Co. for two months, Mr. Mallory dismissed the objection and ordered that the case be proceeded with.

Auditor's Evidence

George A. Cuddy, auditor, gave evidence of a general audit he had made of the Massett Timber Co.'s affairs at Buckley Bay including the records and accounts of the general store. Under examination-in-chief by Mr. Cantelon, witness put in as exhibits—the cash sales slips of the store for November 22, 1923, an adding machine strip showing the total cash turned in by accused to the general office for the day, and the cash book kept in the general office showing the cash turned in each day. According to the sales slips, there was a total of \$222.50 while the adding machine strip and the cash book showed a total of \$131.50 leaving \$91 which had not been accounted for.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Fulton, a book kept personally by accused showing cash and charge sales at the store was entered as an exhibit. Witness discredited the suggestion that the records might have been tampered with by other than accused. Further examined by Mr. Cantelon, witness stated that Srigley's personal memorandum book also showed a total of cash turned in of \$131.50.

Sales Slips

Jack Macdonald, accountant at Buckley Bay, identified the cash (continued on page four)

Agricultural Settlers are to be Aided by the Empire Settlement Committee and Placed in Canada

LONDON, March 18.—An important move toward the settlement of the agricultural lands of Canada was made yesterday when J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary, acting on behalf of the Empire settlement committee, yesterday signed an agreement with representatives of the Canadian National Railway to assist in placing in Canada selected groups of families.

The settlement committee authorized loans of £300 to each settler, so guaranteeing any loss up to 50 per cent of the amount loaned.

Only married couples with agricultural experience will be accepted and they must possess £200 of their own in order to qualify.

Actual Survey of Route out of City Toward Terrace has Already Been Commenced Today

Actual survey work of the route east from this city commenced today when locating engineer, D. Bergen, of the public works department of the provincial government, went out to locate the city survey with a view to tying up with it, finding the best possible route to Galloway rapids and beyond, eventually going right through to Terrace.

Preliminary surveys of this end of the route have already been made but now the road will be definitely located, so that actual construction can commence.

Mr. Bergen will take out a crew of five, probably on Thursday, and the work will be carried through continuously. It will link up with the city at a point on Shawlans Road near the pipe line and skirting the foot of the mountain will emerge on the ridge close to two beaver lakes in almost a direct line to the narrows.

H. O. Grewe of the city engineering department went out today to help the engineer locate the city survey.

BIG HOCKEY GAMES TONIGHT

Vancouver Arrives at Montreal and Will First Meet Canadiens

MONTREAL, March 18.—Vancouver Maroons, champions of the Pacific Coast and the Calgary Tigers, western Canada titleholders, arrived this morning from Winnipeg and tonight Vancouver will meet the Canadiens, the eastern champions, in the first game in the semi-finals for the Stanley Cup.

FAMOUS ORGANIST DIES

LONDON, March 18.—Sir Frederick Bridge, 79 years of age, noted organist and author of books on musical subjects, is dead.

LABOR LEFT WING IS ONLY THIRTEEN STRONG ON DIVISION

Defeated by Combined Forces to Reduce Strength of British Army

LONDON, March 18.—The House of Commons last night defeated by a vote of 347 to 13 a motion by the labor left wing to reduce the army by 150,000 men as a protest against what the movers regard as the militaristic trend of the Government's policy.

The supporters of the motion urged disarmament as the only way to secure peace.

Government speakers appealed to the movers not to press for a division, urging that disarmament could only be attained by international agreement.

FISH ARRIVALS

Nine Halibut Schooners Sold Catches Totalling 72,000 Lbs. — Big Trawler Also In

Alaska, 10,000 lbs., at 13.2c and 6c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Eastern Point, 2,000 lbs., and Mariner, 6,000 lbs., at 14.5c and 6c, to the Royal Fish Co.

Canadian Fanny F, 6,000 lbs., at 12.6c and 7c; Ethel June, 500 lbs., at 12c and 6c, and Cape Spear, 3,000 lbs., at 12.5c and 6c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Inez H., 9,000 lbs.; H. & R., 3,500 lbs., and Mab, 1,000 lbs., at 12.6c and 6c, to the Royal Fish Co.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY AGAINST GOVERNMENT

DELHI, March 18.—The Legislative Assembly yesterday rejected the Indian Finance bill on a vote of 60 to 59. The action closely follows the rejection by the Assembly of a number of budget proposals. The opposition to the measures was strongly influenced by Home Rule obstructionists.

SUPPLIES FOR ALL AVIATORS

Both British and United States Cache Arrived at Seward Readiness for Flight

SEWARD, Alaska, March 18.—Supplies for the British aviators who will endeavor to circle the globe, arrived here Sunday night aboard the Thierval and will be reshipped to Port Chatham.

The Thierval arrived at Seward, Cook Inlet, Monday.

Gasoline and oil for the American round the world aviators arrived here today on the steamer Oduna.

FIRE WIPES OUT SIX VILLAGES

Score Persons Missing at Foot of Mount Horaija Near Tokio

TOKIO, March 18.—Six villages have been wiped out by a forest fire at the foot of Mount Horaija, 170 miles from here. A score of persons are missing and are believed to have perished. The flames continue unabated and troops have been called out to fight the blaze.

VICTORIA SCHOOL BOARD OPPOSED TO DAYLIGHT SAVING

VICTORIA, March 18.—By a unanimous vote the schoolboard expressed itself as opposed to daylight saving in this city and Municipal Inspector Deane backed them up by saying it was undoubtedly a disadvantage to the schools.

WOMAN SUFFOCATED WITH ESCAPING GAS

VANCOUVER, March 18.—Julia McKay is dead and her sister, Mrs. James Pye is in a precarious condition as a result of suffocation from escaping gas in the Pye apartment. It is believed that a kettle placed on the gas plate boiled over and extinguished the flame.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

English League—Division I. Burnley 3, Manchester City 2. Division II. Port Vale 1, Southampton 0. Division III. Rotherham 1, Ashington 0. Accrington 2, Hartlepool 0.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. Mountain Ash 6, Neath 6. Aberthaw 0, Llanelly 3.

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