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FIRE AT KETCHIKAN DESTROYS BUILDINGS

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FLIERS TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK; PREPARATIONS FOR RECEPTION COMPLETE

Fire at Ketchikan Destroys Seven Buildings including Revilla Hotel Loss $150,000 but No Lives Lost

A fire last night destroyed the Revilla Hotel and a number of buildings in Ketchikan, including the California Grocery and Arcade restaurant which were completely destroyed and the adjoining bakeshop which was partly burnt. A few windows were broken in other buildings and damage done by water.

Another fire at the other end of the town also did some damage, seven buildings in all being destroyed or injured. The estimated damage is $150,000. No lives were lost.

The amateur fire brigade worked hard and the fire was out by midnight. It commenced in the Revilla Hotel at six o'clock in the evening.

The owner of the Arcade restaurant was Pete Jelich, a pioneer restaurant man of Prince Rupert, whose nephew, B. Jelich, is now in the employ of Ben Self at the Prince Rupert Cigar Store.

The first news of the fire was received here last night by radio, when it was reported that the whole of Ketchikan was wiped out. There was considerable excitement here and Ben Self, exalted ruler of the Elks, wired the Elks at Ketchikan offering assistance.

Ships to Aid

The fire started in the boiler room of the hotel and fanned by a strong wind spread rapidly. The steamer Admiral Rogers and two government boats turned streams of water on the blaze for hours. Guests of the hotel lost all personal belongings.

SIGNAL CORPS MEN TO BE IN PRINCE RUPERT

Radio Station to be Established In Connection With Fisheries Patrol This Summer

An officer and two men from the Royal Canadian Signal Corps will be posted at Prince Rupert this summer to man a radio station that is to be established here in order to keep in touch with the seaplanes that are to be placed in the fisheries patrol service. The seaplanes will be equipped with sets having a radius of more than 500 miles. A similar radio station is to be established at Vancouver.

P.G.E. PROBE HAS CLOSED

Commissioner Judge Galliher Will Prepare Report Soon as Possible

VICTORIA, March 29. — The P.G.E. railway investigation ended yesterday afternoon following five weeks of strenuous probing into charges of corruption and extravagance on the part of the Oliver government. The proceedings closed abruptly without addresses by lawyers on either side.

Mr. Justice Galliher, the royal commissioner, said he would prepare his reports on the proceedings as soon as possible.

WHALEN COMPANY IS PREPARING TO START LOGGING ON ISLANDS

Albert Moore, logging superintendent for the Whalen Pulp & Paper Co., arrived from Thurston Harbor on the Prince John this morning and made connections for the south. Rafting of logs already cut at the Whalen camps on the Islands is commencing and logging operations will be resumed in full in the near future.

JAPANESE FREIGHTER HELPLESS IN NORTH

Vessel Has Crew of Forty and Engine Shaft and Propeller Broken

CORDOVA, Alaska, March 29.—The Japanese freighter Ayaha Maru with a crew of about forty men is helpless with engine shaft and propellers broken south of Atka Island in the North Pacific.

TORNADO SWEPT SHAWNEE CITY

Six Known to Have Been Killed and Between 150 and 200 Houses Demolished

SHAWNEE, Oklahoma, March 29.—Six are known to have been killed and twenty seriously injured by a tornado which swept through the city demolishing the school and between 150 and 200 residences.

KANSAS CITY, March 29—Nine persons are dead, between 75 and 100 injured, several probably fatally and property damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars is the toll of tornado and wind storms which swept parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri and Illinois late yesterday and last night. Eight persons were killed and more than seventy injured at Shawnee, Okla., where 300 homes in the best residential section were destroyed.

SMUGGLING CHAMPAGNE INTO UNITED STATES

Six Members of Crew of Steamer Megantic Arrested in New York

NEW YORK, March 29.— Six members of the crew of the steamer Megantic were arrested when the customs men discovered 136 bottles of champagne being lowered from the vessel into a motor boat.

DEBT TO CANADA NOW BEING PAID

LONDON, March 29.— Between eight and ten million dollars will be remitted to Canada this week end through New York in final adjustment of the British government debt to Canada hanging over from the war.

HALIBUT LOW ON EXCHANGE

Heavy Production in East and Frozen Fish Responsible For Price

The large production of fish in the east and the fact that a quantity of cold storage fish is being forced on to the market from last year's crop resulted in the price paid for halibut on the local exchange today being the lowest of the season, even though the Lenten season is on and the landings today amounted in all to only 75,000 pounds. Following is the detail:

American Boats

National, 27,000, to Cold Storage at 10.20c and 5c.

Viking, 9,000, to Atlin Fisheries, 11c and 5c.

Dalex, 15,000, to Allin Fisheries, 9.80c and 5c.

Volunteer, 14,000, to Booth Fisheries ,at 11.10c and 5c.

Canadian Boats

Caygeon, 3,000, to Royal Fish Co., at 9.20c and 5c.

Vinnie V., 4,000, to Booth Fisheries, at 9.30c and 5c.

Westerner, 3,000, to Booth Fisheries, at 9.30c and 5c.

SEAL COVE LADY DIED IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sarah Anne Lofthus Expired This Morning—Funeral to be Held Wednesday

Early this morning the death occurred at the Prince Rupert General Hospital of Sarah Anne Lofthus, wife of Herman T. Lofthus, Seal Cove. Mrs. Lofthus was 60 years of age. Besides the widower, a daughter, Mrs. Anderson, Eighth Avenue East, is left to mourn her loss.

The funeral will take place next Wednesday afternoon at 2.30. Arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE.
Division I.

Cardiff 0, Everton 0.
Liverpool 1, Tottenham H. 0.
Middlesboro 1, Sunderland 3.
Notts Forest 0, Blackburn 0.
Preston N.E. 0, Bolton 2.
West Ham 1, West Bromwich 0.

Division II.

Barnsley 0, Hull City 0.
Bradford City 0, Nelson 2.
Bury 1, Crystal Palace 1.
Clapton Orient 0, Southampton 0.
Leeds 0, Blackpool 0.
Leicester City 2, Fulham 1.
Manchester United 2, Stoke 2.
Oldham 1, Coventry City 1.
Port Vale 2, Derby County 0.
South Shields 1, Wednesday 1.
Stockport City 0, Bristol City 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Division I.

Rangers 0, Raith Rovers 1.
Hamilton A. 2, Kilmarnock 1.
Partick Thistles 1, Aberdeen 0.
Queen's Park 1, Clydebank 1.
Airdrieonians 2, Celtic 0.
Ayr United 3, Third Lanark 0.
Clyde 2, Falkirk 1.
Dundee 1, St. Mirren 1.
Hearts 2, Motherwell 1.

The wife of an Arab market porter is the envy of all Algiers. At present she is the wealthiest native woman there since she won a prize of 50,000 francs in a local lottery.

London Bus and Tramway Strike Ended Yesterday with Agreement Between the Parties Interested

LONDON, March 29.—The strike of London bus and tramway workers ended yesterday through successful negotiations between representatives of the workers and employers initiated by Premier Ramsay Macdonald.

The workers conceded something by accepting an immediate advance of six xshillings with the remaining two shillings demanded by the men fluctuating according to the cost of living index.

The terms of settlement are subject to ratification on both sides. Meantime all tube and other threatened sympathetic strikes are called off.

A general resumption of services is expected by Sunday.

IS WORKING ON ELEVATOR

Charles P. Coles Will Try to Finance in England if Not Successful Here

F. G. Dawson received word this morning from Charles P. Coles of Vancouver, representing the firm of Kerr, Gifford & Co. stating that he still has good hopes of being able to secure an elevator for this port. He has booked passage to England on May 1 and, if he fails to secure the necessary funds on this side before that date, he says he has reason to believe he can finance the building in the old country.

CUP FOOTBALL SEMI-FINALS

Newcastle and Aston Villa Winners Over Manchester and Burnley

LONDON, March 29. — Newcastle United and Aston Villa qualified to enter the final of the English Association cup series, winning their matches in the semi-final round today. Newcastle defeated Manchester City two to nothing and Aston Villa triumphed over Burnley three to nothing.

Charles J. Clayton arrived in the city from Massett on the Prince John this morning.

THORNTON NOT GOING ENGLAND

Says Knows Nothing of Report and is Not Returning to London

NEW YORK, March 29.—"Nothing in it at all," said Sir Henry Thornton, in denying a report that he was to return to England to take over the management of an Old Country system. The report he said was news to him. "I have not heard anything about it," he said, "and I have no intention of returning to London."

LONDON, March 28.—A report was in circulation here that Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, is returning to England to take over the management of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway.

MONTREAL, March 28. — Sir Henry Thornton left Montreal tonight for New York. No confirmation or denial of the report of his resignation is available.

C.N.R. SERVICE TO ALASKA IS OFF FOR THIS YEAR AT LEAST

It is announced at the C.G.M.M. offices in Vancouver that there will be no service by the company to Alaska this year as was originally projected. The reason for not giving the service, it is said, is that the company was unable to secure a suitable vessel. It is anticipated, however, that the new Prince Henry will be ready for the Alaska run by next season.

All Preparations made for Flyers to Alight on Arrival Next Week

Will Probably Leave Seattle on Wednesday or Thursday; Weather Reports being sent commencing Tomorrow

SEATTLE, March 29.—Final instructions for the resumption of the flight of the United States around the world airplanes from here to the Kurile Island have been issued. Tentative plans call for "hopping off" to Prince Rupert on Wednesday or Thursday.

Sealed envelopes deposited with the flight representatives at the end of each leg of the air voyage contain instructions for the next section. For instance, Major Martin will receive, on his arrival at Prince Rupert from Seattle, detailed instructions as to the hop from Prince Rupert to Sitka. This plan is being followed so that the minds of the aviators will be entirely on the flight then in progress without any chance of their worrying or thinking about what may be ahead. These instructions have been posted by Lieut. Clayton Bissell, advance officer of the flight.

Further arrangements in connection with the reception and activities while here of the fliers were announced this morning by Jarvis H. McLeod, local representative of the U.S. world flight.

The machines will circle above the city before alighting at Seal Cove in order to give the people an opportunity of seeing the planes in the air. Advice of the departure of the fliers from Seattle will be transmitted soon after they leave there and the progress of the planes will be bulletined in the Daily News office. It is likely that they will arrive here not late in the afternoon of the day of departure.

Alight Seal Cove

The planes will come down to the water in the middle of the harbor just opposite the plant of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. and will taxi or be towed into the mooring buoys. No. 1 machine, in command of Major L. E. Martin, flight commander, will alight first, the three others following and tying up at their respective buoys.

Mayor Newton, the city council and the president of the Board of Trade have been invited to attend the landing and give the city's formal welcome to the aeronauts.

The pilots and mechanics, arriving after the long, hard flight, must refuel their planes immediately and examine the machines preparatory to the next day's flight. This work will take probably until dark and the fliers will not leave their planes until it is finished. While the visitors will undoubtedly be eager to become acquainted with the people, due to the fatigue following flying and servicing of their machines as well as the mental strain, they will desire refreshment and rest above all else. Accordingly no provision should be made for their entertainment unless it is taken up with the flight commander. If, through stress of weather or other circumstances, the machines are compelled to stop over here, then entertainment plans may be carried out, of course, with sanction of Major Martin.

Shipping Keep Clear

Shipping is warned to leave clear the space set aside for the landing Failure to do so might mean damaging the machines or

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POINCARE HAS NEW CABINET

Policy of Firmness in Ruhr and at Home Expected From French Government

PARIS, March 28. — Premier Poincare's new cabinet, officially announced last night, includes ten new members to assist him in his policy of "firmness in foreign affairs, law, order and internal economy."

The fact that M. Maginot, minister of war, and M. Letrocquer, minister of works, "the Ruhr men" were the only ministers Premier Poincare extricated from the wreck of the old cabinet, is interpreted as meaning that he intends continuing the policy that France cannot evacuate the Ruhr until there has been complete payment of reparations.

F. L. BUCKLEY HAS RESIGNED

Relinquishes Post as General Manager of the Massett Timber Co.

F. L. Buckley, who reorganized the Massett Timber Co. with California capital over a year ago and who was largely instrumental in the resumption of operations at the Buckley Bay sawmill, has resigned his position as vice-president and general manager of the company. Several other officials of the company at Vancouver have also resigned. Jack Macdonald, chief accountant at Buckley Bay, who went south last week, is in charge of the Vancouver office of the company in the meantime.

STOP PIRATING IN FURS AND TROPHIES

Dead Wall of 25 Miles on Each Side Boundary Proposed Between B.C. and Alaska

VANCOUVER, March 29.—In an effort to stop fur and trophy pirating along the Alaska and British Columbia borders it is likely, that both the Alaska and the British Columbia authorities may establish a dead wall of game sanctuary for a distance of 25 miles on either side of the boundary in the vicinities of Stikeen and Taku, according to a statement made by M. B. Jackson, M.P.P., chairman of the Game Conservation Board of British Columbia here yesterday.