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FLOODS CAUSE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

SIR HENRY THORNTON SAYS CONFERENCE NECESSARY ON PEACE RIVER RY.

Devastating Floods in China Cause of Thousands of Deaths And Leave Millions Homeless

SHANGHAI, Aug. 13.—Millions of people are homeless and at least 50,000 persons are drowned in devastating floods which are sweeping wide areas in China and submerging tens of thousands of villages.

Thousands of refugees are pouring into Peking from the devastated areas.

It is difficult to get even an approximate estimate of the fatalities, but about fifty thousand is said to be conservative.

Unusually devastating floods with accompanying widespread property destruction have been reported from various sections of China during the past few weeks culminating in this latest inundation which is causing such widespread destruction of life and property.

FAIR GETTING GOOD SUPPORT

Judges are Appointed — Board
Had Regular Monthly Meet-
ing Last Night

Several prospective exhibitors from Vancouver have been making inquiries with a view to having special entries in the forthcoming Prince Rupert Fair and good support in the way of donations is being accorded by various commercial firms both here and outside it is reported at the Fair Office. One of the exhibits that may come from Vancouver is a big poultry display.

The following judges to officiate at the Exhibition have already been appointed:

Minerals—A. C. Garde, Smithers.

Dog Show—Stanley Dorrell, Port Essington.

Fruit and flowers—R. P. Murray, government horticulturalist, Victoria.

Field crops and vegetables—J. B. Munro, Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

Poultry—H. Reid, Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

Domestic Science—Miss M. Lauder, Department of Agriculture, Kamloops.

A judge will also be supplied by the government for the livestock.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fair Board took place last evening. Business was largely of a routine nature in perfecting various plans in connection with the Exhibition. The directors present were President Joe Greer, Vice-President Ben Self, Honorary Secretary Frank Dibb, George W. Kerr, D. Jahour, Ald. R. F. Perry, Ald. C. V. Evitt, H. M. Daggett, John Bulger and Managing Director D. McD. Hunter.



Ras Tafari, the regent of Abyssinia, is shown riding with the Duke of York following a formal welcome on his arrival in London recently.

Conference Will Decide on Peace River Railway Policy Sir Henry Thornton Says

GRAND PRAIRIE, Aug. 13.—Speaking at a meeting of settlers of the district, Sir Henry Thornton said while he favored transportation relief for settlers he was unable to give any promise that relief would be afforded as final decision rested with the Dominion government. He said before a definite decision was reached it would be necessary to have a conference of the five parties concerned: Alberta, British Columbia, the federal government and the C.N.R., and the C.P.R., and on the decision of the conference transportation relief for the Peace River country would be placed.

ARE OPPOSING JOHN OLIVER

Preliminary Joint Meeting Held
For the Purpose of Deciding
on Plan

NELSON, Aug. 13.—At an informal open meeting of members of the Conservative, Provincial and Labor parties it was unanimously decided to call the executive of the parties to a joint conference to be held tonight to decide on the procedure leading to the placing of a joint candidate in the field to oppose Premier Oliver at the by-election to be held here on August 23. From the unanimity of those present it was anticipated that the executive will decide to call a joint conference at the earliest possible date.

POLICE WORK IS MYSTERY

Still Investigating Death of Girl
at Shaughnessy Heights;
Chinese Examined

VANCOUVER, Aug. 13.—Wong Sing, the house boy at the home of R. P. Baker, Shaughnessy Heights, who was reported kidnapped last evening, conjuring up visions of Klu Klux Klan activities, was returned to his employer's residence today. He had been arrested by the provincial police and questioned regarding the death of Janet K. Smith, the nurse girl who was found dead at the Baker residence some time ago. Sing discovered the body.

An inquest was held following the death and the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes. The matter was then taken up by the newspapers with the result that facts were brought out indicating that possibly death had been the result of foul play. Since that the police have been working on the case.

TYSON GOON IS ARRESTED

Chinese Teller of Bank of Montreal Alleged to Have Taken
\$47,000

VANCOUVER, Aug. 13.—Tyson Goon, the 28-year-old Chinese bank teller, appeared in the police court today on a charge of embezzlement and the case is rescheduled for a week.

It is alleged that defalcations from the Chinese branch of the Bank of Montreal amounted to \$47,000. Horse racing and other forms of gambling are alleged by his friends to have been the cause of his downfall.

METLAKATLA GIRL DIED ON MONDAY

Alma, Fourteen Year Old Daughter of Henry Rudland, Expired at Port Essington

The death occurred in Port Essington on Monday of Miss Alma Rudland, 14 year old daughter of Henry Rudland of Metlakatla. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers and interment will take place on Saturday at Metlakatla.

MINING REVIVAL

ALICE ARM, Aug. 13.—Signs are beginning to point to a revival of mining activity in Alice Arm. The price of silver is advancing and influential mining men are in the district examining properties.

KETCHIKAN CROWD
COMING TO FAIR

A wire has been received this afternoon that Ketchikan has accepted the transportation conditions for their visit to this city during the fair and they will be here in large numbers. They will bring a baseball team with them it is understood. The steamer Prince Rupert goes there on Wednesday after her arrival here from the south.

FLYING PLANS TO BE CHANGED

Harbor Proposed in Greenland Coast Not Large Enough and Filled With Ice

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 13.—After plans had been completed for the United States world flyers to hop off for Greenland a disquieting report arrived from the cruiser Raleigh, which stated that the harbor at Angmagssalik, Greenland, was too small and was nearly filled with floating ice and would not make a suitable landing place. Probably a new place will be selected.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE REPORTED IN JAPAN

TOKIO, Aug. 13.—An earthquake, described as fairly severe, is reported in Koke, Osaka and Nagoya districts. The Nagoya mains were broken, cutting off the supply and flooding the streets. No casualties are reported. The tremors alarmed the citizens greatly.

TWO WARSHIPS ARE ORDERED TO EGYPT

LONDON, Aug. 13.—In connection with the trouble in the Sudan the Admiralty has ordered the battleship Marlborough to leave for Alexandria. The light cruiser Weymouth was ordered to Port Sudan where she has arrived.

Home Building a Problem Worthy of Attention Says W. J. Alder Visiting in City

The idea of home owning must be encouraged if cities are to be built in Canada and this applies very especially to Prince Rupert declares W. J. Alder, the well known property owner, who is here paying his annual visit of inspection to holdings in the city. It looks as if there must be a return to the old system of home investment companies where money is loaned out to those desiring to build homes. Mr. Alder is inclined to be in favor of the general inclination of today for people to buy cars before owning homes. In five years' time, the purchaser of a car has nothing to show for the money he spends today. If he builds, he has a home for all time.

Mr. Alder notes a need for proper housing accommodation in Prince Rupert. He thinks that the board of trade or some such public body should take up headquarters of banks and other corporations having resident officials the question of having them erect homes for their employees here. This would be a step in the direction of relieving the present housing shortage.

Mr. Alder suggests that the city might float bonds for the purpose of giving loans to people who would build on lots now belonging to the city. This would again tend to relieve the housing shortage and would restore lots to the tax roll.

That Victoria is getting more benefit from the tourist business this year than ever before and that business conditions in the B.C. capital are better than has been for some time, is the opinion of Mr. Alder. He says he talked to a number of merchants there recently and they said business was good. There are more tourists than ever before and this year they seem to be spending more money than usual.

Mr. Alder will be spending a few days in the city and will then go east. He will visit Winnipeg, his former home in Tennessee and will then proceed to California where his sons are in business. William is in the real estate business and George is employed by the Swift Co.

LONDON TIMES IS SENDING MAN MEET STUART MACLAREN

Lukin Johnson, special correspondent of the London Times is to be here on Saturday to meet Stuart MacLaren the round the world British flyer on his arrival from the north. Special arrangements have been made by Manager Leo Waugh to handle his despatches by Canadian National direct wire to Montreal.

HANG CHILDREN IN THE CELLAR

Mother Cut Own Throat After Dressing Bodies and Laying Them on Bed

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Only four boats sold their catches at the exchange today as follows:

American
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Volunteer 11,000 at 14.80 and to Atlin Fisheries.

Canadian
Ingred H. 13,000 at 13.50 and 7 to Royal Fish Co.
Alliance 3,000 at 13.50 and 7 to Atlin Fisheries.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. DAWSON

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A LEADER FOR CONSERVATIVES

Convention will Take Place After Session at Which Permanent Head Will be Chosen

VICTORIA, Aug. 13.—Conservatives of British Columbia will hold a political convention as soon after the fall session of the Legislature as possible, it was announced at Conservative headquarters. At the convention the permanent leader of the party is expected to be chosen.

The selection of R. H. Pooley of Esquimalt was to be leader of the House and not necessarily permanent leader of the party.

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SALMON RUN KEEPING UP

About Forty to the Boat of Sockeyes Coming Yet and the Big Run Holding Well

Reports from the canneries indicate that the salmon run is holding out well. Sockeye are still coming in fairly large numbers and boats are getting an average of about forty a day, which for this, the fag end of the season, is considered excellent.

The big run of pinks is waning slightly but still the average per boat for this fish is something like 170 a day. It keeps the canners working steadily.

D'OISY GIVES HIS MACHINE TO JAPAN

TOKIO, Aug. 13.—Captain Georges Pelletier D'Osly, the French aviator who recently completed a flight from Paris to Tokio, has donated the airplane in which he made the last leg of his journey from Shanghai to the Japanese Army.

NO AGREEMENT ON EVACUATION

No Solution Reached up to Time Conference Adjourned: Will Meet Again

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The conference of French, Belgian and German representatives taking place today in an effort to settle the Ruhr occupation, ended this afternoon without reaching a solution. It adjourned until later today.

"Today is the most critical day of the conference," declared Dr. Marx, the German chancellor.

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