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SPEECH OF KING IS TO BE BROADCASTED

BRITISH ROUND WORLD FLIERS HAVE SECOND DELAY AT CORFU ISLAND

Two Fires Took Place Ketchikan but Brigade got both under Control

Flames leaping for hundreds of feet in the air from the large frame buildings which were destroyed in the fire at Ketchikan Friday night made the conflagration visible for miles. So intense was the heat that it was uncomfortable for blocks around and almost impossible to approach nearby despite the fact that it was a very cold night with a bitter northwest wind blowing. Before fire fighting started the blaze had taken a good hold but, in spite of this and the other difficulties attending, the volunteer fire department of Ketchikan did yeoman service and it was only through their remarkable efforts that a greater part of the business section of the Alaska port was not destroyed.

Citizens turned out with a will to save their homes and all available assistance was called upon. Four places of business were practically burned to the ground—the California Grocery, in which the fire started, the Revilla Hotel, considered the city's premier hostelry, the Arcade Cafe, and a jewelry store.

Second Fire

Later in the morning there was another fire when the Enterprise machine shop, half a mile from the centre of the town and around Charcoal Point, was partially destroyed. After this, the force was again called to the first fire to finish putting it out. The large fire starting about 7 o'clock in the evening, it was well into the next morning when the brigade, after working the entire night, had the flames subdued.

This is the story of Capt. Henry Christopherson of the fishing boat Emblem who was in Ketchikan at the time of the fire, and who was in Prince Rupert this morning.

When the alarm was sounded, Capt. Christopherson was eating dinner in a cafe about a block away. When he went out, the street was crowded and the fire was well under way. It was only a short time before the large buildings commenced to collapse. Efforts were then bent more to saving adjoining buildings than quelling the flames that were rapidly consuming those already ablaze. It was after midnight before the flames were subdued. Through heat and water, damage was of course done to many adjacent buildings, paint being scorched off and shingles burned. The Poodle Dog restaurant, St. George Hotel, Dream Theatre and a bakery were among the places that were scorched and saved with the greatest of difficulty.

Strong Wind

The strong wind that was blowing fanned the flames and, had it been the usual calm and damp weather, the damage would not have been so extensive. The pressure from the six or seven lines of city hoses was augmented from the steamer Admiral Rogers and other smaller vessels that were in port.

One of the firemen was taken to the hospital after he had been overcome by heat and smoke as well as fatigue.

So suddenly did the fire break out and spread, that most of the valuables in the Revilla Hotel were destroyed. The contents of safely deposit boxes were practically charred. Some of the contents of the jewelry store were saved. The Tongass Trading Co.'s and Heckman' buildings nearby were not damaged. They are fire proof and the wind was in the opposite direction.

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CITY COUNCIL CONFERS WITH SCHOOL BOARD

Decides to Make Small Change in Estimates but Playshed Proposal Not Accepted

There was a conference between the city council and the school board on Saturday with a view to adjusting the estimates. It was agreed to reduce them to allow for the using of last year's balance instead of carrying that amount over, as has been done in the past.

Objection was taken by members of the council to the decision to build two play sheds this year, it being suggested that one should be built this year and one next. The chairman of the board refused to make this change without the full board being present and W. E. Williams is out of town at present so the amount will probably stand.

BRIDGES BLOWN UP IN IRELAND

Highway Stopped with Fallen Trees: Republicans Not Responsible

BELFAST, March 31.—A number of bridges on the main road between Longford and Athlone in Central Ireland were blown up last night and the roads blocked with felled trees. Republicans disclaim responsibility for the destruction.

OAK BAY REEVE AND COUNCILLORS RESIGN

Fail to Carry Out Policy of Exemption of Improvements From Taxation

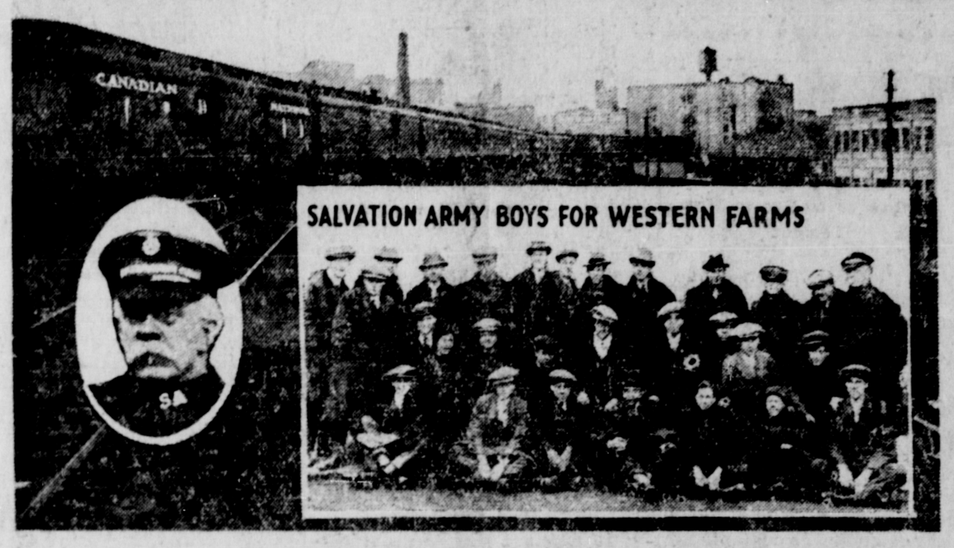
OAK BAY, B.C., March 31—Because they were elected on a policy of exemption of improvements from taxation and later the policy of taxing improvements 25 per cent was adopted by the council, Reeve Hewlett and two councillors, Harold D. Payne and Arthur E. Mallett have resigned.

Mr. Mallett is a brother of A. J. Mallett of Prince Rupert.

GRAIN COMMISSION TO CONTINUE SITTING

WINNIPEG, March 31. — The royal grain inquiry commission is to sit here today and complete its inquiries on the prairies before going to Vancouver where it is expected to resume about April 20.

HUSKY NEW FARMERS ON CANADIAN NATIONAL



TWENTY-EIGHT of Canada's new farmer citizens-in-the-making as they arrived in Winnipeg a few days ago in charge of the Salvation Army. This party originally consisted of 58 boys and 12 girls, but those shown in the picture are the only ones who came on to Western Canada to work on the land, the others remaining in Ontario. These boys are the advance guard of a large group of 'teen age lads who are coming to Canada this spring under the auspices of the Salvation Army to work on farms in the west, and never has a more promising looking group of settlers passed through Winnipeg than the young men shown above. They travelled across Canada by Canadian National Railways' special train for immigrants and the picture shows them on their arrival at the Union Station, Winnipeg, and the long train filled with new settlers. Arrangements have been made by the Salvation Army authorities for special equipment to be provided by the Canadian National to bring west the next large party, which is scheduled to sail from the Old Country the end of March.

PLANES TO LEAVE SEATTLE WEDNESDAY FOR PRINCE RUPERT

SEATTLE, March 31.—If the weather forecast is favorable the four American world flight aeroplanes leave here at 6.30 Wednesday morning for Prince Rupert, on the first leg of their long journey. If they get away on time they should reach Prince Rupert about one o'clock or soon after.

POSTAL EMPLOYES WILL STRIKE SOON UNLESS SATISFIED

Votes of Local Branches go 96 Per Cent Favor of Drastic Action

TORONTO, March 31—A strike of postal employees in all branches of the service will begin on April 14 unless the government revises upward the salaries before that date. This action was decided on at a mass meeting of postal workers on Sunday. The strike will be national in scope.

The votes of local branches of the Canadian federation of postal employees was 96 per cent in favor of striking if the government fails to meet their demands.

REDUCE TARIFF ON PRODUCTION ARTICLES

Machinery and Implements Used in Farming, Lumbering and Mining to be Reduced

OTTAWA, March 31.— About the middle of April will see the budget presented by the acting minister of finance, probably before the Easter recess . It is expected that an announcement will then be made of a reduction in duty on implements and machinery used in production such as those used in farm work, sawmills and in mining operations. Beyond that it is not expected there will be much change in the tariff this year.

Labor Discontent in Britain Causes much Comment in Press Two Million Making Demands

LONDON, March 31.—Existing and constantly growing discontent among workers is causing much comment in the London press today. In section after section of industry demands for higher wages have reached a point which amounts to a crisis and it is declared that including the London transport workers who are balloting today in settlement of terms arranged last week, fully two million workers are involved in the big movement for increased pay. These are in the mines, in the building and engineering, and in the woollen industries the unrest is bred of insufficient wages and either has crystallized or is crystallizing into official claims, says the Labor organ, the Daily Herald.

ROUND WORLD PLANE FALLS

None of Three Occupants Injured and Flight Will be Resumed

ATHENS, Mar. 31.—Stuart Maclaren's around the world British airplane was compelled to descend on Lake St. Mathew, Island of Corfu, according to messages received here. No one was injured, the damage to the plane is slight and after repairs the flight to Athens will be resumed.

B.C. GETS ONE MORE MEMBER FOR OTTAWA

Under Redistribution Plan Membership of House of Commons Increased by Ten

OTTAWA, March 31.— The redistribution bill which is to be brought down gives western Canada 12 more members, British Columbia members are to be increased from 13 to 14. The total membership of the House of Commons is to be increased from 235 to 245.

PRINCE OF WALES WAS OUT YESTERDAY

LONDON, March 31. — The Prince of Wales was out Sunday for the first time since his recent fall while racing. He looked fit and will probably fulfill some engagements this week.

TWO MOVIE MEN ARRIVE IN CITY

F. G. Campbell of the Pathe News and J. Herron of the Universal Co. arrived in the city from Vancouver on the Camosun last night. They are here to take moving pictures of the American round-the-world fliers who are now due here this week from Seattle.

TWO COMPANIES OF LOCAL INTEREST ARE INCORPORATED

The following companies have been incorporated at Victoria according to the B.C. Gazette:

Massett Inlet Pole Co. Ltd. capitalization $10,000, head office at Vancouver.

Philpott, Evitt & Co. Ltd., capital $10,000, head office Prince Rupert.

FINE STEELHEADS CAUGHT AT CLOYAH

E. C. Gibbons and O. P. Smith made a trip at the week end to Cloyah River, where they succeeded in landing four very fine steelheads, running from eight to twelve pounds each. They made the trip in Mr. Smith's Billy Boy and they fished with a Tacoma spinner. The fish were caught about where the trail hits the river above the falls.

Speech of King George at Opening of Exhibition will be Flashed Around the World

LONDON, March 31.—King George will deliver an address that it is expected will be heard around the world at 11 a.m. Greenwich time, April 23, when he formally opens the British Empire exhibition at Wembley. For the first time in history the actual voice will be broadcasted and heard simultaneously in the homes of thousands of his subjects. The speech will be carried by radio and by cable where air waves fail.

As soon as the words are spoken they will be flashed from a special station in the exposition grounds along the all-British cable route across Canada to New Zealand and Australia, then into India and Africa and back to Wembley, thus encircling the world, the Imperial cable stations completing the circuit within five minutes.

NEARLY A QUARTER MILLIONS POUNDS OF HALIBUT WAS SOLD

Prices Still Remain Low at Exchange Here Especially for Canadian Fish

With nearly a quarter of a million pounds of halibut offering on exchange this morning the prices still remain low especially for Canadian fish. Following are the sales:

American Boats

Anna J. 18,000, Cold Storage, 10.20c and 5c.

Eastern Point, 5,000, Pacific Fisheries, 10.80c and 5c.

Yellowstone 14,000 and Imperial 15,000, to Booth Fisheries at 10.50c and 5c.

L. P. Todd II, 11,000 and Middleton 12,000 to Royal Fisheries at 10.60c and 5c.

Sunset 38,000 to Pacific Fisheries 10.40c and 5c.

Tordenskjold, 35,000 to Cold Storage at 10c. and 5c.

Eagle, 60,000 to Cold Storage at 10.40c and 5c.

Canadian Boats

Hippo, 7,000, Cold Storage, at 8.60c and 5c.

Pair of Jacks, 6,000 to Royal at 8.70c and 5c.

H. & R. 5,000 to Cold Storage at 8.60c and 5c.

N. & S. 1,000; Oh Bill 500; Dolphin 8,000 to Cold Storage at 8.50c and 5c.

Viola, 3,000, to Atlin Fisheries at 8.70c and 5c.

YOUNG IRISHMEN COMING TO CANADA

Impossible to Obtain Work in Old Country so are Migrating to Dominion

HALIFAX, March 31. — Passengers numbering 1394 disembarked here on Sunday from three liners. Among the 679 passengers landed by the Lancastria about 350 are young men from Ireland some of whom declared that a large number of their countrymen were about to come to Canada in search of work and homes stating that it is impossible almost to obtain work in Ireland.

OREGON'S SCHOOL LAW ULTRA VIRES

Opinion Rendered in Federal Court Declares Compulsory Statute Unconstitutional

PORTLAND, March 31. —Oregon's compulsory public school law was declared unconstitutional in an opinion rendered in the federal court here.

MUCH ACTIVITY CITY BUILDING

Ten Permits Issued During Month of March to Total Value of $33,450

Increased activity in city building is reflected in the announcement made at the city engineer's office this morning that ten biulding permits had been issued building permits had been issued total value of $33,450. The total is largely made up of new building and also includes provision for repairs and alterations to certain existing structures.

A. Prince, for frame residence on Atlin Avenue with concrete foundation, $4,000.

James Anderson, addition to dwelling on Seventh Avenue, Section 7, $500.

M. P. McCaffery, frame dwelling with brick veneer and stucco, Fourth Avenue West, $11,000.

M. Shimizu, rooming house back of Dominion Cafe on Third Avenue, $11,500.

E. Kinslor, addition to residence on Eighth Avenue East, $100.

John McRae, concrete foundation for residence on Fourth Avenue East, $350.

Rosina Zarelli, concrete piers and beams under Royal Hotel, $3,000.

R. Gordon, store building on Seventh Avenue East, $2,000.

Gust Selvin, addition to building on Seventh Avenue East, $1,000.

AIRMEN REFUSE TO FLY PLANES

Dispute Over Rates of Pay Ties Up Service With Europe from Croydon

CROYDON, March 31.—An unprecedented strike commenced here today when the airmen in the service of the concern which carries the British air mails ceased work. The pilots and mechanics connected with the long disance flights struck because of a dispute regarding rates of pay.

None of the long distance airplanes of the new air combine left here today for the continent.

MONTH'S HALIBUT CATCH NOT HIGH

Amount for March is Two and a Half Million Pounds

The total halibut market at the local exchange for March amounted to 2,553,600 which is more than four hundred thousand pounds less than the same month last year when 2,975,200 was marketed.

The smaller catch is largely due to weather conditions.