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ELEVATOR CONTRACT AWARD CONFIRMED

BURNS LAKE MINE TO BE SHIPPING CONCENTRATE AND HIGH GRADE BY MAY

Opium Conference is Nearly Breaking up Result Disagreement

GENEVA, Jan. 22.—Charges of Congressman Porter that Lord Cecil slandered the American people when he asserted as much opium per capita was used in the United States as in India broke up the International Opium Conference. Following extraction by Lord Cecil and peacemaking by the French delegates, the conference adjourned until Saturday.

Lord Cecil, in outlining the British position, argued that the American proposals to eliminate authorized smoking of opium in the Far East for a definite period of years beginning now was over idealistic and impossible to carry out because of the huge smuggling possibilities.

Cecil insisted that Mr. Porter had failed to face the fact and had confined himself to charging that obligations imposed by the Hague Opium Convention had been disregarded. This meant that Britain had made their pledge at the Hague a scrap of paper and that Britain's new suggestion to solve the opium smoking was not honest and sincere but merely an attempt to evade obligations. He could not let such a charge go unrepudiated. The charge was coupled with the accusation that this alleged evasion of duties was motivated by sordid financial considerations.

If the charge had been made in a private house, Lord Cecil said, he would leave but the British could not allow the attack on the honor of repudiation to stand in the way of trying to do something to solve the opium evil.

Cecil's statement about the per capita use of opium was taken exception to by Mr. Porter who said it was a mistake and had been quoted from old statistics.

PORTLAND, Eng., Jan. 22.—The battleship Monarch has been scuttled at sea in accordance with the Washington Arms Treaty. Ships which witnessed the sinking of the old fighter returned to port Wednesday.

The battleship first underwent fierce bombing from airplanes and then six inch guns from cruisers poured shells into her and she finally was sunk by long range fire of fifteen inch guns of battleships.

The Monarch was shattered from stem to stern before her final plunge beneath the waves.

BRULE CUTOFF NO SOLUTION

Small Line Would Not Solve the Transportation Problem of Peace River

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22.—The Brule cutoff can never be a final solution of the Peace River transportation problem as it does not tap the huge areas in British Columbia and would be only a palliative and not a solution of the big problem which faces the country. It is recognized by railwaymen that the Brule route can never be looked on as a practical way out of the Peace River country.

At present the matter is in the hands of the railway companies and if they fail to agree on a plan, British Columbia and Alberta governments will get together and formulate a plan for submission to the Dominion. It is generally recognized that any plan for opening the Peace River must provide for the use of the easiest route to the coast.

CALGARY PRESBYTERIANS HOLD FIRST MEETING IN MOTION PICTURE THEATRE

CALGARY, Alta., Jan. 22.—A new church congregation came into being here when Calgary Presbyterians who refuse to remain with the congregations which entered the United Church of Canada, met for worship in a motion picture theatre. Three hundred persons were present at the initial service when the first pages of an important chapter in church history were written.

Advertisements in the Daily News

TRAINS WILL LEAVE RUPERT IN MORNING

Change Will Allow Tourists to See Skeena River Scenery Either Way

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22.—To fit in with the new schedule of steamship sailings announced from Montreal, the Canadian National Railway will make a complete change in its outbound trains. These will leave Prince Rupert an hour or two after the arrival of the steamers at 10:30. The object of this is to allow tourists an opportunity to take in the splendid scenery of the Skeena River, something that has been impossible under the time table of the past few years.

Last year all the tourist routings on the triangular tour has been from here to Jasper and by rail to Prince Rupert, thence southbound back to this port. Under the new arrangement tourists will take either direction without missing the best of the scenery.

HALIBUT BOAT IS SEIZED BY SHERIFF

Margaret No. 1 Arrested on Admiralty Court Writ on Behalf of Shipbuilder

The halibut boat Margaret No. 1 has been arrested here by Deputy Marshal John Shirley on a writ issued out of the Admiralty Court at Vancouver on behalf of Vigo Erickson, North Vancouver shipbuilder, who claims approximately \$1,500 under a mortgage. The Margaret No. 1, a new boat which has never yet fished, was brought here last fall from the south by Capt. George Fritz.

Taltapin Property Should Pay For Itself After Mill is Put in This Spring, Says Manager

Shipping of concentrates and high grade ore from the Taltapin mine, a silver, lead and gold property 23 miles from Burns Lake, will start in May when it is expected the property will start to pay its own way, announces A. Wood, managing director, who is in the city today. A fifteen-ton mill is to be taken into the property before the snow leaves the ground this spring and development work has reached such a point now where the installation of the concentrating plant will put the property into the shipping class.

Development work which has been in progress on the Taltapin mine for the past few months has uncovered two leads of low grade ore with values averaging \$55 per ton. One of these leads is four feet wide at 32 foot depth and the other is 5 feet wide at a depth of 56 feet. There is thousands of tons of this ore in sight states Mr. Wood. It will be put through the mill.

In another direction there is a four foot six inch lead of high grade ore running 1008 ounces of silver or \$300 per ton. This ore will be shipped without milling.

Drifting to Start
A shaft had already been sunk to a depth of 85 feet on the property and this will be continued to 100 feet. Then drifting will commence into the two leads of low grade ore to the west and the high grade lead to the east. The latter will be encountered after 40 feet of drifting.

Shipments of this ore will be made through Burns Lake from which point there is a road to the mine.

During the six years that Mr. Wood has had charge of the Taltapin mine, about \$50,000 has been spent on the property. It cost \$30,000 for road work and opening up the property and, during the past season, \$20,000 has been spent on actual mining development work, including a thorough diamond drilling last summer. Eight men are now employed on the property.

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HOCKEY SCORES

Calgary 4, Vancouver 1, Saskatoon 5, Regina 2.



New York claims to have the most intelligent child on the continent in the person of little Virginia Marguiss, twenty-two months old, who can recite every letter in the alphabet without the slightest hesitation.

Tender of Vancouver Firm Includes Dock and Also Foundation

Confirming yesterday's press despatch that the initial contract for the grain elevator here had been let to the Northern Construction Co. Ltd. of Vancouver, the following telegram was received last night by M. P. McGaffery, president of the Prince Rupert Construction Co. Ltd., from W. E. Williams, secretary of the company, who was in Ottawa:

"Northern Construction Co. Ltd. bids the work at a price we could not touch. Leaving for home tonight."

The tender of the Northern Construction Co. of \$225,000 which was accepted includes the construction of the dock as well as the foundation. The Vancouver Province special despatch yesterday in full was as follows: "The initial contract for the Prince Rupert grain elevator was awarded today when the tender of the Northern Construction Co. of Vancouver for the foundation work and dock was accepted. The contract figure is \$225,000. Tenders for the superstructure will be invited soon."

Yesterday afternoon, the Northern Construction Co. at Vancouver had not been notified by the Department of Trade and Commerce that its tender had been accepted. A despatch from Ottawa last night said that no contract had yet been definitely let. The final decision was apparently made late yesterday.

MISS MARY IZARD IN CONCERT TOUR WITH MRS. HUNTLEY GREEN

Miss Mary Izard, who has given several violin recitals in this city and is well known in the musical world to the south has been touring with Mrs. Huntley Green, Canada's greatest pianist, and has been given a great reception both in Canada and the United States.

Mrs. Green spent a year studying in Europe and there met the approbation of all the greatest musical people.

Vancouver Liquor Vendor Brings Action Against Ladies Journal, Writer of Article and an Agent

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22.—In a writ issued out of the supreme court on behalf of Alexander Dickson, vendor at the Provincial Government liquor store, Hastings Street, damages are claimed from A. B. Macdonald, Kansas City, the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, and R. H. Best in consequence of a story broadcast throughout Canada and the United States. Macdonald is the writer of an article in the Ladies' Home Journal, the Curtis Publishing Co. publish the magazine and Best is the company's Vancouver agent.

Dieckson's complaint concerns what Macdonald wrote about the liquor store under his charge. In what plaintiff alleges is a highly colored imaginative picture of conditions the writer depicted the line of poverty stricken men and women purchasing liquor. He stated that boys and girls stood on tip-toe to reach the top of the bar for their bottles.

The charge, the vendor points out, would indicate he was breaking the law because he is not permitted to sell liquor to children or to anyone under 21 years of age.

Canadian National Steamers to Give Weekly Service to Alaska Commencing in June this Year

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—H. E. Dalrymple, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways announced here today, that in order to complete its facilities for tourists visiting the Pacific coast, the system will establish this summer a weekly steamship service between Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Alaska.

"This service," said Mr. Dalrymple, "will be inaugurated on June 22, at which time the first steamer will leave Vancouver for its northern destination, Skagway, and each week throughout the tourist season sailings will be made from Vancouver and Prince Rupert, the Pacific coast terminals of the Canadian National Railways. The oil burning steamships Prince George and Prince Rupert which have already established a reputation as being among the best appointed vessels on the Pacific coast, will be engaged in this new Alaska service.

The Itinerary

"Going northward, the ships will reach Prince Rupert at 10:30 on Wednesday morning following the Monday of sailing from Vancouver, and tourists will be given an opportunity to see something of this new Pacific port as the steamer does not continue on its northern trip until four o'clock that afternoon. After passing old and new Melakatha and Port Simpson, an old Hudson's Bay post, calls will be made at Ketchikan, a typical Alaskan town, built at the foot of the mountains. Proceeding from that point the steamships will touch at Wrangell, beautifully situated near the mouth of the Stikine River and possessing many associations with the period when Alaska was a Russian possession. The next port touched on this trip will be Juneau, the capital of Alaska and a modern city with good motor roads and many points of interest, including the Mendenhall Glacier and mines which have made this country famous. On the way to Juneau from Wrangell an opportunity will be given to see the grandeur of Taku Inlet and the famous Taku Glacier, over a mile wide and ninety miles long.

"The ships will arrive at Skagway at seven o'clock Friday morning remaining until seven o'clock Saturday night, thus giving ample opportunity to passengers to see this famous town and visit Whitehorse and the Atlin Lake district.

"On the southbound journey the steamers will reach Vancouver at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, making a complete ten days round trip.

Three Boats a Week

"In addition to this Alaskan trip, the tri-weekly service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert will be maintained, also a semi-weekly service to Anyox and Stewart on the Portland Canal, which service has been in effect for some time past.

"The establishment of the Canadian National Railways of this Alaska steamboat service will meet the demands of many tourists and will be a fitting climax to the famous triangle tour, comprising Jasper National Park, the Rockies, the Coast Range, and the water voyage through the 'Norway of America.'"

HOSPITAL TO OPEN

VICTORIA, Jan. 22.—After repeated postponements and disappointments the Jubilee Hospital Board announces that the formal opening of the new building is to take place on Wednesday, March 11.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO VANCOUVER REDUCED

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22.—Grain shipments to this port will be only about half those of last year in spite of the fact that the elevator accommodation has been very greatly increased. It is estimated that at the outside not more than thirty million bushels will be shipped through this port during the present crop year as against fifty-three million for the previous crop year.

One reason given for this is the uncertainty of railway rates and another the failure of the crop in part of the territory from which shipments were made a year ago.

Costs of handling grain at this port have been materially reduced but this has had no effect in bringing the grain this way.

OLIVER FAVORS B.C. ROUTE TO PEACE RIVER

VICTORIA, Jan. 22.—Premier Oliver states emphatically that he favors the extension of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and B.C. Railway through British Columbia. That railway is owned by the province of Alberta and the P.G.E. by the province of British Columbia. The ideal method, according to the Premier would be to unite the whole system with the P.G.E. providing an outlet at Vancouver and the other railway at Edmonton. The present Canadian National line would provide the outlet to Prince Rupert.

The Premier denies in toto the report published in the Vancouver Sun and sent out on the Canadian Press that he has given up hopes of having the P.G.E. included in the new proposals and the intimation that he now favors the Brule route.

NEW VESSELS WORRY STATES

Pending Resolution to Ask Britain if She is Not Violating Treaty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—A new angle to the growing complexities of the international naval situation has been found in the pending Senate resolution seeking information from Great Britain as to whether the construction of her two new capital ships violates the provisions of the Arms Conference Treaty. The new vessels Rodney and Nelson have been described as combination battleships and air craft carriers.

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