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## MONKMAN PASS ROUTE TO PEACE RIVER

### ENGINEERS REPORT IN FAVOR OF IT AND GIVE COMPARATIVE FIGURES

**Monkman Pass Recommended to Government by Engineer Jones in Report Just Handed to Minister**

Reasons Given for Choice is that it is Shortest and Cheapest Available  
WILL SERVE PRINCE RUPERT WELL  
May Go to Vancouver by Way of Pacific Great Eastern Railway or Redpass Junction

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Robert Jones, railway engineer, has forwarded his recommendation to Hon. Charles Stewart that the outlet from the Peace River country to the Pacific coast should be by way of Monkman Pass. His reasons are that it is the shortest and cheapest.

Jones made the report at the instance of the minister of the interior and has forwarded it to Ottawa with plans, profiles and estimates of cost of such a line.

The proposed line would start from Grande Prairie and proceed along the Monkman Pass to Hansard on the main line of the Canadian National Railway and from there to Prince Rupert over the present track.

The outlet to Vancouver would be by either using the Pacific Great Eastern or doubling back to Redpass Junction and going down the main line of the Canadian National.

The distance to Vancouver by the Monkman Pass route is 76 miles shorter than by any other line. It is estimated by the engineer to cost \$9,000,000 and the McLeilan-Brule line \$12,000,000, while the Pine Pass route would cost \$14,000,000.

Mr. Stewart came out flat-footed in favor of Monkman Pass route today. "The cost would be a big factor in the enterprise and the route by Monkman Pass is the least expensive," the minister pointed out. "In addition it meets all the requirements of the situation. If we adopt this plan, development will come about more quickly than by the other scheme."

Hansard is 45 miles east of Prince George and 513 miles from Prince Rupert.

Red Pass Junction is 163.9 miles east of Hansard so trains going to Vancouver would have that distance to double back.

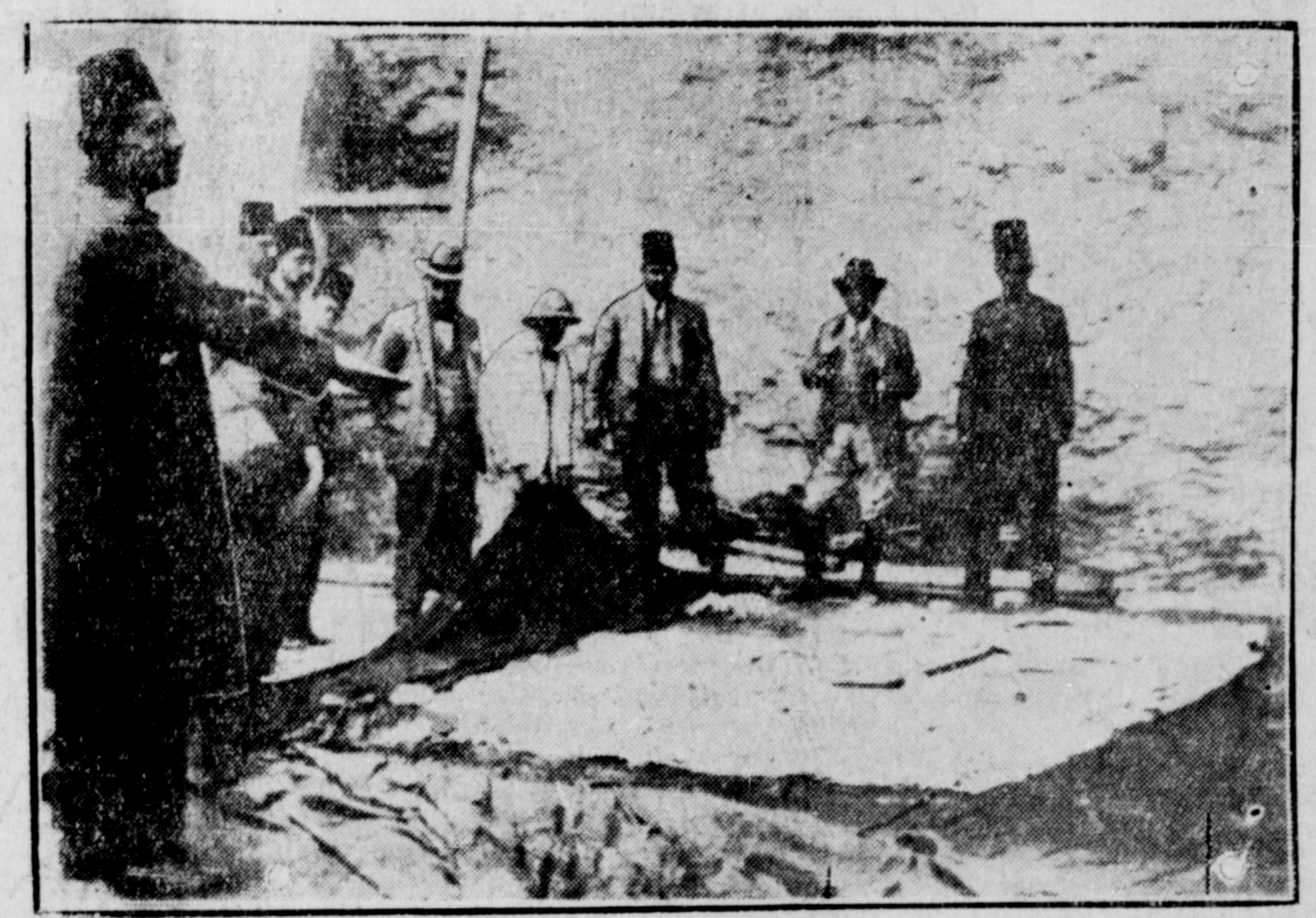
Monkman Pass has been very little in the public eye until last summer when it was announced that the pass with an easy gradient and direct route had been discovered. Then interest in it seemed to die out so far as the public was concerned, but the engineers were meantime doing their work with the result that it is the route now strongly favored.

**MUCH HALIBUT IS SOLD TODAY**

Average Price of Seven Cents Paid with Three Cents for Seconds

Total halibut sales today amounted to 278,800 pounds brought in by 21 boats of which nine were Canadian. They sold for the low average price of seven and three cents. The sales were:

American	Canadian
Lunen 7,000 at 7.40 and 3 to Gold Storage.	Ternen 3,000 at 6.60 and 3 to Royal Fish Co.
Tyce 10,000 at 7.40 and 3 to Royal Fish Co.	Reveille 13,000 at 6.60 and 3 to Athin Fisheries.
Wave 7,500 at 7.30 and 3 to Royal Fish Co.	Pair of Jacks 5,000 at 6.70 and 3 to Gold Storage.
Reliance 4,000 at 7.20 and 3 to Gold Storage.	Kaien 7,000 at 6.60 and 3 to Athin Fisheries.
Adeline 6,000 at 7.30 and 3 to Booth Fisheries.	Gigson 5,000 at 6.50 and 3 to Gold Storage.
Eureka 5,000 at 7.20 and 3 to Gold Storage.	Minnie V 5,000 at 6.5 and 3 to Athin Fisheries.
National 26,000 at 7.40 and 3 to Athin Fisheries.	Hippo 8,500, Mayflower 2,000 and Yule 800 at 6.50 and 3 to Gold Storage.
Gladys 8,000 at 7.10 and 3 to Gold Storage.	
Brisk 12,000 at 6.50 and 3 to Booth Fisheries.	
Constitution 48,000 at 6.40 and 3 to Gold Storage.	
Columbia 55,000 at 6 and 3 to Pacific Fisheries.	
Pioneer 11,000 at 7.20 and 3 to Pacific Fisheries.	



Above is shown the first photograph to be received of the reopening of King Tut's tomb, showing the removal of the cover from the pall, which was found to be almost ruined by the effects of the sun. The pall, said to be the only one of its kind in the world, was highly valued by Mr. Howard Carter.

**ADDITION TO SWIFT PLANT**

Beef Cooler and Small Freezer Being Put in at Cost of \$10,000

G. E. Gulick, local manager for the Swift Canadian Co., announced this afternoon that a contract for the erection of a beef cooler and small freezer in connection with the company's present plant east of Cow Bay had been let to Greer, Beattie & Douglas. The addition, complete with machinery, etc., will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Construction will start next week, weather permitting.

**KITIMAAT BAND MAY GO SOUTH**

Proposal to Take Them on Tour in Cities Outside

After having spent a month at Kitimaat training the native band at that place, Henry Slatter, well known Vancouver bandmaster, arrived in the city on the Chilkoot yesterday afternoon and this morning sailed on the Venture for Vancouver.

It is possible that the Fair Board may again engage the Kitimaat band for the Exhibition this fall providing satisfactory terms can be arranged. The organization was here last fall and, under the direction of Mr. Slatter, made a splendid impression. Mr. Slatter met members of the Fair Board informally last night and told them that, since the band was here, it had improved greatly. Mr. Slatter is very enthusiastic about these proteges of his and is working on a plan of taking them to Vancouver and possibly more distant points for recitals.

Mr. Slatter stated this morning that he hoped to be back in the city later in the year. He may even decide to locate here for a while if there is sufficient demand for his services as a band master and trainer.

**EXPLOSION DOES DAMAGE**

Several Lives Lost and Number Injured at Rio Janeiro

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 28.—It is believed that more than three hundred persons were injured and several lives lost in an explosion yesterday on Gaju Island when forty tons of powder and a quantity of gasoline and kerosine became ignited.

**DOUKHOBOR SCHOOL NEAR GRAND FORKS DESTROYED BY FIRE**

GRAND FORKS, Feb. 28.—The Spencer school in the Doukhobor colony near here was burned last night. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. It is said to be the ninth school building in the Kootenay-Boundary district that has been destroyed during the past three weeks.

**PUGSLEY HOLDING OWN**

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—Hon. W. S. Pugsley is holding his own in his fight against pneumonia.

**President of German Republic Died To-day Following Operation**

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Friedrich Ebert, first president of the German republic, died at 10.15 this morning of peritonitis, following an operation for appendicitis five days ago.

The president was formerly a saddlemaker. His skill has been shown in guiding the infant republic through the troublesome years of its existence and which is acknowledged by its bitterest enemies to have made a gallant fight for life.

President Ebert was first taken ill Monday night and following an operation the doctors believed the danger was past, but the patient failed to rally and passed away this morning.

**John the Finn Sued for Breach of Promise of Marriage by Lady who Came to Stewart from England**

VANCOUVER, Feb. 28.—Heart balm to the extent of \$10,000, besides a little sum of \$550 the cost of her trousseau and tickets from England to Stewart, is claimed by Lottie Maude Munn, who is suing John Haahli, a Stewart mine owner known there as "John the Finn," for breach of promise of marriage.

The lady testified in court yesterday that friends of Haahli induced her to come to Canada for the purpose of marrying him. Up to that time she knew him only from correspondence and photographs. She arrived in Montreal but, failing to receive a reply to messages sent upon arrival, she went to Hamilton where, as she testified, she "practically forgot all about defendant."

Letters waxed warmer as time went on and she received the following:

"My dearest Lottie—  
"If you like we will get married. I can support my wife any old place and under any conditions. I have all the logs ready and it won't take long to build.  
"Your Mountain Boy,  
"JACK."

It was on account of the "mountain boys" conduct toward her upon the night of her arrival at Stewart that she returned to Vancouver "heart-broken."

The defense argues that the question of marriage was conditional on each being satisfied with the other. They say Miss Munn refused Haahli on the night of her arrival in Stewart.

W. B. Morgan was admitted to the General Hospital yesterday to undergo an operation.

**ROSS WATSON IS REMANDED**

Appears Before Magistrate at Nanaimo and is Refused Bail

NANAIMO, Feb. 28.—Ross Watson, alleged bank bandit, charged with participating in the \$12,000 Royal Bank robbery here on December 12 appeared before Magistrate Potts last evening and was remanded to March 7 and refused bail.

The magistrate observed that he would be strongly inclined to grant bail unless the crown was ready to proceed with the case.

**GRAIN TO VANCOUVER**

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—Since August 1 the Canadian National Railways has delivered at Vancouver 3,408 cars of grain. The loadings on the whole system for the week amounted to 1475 cars.

**FELL 190 FEET TO AWFUL DEATH**

Gerald Harling, 21, Bridgeman of C.N.R., Victim of Accident Near Hazelton

Gerald Harling, aged 21, bridgeman employed by the B. and N. department of the Canadian National Railways, met a terrible death on Thursday afternoon as a result of falling 190 feet from a bridge one mile west of Hazelton on which he was working into the rocky canyon below.

Harling was using his peevie to remove a rail and had the point in a track bolt hole when, in some manner, the tool slipped. The unfortunate young man lost his balance and hurtled over the bridge. He was picked up in a terribly mutilated condition and taken to the Hazelton Hospital where he expired a few hours later. The accident occurred at 2.30 Thursday afternoon.

Deceased came from McBride where his parents reside and where interment will take place after an inquest has been held at Hazelton on Monday.

**TOTAL CATCH THIS MONTH**

Bad Effect of General Rush to Get Home First Not Beneficial

The pace of the halibut fishermen from the banks to this port during the past week in order to be the first to market catches and thus gain the high prices that it was expected would follow the resumption of bidding after the expiry of the close season did not have a beneficial effect as far as the fishermen were concerned for the large quantity of fish offered caused the market to collapse. The landings since the season opened totaled 4,146,600 pounds as compared with 1,499,300 pounds sold here during the entire month of February last year and 3,169,300 pounds from January 1 to February 28.

In addition to the fish that was actually unloaded from the halibut schooners here, 336,000 pounds was offered but was taken south when satisfactory bids were not made.

**HOLDUP MEN BOTH KILLED**

Attempted to Rob Drug Store Near Los Angeles and Were Shot

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28.—Two holdup men met death last night when they attempted to rob a residence district drug store in which four detectives forewarned of the attempt were lying in wait with sawed off shot guns. One was instantly killed and the other died soon after.

On the person of one of the men was an envelope addressed to James Grayson, general delivery, from 1340 West Queen Street, Toronto.

**NEWSPAPER CONVENTION**

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—The annual convention of weekly newspapers will be held in Winnipeg in June.

**TRACTION DEAL IMMENSE ONE**

City Council of Chicago is Ready to Purchase Street Railways for \$600,000,000

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—The city council has authorized the purchase of the city's elevated and surface street railways at an estimated cost of \$600,000,000 from the operating companies. Negotiations are proceeding in the deal which involves 4,000 miles of surface lines and 460 miles of elevated.

**GOES TO TRIAL SHOOTING CASE**

Manley of Trail Appears in Court and Sent to Assizes

TRAIL, Feb. 28.—Pat Manley, who shot and killed Nurse Neilson recently and then shot himself, has recovered sufficiently to allow him to appear in court today for his preliminary hearing on a charge of murder. He was set up for trial.

**BUCKAU ARRIVES**

BUCKHAVEN, Feb. 28.—Rotorup Buckau arrived yesterday completing a voyage to Scotland and back.

**FORTY DOLLAR NUGGET IS FOUND SHUTTLE ISLAND**

(Special to Daily News)  
SKIDEGATE, Feb. 28.—Al Edwards has struck it rich again on his gold claim at Shuttle Island. One of the gold nuggets took out went \$40. His find has aroused much interest here in the mining game.

**OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL**

- English League Division I.  
Birmingham 0, Huddersfield 1.  
Bolton 4, Manchester City 2.  
Burnley 5, West Ham U. 4.  
Cardiff City 3, Newcastle U. 0.  
Everton 3, Notts Forest 1.  
Leeds U. 1, Blackburn 1.  
Notts County 1, Bury 4.  
Preston N. E. 0, Sheffield U. 1.  
Sunderland 3, Liverpool 0.  
Tottenham 2, Arsenal 0.  
West Bromwich 4, Aston Villa 1.
- Scottish League Division I.  
Aberdeen 2, Raith Rovers 3.  
Ayr United 2, Hibernians 2.  
Geltie 4, Dundee 0.  
Hearts 3, Hamilton 2.  
Kilmarnock 1, Falkirk 0.  
Morton-Queen's Park not played.  
Motherwell 1, Partick Thistle 3.  
Rangers-Gowdenbeath not played.  
St. Johnstone 2, St. Mirren 2.  
Third Lanark 2, Airdrieonians 3.