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VOTE FOR ELEVATOR PASSED BY COMMONS

PRINCE RUPERT WORK BITTERLY OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIVES LAST NIGHT

Elevator Vote Passes House of Commons After Very Strong Opposition from Conservatives

Fred Stork and Hon. J. H. King Speak in support of Vote and Others Take Part in the Debate

BOON TO INTERIOR FARMERS
Sir Henry Drayton Leads Attack Against Project and Progressives Urge Peace River Outlet

(Special to Daily News)
OTTAWA, May 26.—The elevator estimate passed last night in face of sustained opposition. The project was severely criticized by Sir Henry Drayton and other members as a totally useless and unjustified expenditure. Fred Stork spoke defending the elevator.

(By Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, May 26.—Further consideration was given in the House of Commons in committee of supply last night to a vote of \$500,000 for the Prince Rupert elevator. Hon. Thomas

ARNETT GETS DREDGING JOB

Goes to Comox to Straighten Out Courtenay River

(Special to Daily News)
OTTAWA, May 26.—The W. E. Arnett dredging Co. of Vancouver has been awarded a contract by the department of public works for the straightening out of the channel of the Courtenay River at Comox. There were nine tenders and Arnett's was the lowest. The sum of \$35,000 was voted for the work but the successful bid was lower than that.

With reference to this despatch, Mr. Arnett stated this morning that the work would be done by his clam-shell dredge Victoria No. 303 which is at present working in Vancouver.

CAR PLUNGED INTO STREAM

Nelson Man and Son Drowned and Two Others Had Narrow Escape

NELSON, May 26.—David Gavrilchik, master mechanic of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company at Trail and his six year old son Joseph, were drowned in Sheep Creek yesterday and his wife and an associate, Joe Demidoff of Trail, had narrow escapes when the car went through the rail of a bridge at Salmo and plunged into the swollen stream.

DID NOT CANVASS HARBOR BOARD SEAT

OTTAWA, May 26.—Hon. T. G. McBride, member for Cariboo, called attention of the House of Commons yesterday to certain newspaper reports to the effect that he had been canvassing the government for a seat on the Vancouver harbor board. Mr. McBride denied the truth of the report.

MINISTERS COMING TO PRINCE RUPERT END OF NEXT WEEK

Word was received here today that Hon. William Sloan, minister of Mines, and Hon. W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works, will leave Vancouver on Thursday of next week, June 4, to visit northern points. They should arrive here on Saturday morning, June 6.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, will be unable to accompany the other ministers owing to his duties calling him elsewhere at that time. He will visit the district later.

ject on the ground that the Vancouver grain accommodation was already taxed and further elevators were needed owing to the increasing Oriental trade.

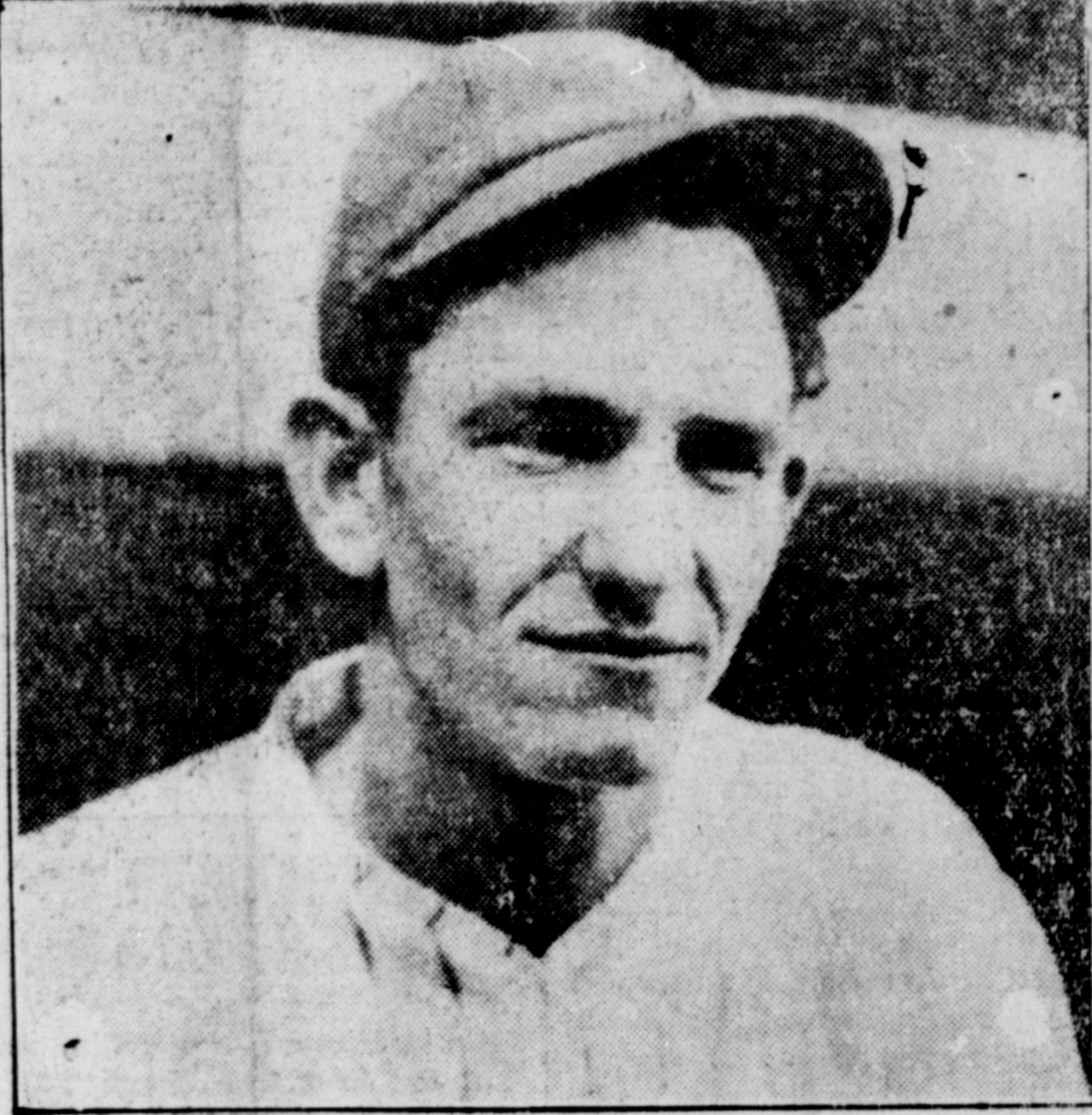
(Special to Daily News)
OTTAWA, May 26.—Vigorous defence of Prince Rupert's elevator scheme was one feature of yesterday's Commons debate. This came, among others, from Hon. J. H. King, minister of public works, who said the elevator would be a boon to farmers in the districts of Vanderhoof, Smithers, Round Lake and other parts of the interior who at present were compelled to limit their crops very largely to hay and oats which they sell locally. The Prince Rupert elevator will enable these farmers to raise some wheat and obtain cash for it, added Dr. King. "Even 800 bushels of wheat means much to a young farmer," said the minister.

Dr. King said that last year he recommended a half million bushel elevator for Prince Rupert but the engineers pointed out to Hon. Thomas Lowe, minister of Trade and Commerce, that there was little difference in cost of erecting one of double that capacity owing to the fact that the cleaning apparatus, work house and trackage has to be built in any event, hence the large elevator.

(Special to Daily News)
OTTAWA, May 26.—The Department of Trade and Commerce received seven tenders for the construction of the terminal grain elevator superstructure at Prince Rupert. The bid of Carter-Halls of Winnipeg, which is to be accepted, was \$865,000. The next lowest, that of the Northern Construction Co., was \$985,000.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, May 26.—The order in council awarding the contract for the construction of the Prince Rupert elevator to Carter-Halls Company of Winnipeg has not yet been formally approved. Pending its signature the amount of the tender is withheld but it is somewhat less than \$980,000 which was the engineers' estimate for the work. It is stated on good authority.

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Wannigan, "rookie" Yankee shortstop, who got his chance when Everett Scott ended his remarkable record of 1,396 consecutive games without a break. Scott is said to have quit the game for good.

Amundsen Expedition is not heard from yet; Conjecture of Experts

NEW YORK, May 26.—Increased anxiety is felt here regarding the fate of the Amundsen-Ellsworth polar expedition, following Spitzbergen reports that weather today had changed for the worse. Conflicting conjecture regarding the party's whereabouts and the probable course of action is being indulged in by authorities in different parts of Europe and America.

Dr. Nansen, the Norwegian Arctic traveller, is quoted as stating that Amundsen was capable of handling himself under difficulties or hindrances of any kind. Captain G. I. Ellis, a member of the Oxford expedition of last year believes that the party reached the pole and abandoned the planes and are now returning on foot.

Regarding the possibility of Amundsen making for Alaska, his friend, George Maynard, mayor of Nome, stated today: "In case of a landing being made at Point Barrow, it would probably take at least two weeks to get word from Kotzebue or Nome. From Wainwright, Amundsen's starting place, it might be possible to hear in about ten days, unless he chooses to wait along the Alaska north coast until some vessel with wireless could make its way through the ice floes on a trading trip. This is possible but it would not be accomplished much before a week or two."

Jack Miller Is Arrested in Los Angeles and Charged on Secret Indictment from Frisco

VANCOUVER, May 26.—Jack Miller, well known Vancouver and Prince Rupert man, who has been engaged in the liquor business out of this port, was arrested by U.S. deputy marshals in Los Angeles, following a secret Federal indictment from San Francisco charging conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act, according to word received here.

Two other British Columbia men, secretly indicted with Miller, are also being sought in Southern California. Despatches from Los Angeles state that Miller is the secretary of the Consolidated Exporters Corporation Ltd., and is charged with owning the Quadra. Local authorities, however, declare Miller is not a director of the Consolidated and has never had anything to do with the Quadra. He is a member of one of the subsidiary companies making up the Consolidated and has been operating independently.

Some time ago Miller was arrested in connection with a sensational Hollywood escapade in which rum-running played a

Three Airboats Going North to Cassiar Goldfields; One Passed Through Yesterday

On the way from Portland, Oregon, to Wrangell, Alaska, where it is intended to use the machine in commercial flying, a Curtis F. flying boat with its owner, Roy J. Davis of Portland aboard, called here Monday afternoon to take on fuel at the Imperial Oil Co.'s station.

The plane has been a little over a week out of Portland. It made Seattle in the first day and there had a new propeller and other parts installed. It took off from Seattle last Tuesday but that evening was forced to come down on account of engine trouble, at Salmon River, about 15 miles south of Alert Bay.

An examination being made, it was found that machine shop work was necessary so the next day, after the flyers spent the night at Sayward, Vancouver Island, the plane was towed to Alert Bay. Repairs being made at Alert Bay, the machine took off from there on Sunday afternoon and that evening made Bella Bella. It left Bella Bella 10.40 Monday morning and reached here at 1.10 the same afternoon. An uneventful flight from that point here was reported. Last night at 9 o'clock the plane took off continuing its flight north.

Besides Mr. Davis on the plane were the pilot, R. H. Merrill, and mechanic, O. Krugner. Mr. Davis saw service during the war with the French flying corps. Merrill was with the United States air force and Mr. Krugner has been doing commercial flying.

Their plane is powered with a 150 horse power Curtis motor and can carry three passengers. Mr. Davis will also use the machine to investigate the northern mining fields and will probably go into the Dease Lake gold fields with it. He has been in the north before. It was announced that the machine would spend the summer in Alaska making Wrangell its base.

This may be the third plane to go into the Dease Lake country this summer. The big Vickers-Viking flying boat under charter to Archibald Little, of Detroit, is still at the Prince Rupert dock awaiting favorable reports as to ice conditions on the Stikine valley lakes before taking off for Telegraph Creek. Col. J. Scott Williams, the pilot, announces that the machine will be put in the water today probably and will take off in a day or so. It has also been stated that the all-metal plane belonging to the Railway Employees Industrial & Investment Association which is now being prepared for service at Hazelton may go north to the Dease Lake country.

PEKING, May 26.—There is a report here that 300 persons were killed or injured in a great explosion at Mukden arsenal. Buildings a thousand yards distant were demolished.

KILLED IN EXPLOSION

MAJOR MOTHERWELL VISITS NAAS RIVER

Chief Inspector of Fisheries Made Trip North on Malaspina Returning to Vancouver Last Night

Major J. A. Motherwell, chief inspector of fisheries, arrived from Vancouver on the Cardena Sunday evening and boarded the fisheries protection steamer Malaspina on which he left for the Naas River on a trip of inspection. Returning south, he was here again last night on the Malaspina and continued through to Vancouver on that vessel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Millichamp, who arrived here recently from Vancouver, have taken up residence in the Besner Apartments. They expect to spend the greater part of the summer here. Mr. Millichamp being representative of the Peck gents' furnishing house.

JAIL MATRON IS STRANGLER

Three Girl Prisoners Disappear Following Death of Mrs. Mick

TORONTO, May 26.—Mrs. Mick, 55 years of age, matron at the municipal jail farm near here, was murdered last night by strangulation and her keys taken. The body was found at 6.30 a.m.

Three young women prisoners, Isabel Prouse, 24; Bessie Carrol 18½ and Jennie McMinn, 16½ years of age, all of Toronto, who were serving terms for minor offenses are missing.

Jessie McMinn was arrested last night and appeared in court this morning charged with murder. She was remanded for one week. The other girls are still at large.

The girls escaped after choking Mrs. Mick, whom they tied to the water pipes. Gladys Palmer, another prisoner, was to have joined in the escape but apparently lost her nerve. She told the police she heard the other girls attack the matron but she had been frightened into silence and gave no alarm. She heard the victim moaning after the girls left but she had been dead some time when the day staff found her.

Three men, Leonard Swales, Wm. H. Norton and James Norton are charged with aiding and abetting the escape.

OTTAWA, June 26. (later)—The other two girls were arrested at Oshawa at noon.

SILK BUSINESS WAY OF RUPERT

Vancouver Paper Says Canadian National System Here to be Utilized

VANCOUVER, May 26.—Reports come from Seattle that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is considering the using the Canadian National Railway system to get its silk cargoes into New York in a hurry but the discharge is to be made at Prince Rupert, says the Sun.

ONTARIO MEMBER PARLIAMENT DIES

OTTAWA, May 26.—J. D. F. Drummond, Progressive member of the House of Commons, died suddenly. This makes three vacancies in the House.

Mr. Drummond was member for Middlesex West and was 64 years of age. The snag boat Bobolink arrived in port from the Naas River last evening and is tied up at the immigration wharf.