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ALASKA TOWNS SHOCKED BY EARTHQUAKE

CAPTAIN ZANNI LEAVES TOKIO FOR RUPERT AND SAN FRANCISCO MAY 1

Earthquake Shocks in Alaska Severe Causing Damage to U.S. Cable

Patients are Thrown from Beds in Hospital at Anchorage; People fled from Homes at Seward

ANCHORAGE, Feb. 24.—One of the most severe earthquake shocks ever felt here rocked the buildings of anchorage for 19½ seconds shortly before two o'clock. There were two distinct tremors. The dishes in many homes were broken and the patients in Anchorage hospital were shaken out of their beds. At Curry near here all clocks stopped.

SEWARD, Feb. 24.—The United States signal corps cable at Valdez, 200 miles northwest of here was broken by the earthquake shocks yesterday. At Morraine, 62 miles north, the tremors forced the water out of the water tanks on the railway line. Heavy shocks were felt at many points on the Alaska railroad.

When first the shock was felt here, people fled from their homes and places of business to the streets for safety. Pioneers said the tremors were the heaviest felt in this section for many years.

VANCOUVERITES TO VISIT HERE

Board of Trade Plans Tour of Central B.C. In July

WILL STOP AT RUPERT FIRST

Itinerary Includes Calls at Terrace, Smithers, Vanderhoof, Prince George

The Vancouver Board of Trade is planning a visit to Prince Rupert and interior points toward the end of July or early in August. Invitations will be extended also to other lower mainland and the Vancouver Island boards to join them and make the visit a memorable one. The trip will take twelve days and will include visits to Prince Rupert, Terrace, Smithers, Vanderhoof, Prince George, Quesnel, and possibly Ashcroft, although the return may be made by way of the C.N.E.

A few years ago a similar trip was taken and the members of the Vancouver Board who were there enjoyed the visit very much and expressed determination to come again at the first possible opportunity.

Doubtless they would be suitably entertained here and at other centres along the line and a visit would tend to the cultivation of closer relations between the great commercial centre of the province and the outlying portions.

LIQUOR STORE SAFE LOOTED

Cash and Checks to Extent of $7,000 Taken Over Week End

BATTERED UP DIAL

VANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—Cash and checks to the extent of $7,000 of Saturday's receipts were taken from the safe at the Hunter Street government liquor store over the week end. Evidently it was an "inside job" as, after the thieves had looted the safe they turned off the combination and then battered off the dial, probably intending to give the theft the appearance of a "professional job."

HOCKEY SCORES

Vancouver 2, Victoria 3.
Calgary 5, Edmonton 1.
Saskatoon 7, Regina 2.

EARTHQUAKE SHOOK ALASKAN TOWN AND WRECKED CHIMNEYS

SEWARD, Feb. 24.—Earthquake tremors lasting half a minute wrecked the chimneys and waterpipes of residents and sent them scurrying to safety in the streets at 2.08 yesterday afternoon.

POLICE CONCEDE HAYSPORT LOST

Local Provincial Force Firmly of Opinion that Craft Went to Bottom of Milbank Sound

There is no doubt in the minds of the local provincial police that the auxiliary schooner Haysport No. 2, with her crew of four men went to the bottom on or about the night of January 25, in Milbank Sound. This opinion is based on the report that about 30 cases and three drums of gasoline addressed to J. Watson of Carcross was picked up in the sound a few days after the date in question. It is felt that, the ship being so heavily laden and everything else including life boats being lashed down, that there will never be anything further seen of the supposedly ill-fated craft or her crew or cargo.

WORST FLOODS IN MANY YEARS NEAR TORONTO ON DON

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—The worst flood recorded in the river Don did damage estimated at $100,000 when the ice broke last night. Factories and warehouses along the banks were the heaviest losers. Hundreds of tons of flour and thousands of mirrors were a total loss.

Knitted sports goods just arrived. Mrs. Grahiman's. tf

PROGRESSIVES NOT IN FAVOR ELECTION NOW

Mackenzie King More Firmly In Power Than Ever as Term Nears End

(Special to Daily News)

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—If there is no election this year it is because the Progresives do not want it. They are in no hurry to again meet the electors as they cannot hope to be returned to Ottawa with a majority of adherents in the House and after the election some of them may not even reach the House, a fact which they appreciate. The Liberals do not want an election as long as they get Progressive support, and the Conservatives, although they fuss about it quite a lot, are as reluctant to face the electorate as anyone. In private they will admit that the present outlook is not encouraging.

From this time on the Mackenzie King government is likely to be manufacturing election ammunition. The fight with the shipping combine is one example of this. It is particularly a sop to the prairie farmers but will prove popular everywhere in the East. It is understood that the West will also be placated by being included in the subsidy plan.

The Conservative policy just now is to show how bad things are in the country and to urge that they would be improved by a policy of high protective duties. The Liberal and Progressive policies are to lower transportation and give an impetus to immigration by opening up the Peace River country.

The Liberal party has been strengthened by the fact that they have been held together for several years by a leader who has their confidence and who has at any rate the respect of the opposition.

NORTHERN ROAD TO BE BUILT

Hon. W. H. Sutherland Announced Three Million Dollar Project

VANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—Hon. W. H. Sutherland yesterday announced that the Government's three million dollar road building program includes the completion of the Quesnel-Fort George link and probably from thence to Hazelton.

He said that private interests were erecting a summer resort hotel at Fort St. John.

CANNONBALL BAKER WAY TO VANCOUVER

Will There be Tried on Charge of Murdering Captain Gillis and Son

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—On the way to Vancouver from New York to face a murder charge in connection with the killing of William Gillis and his son William during a hi-jacking expedition last September, William "Cannonball" Baker was lodged in the Winnipeg police station last night. He is in charge of two British Columbia officers.

The trip to the coast is to be continued tonight.

Claude V. Symes is Committed for Trial for Causing Death of Little Norma Munro recently

After both counsel for the defence and crown had expressed the opinion in their summing up that the evidence submitted would not warrant a verdict of manslaughter being returned against the accused, Magistrate Thomas McGlymont in the city police court this morning committed Claude V. Symes to trial by jury on a charge of unlawful killing in connection with the death of three-year-old Norma Munro whom he ran down with his automobile on Fifth Avenue East on the afternoon of February 12. The preliminary trial evidence having been taken last Saturday, remand had been made until this morning when argument of counsel took place and the magistrate delivered his decision. City Solicitor E. F. Jones had the case for the crown while Symes was represented by W. O. Fulton.

Fulton's Argument

Mr. Fulton submitted that there was no evidence of negligence which was necessary to establish the case of the crown. From the evidence presented, the car had been travelling at a reasonable rate of speed. There had at first appeared ample space for accused to pass with his car. When the child had run in front of the car, he had made a sudden swerve and had gone on to the sidewalk. Rather than of negligence there was evidence of care. Accused had sounded his horn on coming over the brow of the hill when he saw the children in the road and the brakes had been applied. The circumstances made the accident an inevitable one. After all, if the car had not slowed up the child might not have been struck for it would have passed her before she had had time to run in front. It was perhaps the saddest accident of its kind that had ever occurred in Prince Rupert. Everybody agreed that cars generally were driven too fast in the city and perhaps there should be special local regulations to govern traffic on account of the peculiarities of the streets. It was a wonder that such an accident as this had not occurred before but none of these circumstances constituted reason why accused should be made a public scapegoat on an occasion when he was not to blame. There was nothing to be gained in committing accused

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Stewart's Year of Development Says Portland Canal News Editor Telling of Prospects in His Camp

This will be Stewart's year of big development, according to W. R. Hull, news editor of the Portland Canal News, who arrived from the north this morning on his way to Vancouver for a holiday. He says they are not expecting a boom but just healthy growth and development. Wherever development has been done the results have proved satisfactory and this is now bearing fruit. Last year preparatory work was done, surveying and laying out of properties with a view to the big work this year. As soon as spring opens the work will commence and in every case something worth while has already been found. Enough money is in sight to warrant owners in going ahead with the work.

The news feature of the camp just now is the opening of an entirely new ore body on the B.C. Silver, a property which adjoins the Premier on the north. It is 45 feet wide and averages from $28 to $40 a ton, which is the average of Premier ore which they are today shipping to Tacoma.

Silverado Strike

The Silverado drove through Number 1 vein at 364 feet from the portal and found it barren but a drift northerly broke into high grade silver ore similar to ore shipped by the Vancouver interests when they had it under bond and which went $2,000 ounces of silver to the ton. They are now driving to reach Number 3 vein. This property is owned chiefly by the Stewarts.

At the Terminus mine high grade ore was struck on the footwall at 287 feet from the portal of the tunnel and it proved to be 102 feet in vertical depth. The owners of this mine refuse to give out the assays, claiming that they were too high to print. The vein is twelve feet wide. One of the best engineers in the country is in charge of the development of this mine, B. W. W. McDougall, who came here from Cobalt.

Development on the Independence is going ahead steadily. The owners are not talking for publication but it is learned unofficially that the vein was crosscut in the tunnel 400 feet from the portal and proved to be 38 feet in width. It is not all high grade but can be sorted and most of it is good feed for a concentrator. This vein is only one of the possible developments. There are three others equally promising.

Watching Victoria

Stewart people are watching development on the Victoria with special interest. Harry Thomey, formerly of the Dunwell during its important development period, has been engaged in a similar capacity by the Victoria Mines Ltd., which adjoins the

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KING GEORGE MUCH BETTER

No Further Bulletins to be Issued if Present Progress Maintained

LONDON, Feb. 24. — King George passed a good night and if the present progress is maintained no further bulletins will be issued.

The Prince of Wales will take his father's place at two receptions at Buckingham Palace, affording his first opportunity of presiding over such important ceremonies of state.

Captain Zanni to Visit Prince Rupert and then South to San Francisco

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—The most spectacular of the three world flights that were started last year was the one yet to be completed under Captain Zanni, the Argentine aviator, who expects to get away from Tokio on May 1. He will fly across the Pacific to Prince Rupert by way of the Aleutian Islands and Western Alaska, thence going south to Vancouver and San Francisco. Crossing the continent from there he will visit New York and passing up the East coast make his final leap from Newfoundland to Cork.

This is the latest route outline given in a statement issued by Patricio D. Murphy, attache of the Argentine legation at Tokio, who arrived here last night to make final arrangements for the flight along this coast.

BROWN MOVES WAGE INCREASE

Implementing an election pledge made by himself, Ald. W. M. Brown gave notice at last night's meeting of the city council that he would move for an increase in the minimum common labor wage scale of the city from 50c to 57½c per hour. The matter will come up for discussion at next week's council meeting. Considerable opposition is expected although the four Labor members of the council will probably favor the increase. It is probable that the mayor's casting vote will finally decide the issue.

TWO AVIATORS WERE KILLED

Lost Lives When Plane Crashed Following Collision In Midair

CAMP BORDEN, Feb. 24. Flight Lieut. J. H. White, a Winnipeg flight officer and R. H. Cross of Toronto were killed when their machine collided in midair with another plane piloted by flying officer A. L. Morfee. White's plane crashed while Morfee was able to guide his to the earth and escaped unhurt.

White was considered one of the premier aces of the Great War, making a record in bringing down the greatest number of enemy machines in the shortest time. Going to France just before the armistice he is credited with bringing down 31 planes. He was one of a patrol which got the German ace Richthofen.

GERMAN PRESIDENT UNDERGOES OPERATION

BERLIN, Feb. 24. — President Ebert underwent an operation for appendicitis today and his condition is satisfactory.

The following passengers are booked to sail this afternoon on the Cardena for Vancouver: Mrs. N. Conzette, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ford, Babe Fortin, W. Mitchell and Capt. P. McManus.

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CLASH BETWEEN CATHOLICS IN MEXICO CITY

Women of Orthodox Body Attack Priest of Separatist Organization

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24. — One person was killed and seven injured in a clash yesterday between followers of the recently proclaimed Mexican Catholic Church and the orthodox Catholics, when women parishioners attacked the so-called separatist priest, who attempted to celebrate mass in the Soledad Church.

The separatists have declared their church supported by the Mexican labor organizations.

AUSTRALIA TO SELL VESSELS

Has Been Operated at Loss With No Prospect of Betterment

MELBOURNE, Feb. 24. —Premier Bruce issued a statement showing the Commonwealth line of steamers has been operating at a heavy loss. In its report to the Government the board of directors expressed the opinion that the line cannot run without further loss while shipping under Australian register. The government therefore is immediately inviting tenders for the purchase of the line on condition it be retained in the Australian trade with an efficient service and no increase of rates and with the added proviso that no arrangements be made with any shipping combine.

LIEUT. ERIC NELSON HAS BEEN KNIGHTED BY KING OF SWEDEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. — King Gustav V. of Sweden has conferred the rank of Knight of the Order of the Sword upon Lieut. Eric Nelson, pilot of the plane New Orleans in the successful United States round the world flight. Nelson is a naturalized American but a native of Sweden.

SWEDISH STATESMAN BRANTING DIED TODAY

STOCKHOLME, Feb. 24. — Hjalmar Branting, 64 years of age, thrice Premier of Sweden and one of the most active statesmen in League of Nations affairs, died today.