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WITNESSES ARE CALLED FOR MURDER CASE

AIRPLANE IS TO LEAVE HERE SOON FOR THE DEASE LAKE MINING DISTRICT

Terrace Forest Fire Destroys Telegraphs

Started Yesterday Afternoon Three Miles East of Town and is Burning Both Sides of Track

A forest fire of some proportions, the first of the season, interfered with telegraphic communication last night and this morning. The blaze, which started yesterday afternoon, is some three miles east of Terrace. It started by the railway track and this morning was reported to be burning on both sides of the track to a width of 400 feet one mile long. No damage is being done to standing timber, the conflagration being in old slashings.

The railway company has had a crew out fighting the blaze since seven o'clock last night.

IS VIOLATING ARMS PARLEY UNDERTAKINGS

G.W.V.A. Gets Novel View on United States Dry Enforcement Fleet

VICTORIA, May 6.—Under the guise of prohibition enforcement, the United States is building up a great mosquito fleet of armed speed boats which could immediately be put into service in case of war and is thereby violating agreements of the Washington disarmament conference, according to an assertion made before a Great War Veterans' meeting here last night by Capt. P. Shadford and W. G. Stone.

R. E. BEATTIE DIES SUDDENLY

Vancouver Harbor Commissioner Died at Spokane While on Way from Cranbrook to Coast

VANCOUVER, May 6.—Robert E. Beattie, aged 50, harbor commissioner, died on Tuesday in Spokane while enroute from Cranbrook. His death was due to heart trouble and burial will take place in Cranbrook.

In the last Dominion election, Mr. Beattie was elected Liberal member for East Kootenay. He resigned his seat in favor of Dr. J. H. King, minister of public works, and was subsequently appointed to the Vancouver harbor commission.

ADD TO POPULATION

HAVANA, May 6—The population of Cuba increased 225,713 during 1924, a statement issued by F. V. Preval, chief of the national census office, says. The 1924 figures give a total of 3,368,925 against 3,143,219 for 1923.

CUSTOMS DUTIES COLLECTED HERE ARE ON INCREASE

Customs collections for the Port of Prince Rupert during the month of April totalled $40,471.98 considerably exceeding the total for April last year and nearly doubling the total for March of this year which was $21,379.-93.

URGES THAT PRAIRIE PROVINCES UNITE TO SAVE MUCH EXPENSE

EDMONTON, May 6.—Sir John Aird, president and general manager of the Bank of Commerce, urged the union of the three provinces, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, in order to save the cost of three separate administrations.

FIREMEN KILLED AS BUILDING GIVES WAY

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 6.—Six firemen were killed and it is believed that three more bodies are in the runins as a result of the collapse of the upper floor of a building which was on fire here this morning. The firemen were fighting the fire from the street when the upper floor and front wall collapsed burying them in the debris.

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	Bid.	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.41	1.45
Granby	13.00	
Howe Sound	15.50	17.00
Indian	.09½	.10½
Surf Inlet	.5½	06¾
Premier	2.36	2.38
L. & L.	.22½	.24
Bayview	.10	.12
Glacier	.24½	.27
Daly-Alaska	.15½	.18½

Mining Man at Vancouver on Way to Prince Rupert to Fly to Dease Lake Gold District

VANCOUVER, May 6.—Archibald Little, a detroit mining engineer, is leaving here in a few days for Prince Rupert after completing arrangements here to fly from Prince Rupert into the Dease Lake and Peace River districts.

In an interview here Mr. Little said: "If we find anything, and we certainly expect to do so, there's plenty of eastern money behind us to back up a big program of development in this province."

The Bradley family, 35 strong, recently came from Retford, Nottingham, England, on the Canadian Pacific steamer Montclare to settle on neighboring farms in Saskatchewan. Included are the father and mother, four sons and a son-in-law, with their respective wives and 23 children.

Liquor Runners Being Sued by United States Government for Income Tax and Other Payments

VICTORIA, May 6.—Following the seizure of the Victoria rum-runner Quadra, with a $500,000 liquor cargo, and the subsequent sentencing of members of her crew to prison and heavy fines; the seizure of the Coal Harbor with a $500,000 cargo; the seizure of the Peschewa, also with a valuable liquor cargo, and the total loss by fire and explosion of the liquor carrier Speedway, comes the advice from San Francisco that a suit against the Consolidated Exports Corporation, Ltd., and the Canadian-Mexican Corpn., Ltd. of Victoria and Vancouver, to collect approximately $91,000 in income taxes, penalties and interest for 1924, has been filed in United States Federal Court.

The advice from San Francisco says:

Suit against the Consolidated Exporters Corporation, Ltd., and the Canadian-Mexican Corporation, Ltd., of Vancouver, B.C., to collect approximately $91,000 in income taxes, penalties and interests for 1924, was filed in the Federal court here today. It is alleged the companies did approximately $1,000,000 worth of business in the United States last year, on which no income taxes were paid."

Lien on Vessels

The suit is in the form of a lien against property owned by the companies in California, said to comprise two merchant ships, the Quadra and Coal Harbor, both of which were seized some time ago for rum running.

It was reported several days ago that no indictment had been announced against the Coal Harbor or its crew. It is thought by local shipping men that the Coal Harbor is being held on a charge of unpaid income tax, as the vessel was twenty-two miles off shore when seized and outside the danger zone for rum-runners.

That liquor exporting from this Province has been dogged by a consistent jinx is indicated in the number of seizures made by the United States coastguard, and the series of depressing incidents that has been trailing this business. In addition to the already mentioned incidents that have occurred to liquor carriers operating out of this port and Vancouver, the Prince Albert has been ordered to be sold at auction to pay part of the damage claim made by the Pacific Commercial Cable Company against that liquor carrier.

Liquor Fleet Depleted

There remains in this business only the Malahat, Idria de Agua and Stadacona. The Stadacona is thought to be en route to Victoria after her trip south with a cargo of liquor. It was learned here yesterday that during the past week 2,100 cases of consignment liquor came across Canada to New Westminster; was transferred there to the Princess Mary and brought to Victoria, where, it is understood, it will be used to fill out the cargo for the Stadacona's next trip.

Easy Enough to Cheat Eternity by Living 150 Years Says Sir Donald Ross, English Scientist

LONDON, May 6.—That the span of life can be extended to 150 years at the cost of a sixpence a head, is the argument of Sir Ronald Ross, the English scientist whose researches have lead to cures for malaria and sleeping sickness. Sir Ronald claims that a sixpence from the pocket of every Englishman spent in scientific research, would result in new medical knowledge that would keep germs and old age away for at least 150 years.

The scientist thinks that the allotted span of three score years and ten should find a man in the prime of life, instead of edging his pedal extremity toward the grave. We live curtailed lives, he says, because we are the prey of countless germs. Conquer the germs and man can easily reach the age of 150 and maybe longer.

Change Already

"Eighty years ago," said Sir Ronald in a lecture, "the average life of a London man was about 34 years 7 months and of a woman 38 years 4 months. Today it is 53 years 9 months and 59 years. Thus medical science in 80 years has given us 20 years more of life."

This start on cheating eternity has just begun, the speaker continued. Nowadays the equivalent of one penny a head is being spent in Britain for research, and he asserted that the spending of a sixpence a head would make the monkey gland useless.

A scientist of the Pasteur Institute in Paris as predicted that in 100 years from now the average man will live to be 150 years old. Mechnikoff, the Russian scientist, has made the same prophecy. These visions of a future race of Methuselahs are to materialize through the agency of the research laboratory, in Sir Ronald's opinion.

Trace All Diseases

The laboratory worker in the next generation, if allowed full scope, will trace all destructive diseases to their source and exterminate them, instead of combating them after they have appeared, Sir Ronald said. Already research laboratories are at work on important medical problems. The Pasteur Institute is seeking to destroy cancer and tuberculosis and the Ross Institute in London is working for the eradication of leprosy.

Advanced English scientists hope to see research laboratories in every large city in the world, financed by the state or municipality. In them the search will be carried on for unseen enemies of the human family until the last germ has disappeared. If the medical world could spend $10,000,000 annually instead of $900,000 as now, Sir Ronald avers, our children's grandchildren would all be centenarians, and at that be only pikers to their posterity.

The passenger train, due from the East at 3.30 this afternoon, is thirty minutes late.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Baker Summoned to Appear as Witnesses Murder Case

VANCOUVER, May 6.—Subpoenas calling as witnesses to appear at the preliminary hearing of the charge of murder against Wong Foon Sing in connection with the death of Janet Smith on Friday, were served yesterday on Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Baker, in whose home the nursemaid met her death.

The inquiry, it is said, will be of the most thorough nature and is likely to occupy two days. It is expected that opportunity will be afforded many people professing to have hitherto undivulged knowledge of pertinent facts to come forward and tell all they know.

VICTORIA, May 6.—Asserting that he had "complete confidence in British justice in this province and that Wong had been fairly treated and given the protection of the law to which he was entitled," Ho Tsang, Chinese consul, today refuted an interview attributed to him in which he criticized the Attorney General's department. Attorney General Manson today said there was nothing further to be given out regarding the Janet Smith case and all other sources of information refused to make any statement.

Albert Farrow, steamboat inspector, arrived from Vancouver on the Prince George this morning, his mission here being to manke an inspection of the C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Winner which is at present in the local dock for overhaul.

NEW ENGINEER TO REPLACE W. H. TOBEY CHARGE OF DIVISION

F. W. Leeper of Port Arthur, an experienced engineer has been appointed to take the place of W. H. Tobey as divisional engineer following Mr. Tobey's promotion to the position of superintendent.

Mr. Leeper's appointment has been effective a short time and he is expected to arrive here any time.

W. G. Arnett returned on the Prince George this morning from a brief trip to Ocean Falls.

PRESENTATION TO DR. KERGIN

Number of Friends of Local Man Gave Him a Surprise Last Night

LEAVING ON TOUR.

Last night fifteen men, friends of Dr. W. T. Kergin, gave him a surprise. They dropped in at his flat and presented him with a gold watch chain as a mark of appreciation of his friendship and of courtesies received from him in various walks of life.

George Bryant made the presentation on behalf of the assembled group.

After the presentation the party spent a pleasant evening at the Kergin home, refreshments were served and they left about midnight.

Dr. Kergin leaves this week for a tour of the old country. He spends a day with Dr. Wrinch at Hazelton hospital, then two days with the boys, Will and Fred, at the University of Toronto and a day or two at other Canadian Centres.

Joining the Interstate Medical Association along with several other leading Canadian physicians and surgeons, Dr. Kergin plans to go with them to Great Britain where the party of 350 doctors will visit the important hospitals at the big centres in England, Scotland and Ireland. A visit will also be made to Paris.

On his return to England the doctor will be joined by his two sons and they will spend a couple of weeks in England. The boys will remain and tour the country for a couple of months while the doctor returns to Prince Rupert.

OPINION OF DR. PUTMAN

Educational Survey Head Says Finances are at root of Troubles in this Province

OTTAWA, May 6.—Dr. J. H. Putman, who with Dr. Weir of Vancouver, investigated the school system for the B.C. government, declared last night that finances were at the root of British Columbia's problems as regards education. Taxation, he said, was rendered somewhat complicated owing to varied conditions. Dr. Putman said that the diversified training of teachers had a distinct advantage for B.C. and he praised the school attendance of the province.

PITTSBURG HAS BAD EXPLOSION

At Least Eight Killed and Many Were Injured This Morning

PITTSBURG, May 6.—At least eight were killed and several were injured in an explosion which wrecked half a dozen buildings in Swissvale, a suburb, this morning. The blast shook the entire district and it is feared that the search of the ruins will disclose other bodies. A daring rescue of four persons from a second storey window was made by an automobile driven past the burning building.