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RUPERT IS THE ROUTE FROM PEACE RIVER

WOMEN TO HAVE SAME RIGHTS AS MEN IN CANADIAN DIVORCE COURTS

Prince Rupert to Peace River by Way of Hazelton and Finlay Forks Advocated in Vancouver

The advantages to be gained from building a railway to connect with the Canadian National east of Prince George would be as nothing compared with the building to Prince Rupert by way of Hazelton, according to Captain I. E. Haight, writing in the Vancouver Star. In his lengthy article the captain urged building through Peace River Pass as being the most feasible and serving the best part of the country.

Summarizing at the close of the article, the writer says: "We would then have a line running almost due east from Prince Rupert through Finlay Forks and thence through the mountains into the very heart of the Peace River interior."

To Prince George

Capt. Haight also urges building a branch south to Prince George in order to connect with the P.G.E. In speaking of this he says: "A south line connecting with Prince George and thence south to Vancouver over a rehabilitated P.G.E. and Prince George would become a thriving city, the most active distributor for northern traffic in Western Canada.

"Prince Rupert, a strictly Canadian National base, would also become no small competitor of Vancouver as an exporter of grain, timber, coal and all other products and minerals.

"Summed up it would amount to this, that in less than twenty years such a system would be the backbone of British Columbia's interior trade as well as the main artery into the Alaskan peninsula."

In commenting on this article in a signed editorial in black face type on the front page of the Star, General Odlum, M.P.P., says:

Odlum's Comment

The most illuminating analysis of the transportation problem of the Peace River country I have ever had the privilege of reading, is presented herewith. It is written by an experienced men, Captain I. E. Haight. For some months I have had little to say about the Peace River—but those months have been spent in study and investigation.

Last fall, in the columns of The Star, I said that any railway line built into the Grande Prairie district from a point on the Canadian National east of the Rockies, would not solve the problem of the Peace River. I said this because I knew that the vast bulk of the Peace River lands still open for settlement lay north of the Peace River itself, and that this rich heritage, for physical reasons, could not be tapped by later extensions from Grande Prairie. The Peace River forms an impassable barrier.

I regarded, and still regard the suggested Peule cut-off as a purely local line, capable of serving only a small territory—and a very expensive line for the end in view. I could not consider it as even a step towards the final settlement of the Peace River transportation problem.

Will Broadcast It

Mr. Haight's views, of which I then knew nothing, are extremely interesting. I urge all those who are serious students of British Columbia's economic needs to read it carefully. The Star proposes to reproduce it, with maps, and broadcast it over the country.

For my own part, I am still studying. Before the next session of the Legislature comes round I intend to visit as much of the Peace River territory and the routes leading thereto as it is possible to cover. In the meantime, the position I take, and the position taken by The Star, is, first, that access to the great unsettled lands of the Peace must be given as quickly as possible, and second, that the route chosen must not be selected to serve the interests of a few promoters or of a limited district, but must be one that will fit in with the permanent, basic, trunk line transportation needs of the province as a whole. A clear, steady, distant vision, based on practical, sane, engineering knowledge, is what is needed today. It is to this that Premier Oliver has committed himself. It is this for which The Star is seeking.—Victor W. Odlum.

NATIONAL PARK NOW IN ALASKA

Area was Created by Proclamation Issued Today at Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The "Glacier Bay National Monument" area containing 1820 square miles on the South East coast of Alaska is created in a presidential proclamation issued today.

Since the first records of its navigation written by Captain Vancouver in 1794 the area has been the centre of interest to scientists. It includes Mounts Fairweather, Lituya and Lapérouse.

Last year 2,500,000 acres was withdrawn from the public domain pending a decision in regard to the boundaries of the monument. Now the lands not included therein will be thrown open for development.

REBEL TURKS WANT CALIPH

Present Government of Turkey is Opposed to Religion

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 27.—The Turkish government is undertaking military operations against Kurdish insurgents led by Sheik Said.

A circular issued in Kurdistan by the rebels reads: "Your Caliph calls you. No Mohammedanism is possible without the Caliphate. The present government is opposed to religion."

ROSSLAND WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

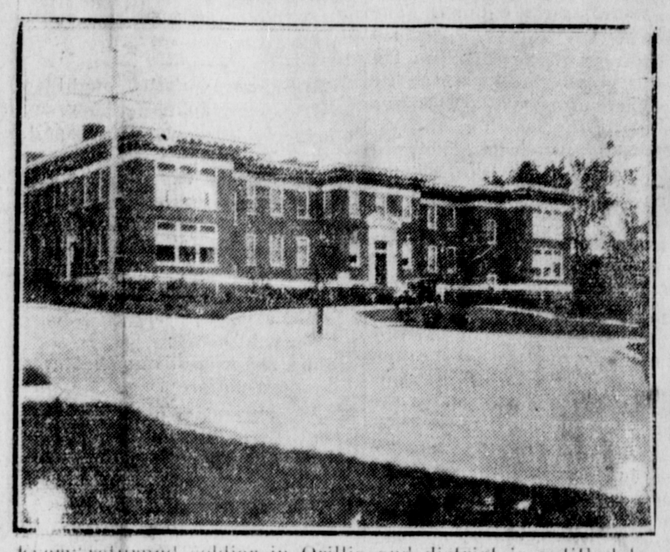
Will Meet Alberta Hockey Champions in Allan Cup Series

ROSSLAND, B.C., Feb. 27.—Rossland last night won the senior amateur hockey championship of B.C., again defeating the Monarchs of Vancouver by a score of 4 to 2 and thus winning the round by 7 to 2.

Rossland will now meet the Alberta champions in the Allan Cup elimination series.

CRUSHED BY WALL BLOWN DOWN BY WIND

SARREBOURG, France, Feb. 27.—Seven people were killed and seven injured when crushed by the wall of a workshop which was blown down by the high wind of yesterday.



Every returned soldier in Orillia and district is entitled to free treatment for the rest of his life in this magnificent new memorial hospital. The fund for its construction was donated by the community.

Halibut Market Still Demoralized; Quantities of Fish Arriving Keep Prices Low and Some Go South

The demoralized condition of the halibut market continues today and it seems likely to be in a bad condition for a few days yet. Prices are all shot to pieces and buyers are reluctant to bid as they do not know whether they will be able to dispose of the fish after they have it.

Yesterday 236,000 pounds went south, made up as follows: Alton, 70,000 pounds; Akutan, 42,000; Pioneer, 50,000; Rainier, 50,000; Chancellor, 13,000; Thelma II., 14,000. They were followed this morning by the Scandia with 115,000, and the Mariner with 30,000 refusing to accept 7c and 3c, cleared for Vancouver.

Two vessels, the Lituya with 30,000 and the Senator with 31,000 had no offers and have not yet sold. The Resolute with 68,000 and the Republic with 85,000 were offered 7c and 3c for Ketchikan delivery by the Atlin Fisheries and it is understood accepted it this afternoon. Boats are already arriving for tomorrow's sales and it looks as if the supply would be as large as today. Today's sales were:

Hazel II., 14,000; Democrat, 24,000; Pelican, 13,000; Wilson, 23,000; to Cold Storage at 7c and 3c.

Sentinel, 22,000; J. P. Todd, 14,000, to Booth Fisheries, at 7.10c and 3c.

Inger, 5,500, to Booth Fisheries at 7.30c and 3c.

Forward, 12,000; Ithona, 14,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 7.20c and 3c.

Valorous, 7,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 7.60c and 3c.

Reliance I., 15,000, to Pacific Fisheries at 7c and 3c.

Eidsvold, 7,000, to Pacific Fisheries at 7.20c and 3c.

Canadian

W.T., 7,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 8.20c and 4c.

Livingstone, 7,500, to Royal Fish Co. at 8c and 4c.

Rose Spit, 11,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 8.10c and 4c.

D.S.T., 4,500; Johanna, 10,000, to Atlin Fisheries at 8c and 4c.

J. Maloney was fined $25 in the city police court this morning for intoxication.

AIR ESTIMATES ARE HUGE AMOUNT

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The House of Commons passed air estimates presented by Sir Samuel Hoare, air secretary, involving the expenditure of £21,000,000, designed very largely to improve the defences of the country.

ENDAKO MERCHANT IS FACING CHARGE

Alleged That Patrick McGettigan Obtained Credit From F. G. Dawson Knowing False Returns Had Been Made

On complaint laid by F. G. Dawson Co. Ltd., Patrick McGettigan, general storekeeper of Endako, was charged in the city police court this morning with procuring credit to the value of $1,591.31 contrary to the Bankruptcy Act knowing that a false statement had been made in writing respecting his financial condition. The charge was read by Magistrate McClymont and remand was taken until March 3. Accused was given his freedom on bonds of $3,000 in two sureties of $1,500 each.

McGettigan was brought from the interior on this morning's train by Provincial Constable Thiis of Smithers. Milton Gonzales appeared as counsel for the prosecuting company, while W. O. Fulton represented McGettigan.

MAJOR GODFREY IS MARRIED IN EAST

Former Commander of Jericho Beach Air Station Weds Miss Dora Bulloch

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—Major Albert Earle Godfrey, formerly in command of the Jericho station at Vancouver of the Canadian Air Force, was married here last Saturday to Miss Dora Willa Marguerite Bulloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bulloch of Gananoque, Ont. The wedding took place in the Mount Royal Hotel.

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WOULD HAVE YANK BOATS

Nova Scotia Finds Mistake in Excluding American Fishing Vessels

(Special to Daily News)

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—Nova Scotia wants American fishing vessels to call at her ports. Last year they were excluded when what is known as the modus vivendi ended. Since that time the boats have been missed and a caucus of Liberal members from that province adopted a resolution favoring the re-establishment of the modus vivendi.

It is understood the government is likely to act on the request and allow vessels to call for ice, bait or supplies.

DOUBLES EXPENDITURE CARE OF PLAYGROUNDS

VICTORIA, Feb. 27.—Victoria is to double its allotment for supervision of playgrounds. Last year the city spent $200 but this year it is proposed to spend $400 covering four parks, Beacon Hill, Central Park, Victoria West and Foul Bay.

W. E. Williams sailed this morning on the steamer Prince Rupert for Vancouver on a business trip.

Many Lives Lost in Gales on Iceland Fishing Grounds Three Vessels Reported Gone

HULL England, Feb. 27.—Eighty-four persons are believed to have been lost as a result of fierce gales which have been sweeping the Iceland fishing grounds during the past four days.

The trawler "Scapa Flow" and the steamer "Field Marshal Roberts" are known to have sunk and the "Leiferhepar" is reported lost with forty hands.

Divorce Rights of Men and Women to be made Equal says Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—The first vote of the session was recorded last night when a bill sponsored by J. T. Shaw, independent member for West Calgary, to establish equality between husbands and wives insofar as grounds for divorce are concerned, received its second reading by a majority of forty. The vote stood 109 to 69.

The Premier and leaders of the opposition and Progressive Party united in support of the bill, which had the approval of the great majority of the members of the Conservative and Progressive parties. Opposition came chiefly from Liberals.

Although the measure was designed solely for the purpose of placing man and woman on an equality so far as divorce was concerned the field of discussion broadened until the whole question of divorce was gone over.

Shaw, in moving the second reading, explained that in the four western provinces women were handicapped in seeking divorce by the fact that they must prove not only adultery but also desertion and cruelty, while in the case of a divorce petition by a man only adultery is required to be proved to secure a divorce from the woman.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE WEEK END FEATURE

The Daily News will publish a cross word puzzle each week end and the solution will appear in Monday's issue. The first of these will be published tomorrow.

THIEPVAL MAY SET OUT ZANNI'S ROUTE

Staunch Little Canadian Vessel May Have Another Voyage Like That of Last Spring

H. M. C. S. Thiepval, which made a hazardous voyage last spring to the Aleutian peninsula and the Kurile Islands to set out supplies for the British round-the-world flight attempt, may make another such journey this spring on behalf of Major Pedro Zanni, the Argentinean world flyer. Patricio Murphy, Zanni's advance agent, will make the trip as Col. Broome did last year and Prince Rupert will be one of the first stops. Murphy is at present in the south making arrangements for a convoy ship preparatory to setting out on his long supply trip. The Argentinean flyer has been offered the dumps which were set out and not used along MacLaren's route.

SURF INLET MINE ENGINEER DROWNS

Remains of John Johnson, aged 37 and Native of Finland, are Brought to City

The remains of John Johnson, hoisting engineer at the Belmont-Surf Inlet mine, who was accidentally drowned February 24 were brought to the city on the company boat Belmont yesterday afternoon for interment here. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers. Deceased was a native of Finland and was 37 years of age. He was single.

LOOK ONLY TO PARLIAMENT

Premier Oliver Indicates Where Railway Rates Relief Must Come From

IS NOT SURPRISED

PENTICTON, Feb. 27.—"It was just what I expected," said Premier Oliver on his arrival here, when apprised of the decision of the Privy Council in granting the appeal against the decision of the Railway Commission and confirming the Crows Nest Pass railway rates. "British Columbia will now have to rely upon Parliament for relief and there is no reason to be downhearted," he said.

BIG AIR FORCE RECOMMENDED

Admiral Sims Says Airplane Will Play Predominant Part in Next War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Rear Admiral Sims, retired, was questioned by the aircraft committee of the House today on his war observations regarding the effectiveness of aircraft attack on surface vessels. Sims, who was commander of the American naval forces in European waters during the Great War, endorsed the policy of a powerful air force being built by the United States. He declared "the airplane will play a predominant part in the next war."

PREPARATIONS FOR BIG RUSH

Minister of Mines Anticipating Requirements in Office of Registrar

VICTORIA, Feb. 27.—Preparations have been made by the department of mines for registration of claims in Cassiar if the rush attains proportions anticipated, according to Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines. All requirements in recording claims will be adequately cared for.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC FOR ALASKA IS PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Permission to build a series of hydro-electric units at Steel River and its tributaries in Alaska has been applied for by a San Francisco firm. It is planned to locate the plants 30 miles southeast of Juneau.