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TWENTY THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS IN TOKIO

FIRE DESTROYS LARGE PART OF BURNS LAKE: ROYAL BANK IS SAVED

Fire Wipes Out Large Part of Burns Lake This Morning Many Business Houses Suffer

Worked Until They Dropped in Efforts to Save Royal Bank and other Buildings

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$75,000

Bank Manager had to be Carried from the Building: Other Buildings Endangered

BURNS LAKE, Mar. 18.—A large part of the business section of Burns Lake was destroyed by fire this morning entailing a loss of many thousands of dollars. The fire started about 10 o'clock supposedly in Robb's hardware store and taking the general store, the O. K. Cafe, the Post Office, the Commercial Telegraph Office and the drug store.

After a vigorous fight the fire was at ten o'clock still raging pretty well under control. The Royal Bank building was damaged but it was thought it could be saved. Other buildings in the town it is thought will be saved.

JAPANESE AT SKEENA CITY LOSES HOME

Destroys Building in Absence of Mr. and Mrs. Sasaki on Visit

SPORT, Mar. 18.—The house of S. Sasaki was burned at Skeena City last night. It is not known how the fire originated but it was probably the result of an overheated wood heater.

Mr. Sasaki had just returned from a visit to Japan and had brought home some valuable goods. Mr. Sasaki says the total loss is about \$3,000. He is the owner of a sawmill at Skeena City and the mouth of the Khyex which is operating on a small scale.

Mr. and Mrs. Sasaki were in the evening with some neighbors and returned to find their home almost completely destroyed and too late to recover any-thing.

AIM AGAINST GENERAL MCRAE

of Mines Carries on His Suit by Filing Statement

COUVER, Mar. 18.—A report of claim has been filed in the libel suit begun by William Sloan against General McRae, in which Sloan asks for damages for libel in the Provincial publication that Sloan received \$50,000 from the P.G.E. factors.

The Royal Commission in the case of Mr. Justice Galligher, the commissioner expressly exonerated Sloan of the charge that he seeks damages from General McRae, who was one of the witnesses to the document.

W. Martin, manager of the Skeena Mines Ltd., passed through the Camosun last night bound from Stewart to Prince Rupert.

MIXED COMMISSION ACTING FOR KING DURING HIS ABSENCE

LONDON, Mar. 18.—The King and Queen will cross to Calais tomorrow where they will entrain for Genoa. A special commission consisting of Prince Henry, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Viscount Gave, and Premier Baldwin are appointed to look after the safety and good government of the realm during the King's absence.

VISITING CITY



MR. A. E. WARREN
General Manager, Western Region,
Canadian National Railways

SMART WORK OF TELEGRAPHER AT BURNS LAKE TODAY

(Special to Daily News)
BURNS LAKE, Mar. 18.—This morning when fire broke out in the adjoining buildings, H. D. MacNeil, the government telegrapher, removed the instruments and records and temporary quarters were quickly established in the forestry office. There the keys were installed and within an hour business was going on as usual.

BAKER AND SOWASH REMANDED FOR WEEK

Alleged Hi-jacking Bandits Appear in Court at Victoria Today

VICTORIA, March 18.—Owen D. Baker and Harry Sowash, charged with complicity in the murder of Capt. W. J. Gillis and his son, William, on the power boat Beryl G. last September, were remanded for one week when they appeared here for preliminary hearing today.

BIRTH

A daughter was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fowler of Terrace.



This mud-daubed ramshackle taxi-cab was one of the cars which bore to the Marne from Paris the French troops, which stopped the first advance of the Germans in 1914. It is supposed to have carried 15 soldiers in the wild ride to the front.

Twenty Thousand People are Homeless in Japan Result Conflagration

Casualties so Many they Cannot be Estimated: Fire is now Under Control

TOKIO, March 18.—Another big fire is raging in Tokio. Fanned by a gale, the conflagration is sweeping over the city causing great confusion. The firemen, hampered by lack of water, are helpless. Troops are tearing down houses in an effort to isolate the burning district while thousands of people, laden with their household goods, are fleeing for safety.

TOKIO, March 18 (later).—Twenty thousand people were rendered homeless by a fire which swept the northeastern section of the city, destroying three thousand buildings and resulting in casualties, the number of which it is at present impossible to estimate. The flames are now under control. The fire it is thought started in a factory.

HALIBUT PRICES REMAIN STEADY

Eight Boats Marketed 148,500 Pounds at Fish Exchange This Morning

Eight fishing boats disposed of halibut catches totalling 148,500 pounds at the Fish Exchange this morning. Prices were about the same as were paid yesterday although the bid for Canadian catches weakened slightly. Arrivals and sales were as follows:

American	Canadian
Wilson, 18,000 pounds, at 12.7c and 4c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.	Daly, 28,000 pounds, at 12.4c and 4c, and Royal, 14,000 pounds at 12.7c and 4c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.
Battie, 12,000 pounds, at 12.8c and 4c, to the Royal Fish Co.	Aretic, 38,000 pounds, at 12c and 4c, to the Pacific Fisheries.
M. M. Christopher, 10,000 pounds, at 19c and 4c, to the Royal Fish Co.	Johanna, 8,500 pounds, at 10.4c and 4c, to the Alfin Fisheries.
Lysekil, 30,000 pounds, at 9.7c and 4c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.	

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VIRGINIAN MINERS ARE VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION

Entombed in Mine and it is Believed Cannot be Alive

FAIRMONT, East Virginia, March 18.—Thirty four miners were entombed by an explosion which took place here last night. The rescuers penetrated as far as the stables where all the horses, 36 in number are dead. It is believed to be impossible that any of the men are still living.

SMALLPOX CASE IS REPORTED EDMONTON

EDMONTON, Mar. 18.—Smallpox has mysteriously broken out in the city, one case having been recently admitted to the Isolation hospital. As the man who contracted the disease had not been away from Edmonton for a considerable time, health officials are at a loss to understand where the dread infection originated. Several doctors are said to have seen the case and are satisfied that it is smallpox.

It was recently reported that some cases of smallpox have been discovered at Calgary, but immediate steps were taken there to check any spread of the outbreak.

Premier MacKenzie King Out in Defense of Contract with Peteresen in House of Commons

OTTAWA, Mar. 18.—Premier Mackenzie King announced in the House of Commons that the government is willing to make a contract with any steamship company in Canada similar to the contract with the Peteresen lines if they are prepared to give a like return. "We are prepared to make it with the C.P.R. on identical lines with the Peteresen contract," the premier said, if the C.P.R. is prepared; as Sir William Peteresen has done, to give us control over the ocean routes.

Mr. King said the object of the government scheme was to insure that on at least half the trade between Canada and the Old Country the rates should be controlled, not by a combine with headquarters in New York but by the government of Canada.

Referring to the efforts to secure a reduction in rates on cattle, Premier King said it was because the government found it impossible to get co-operation from Canadian shipowners that they took the further step they did with Sir William Peteresen.

FREE SILVER AT VICTORIA

Bear River Property Shows the Ore That Will Make Miners Rich

MACHINERY GOING IN

Stewart is going to be a wonderful camp, according to Gus Seiffert, who returned yesterday from a visit to the property of the Emperor Mines Ltd. of which he is president. Mr. Seiffert says that just as he was leaving word was brought by Harry Toomey of the Victoria Mines that they have struck free silver and argente ore on their property. This is the ore that everyone is looking for in that district. It is in the same mountain as the Emperor, on Glacier Creek.

Just now there is at the dock at Stewart 150 tons of machinery, about 60 tons of which is going in on the snow to the Emperor. Other machinery is to be delivered in the district before the snow goes.

One feature which is interesting in connection with the development of the mines on the Bear River is the fact that most of development has been done by British Columbia capital. The mines are owned chiefly in Victoria and Vancouver and there is some Prince Rupert cash invested there. Mr. Seiffert thinks they will all make money.

SLAYER OF MURCHIE IS IDENTIFIED BY CHICAGO DRUGGIST

CHICAGO, Mar. 18.—Bernard Parke, 27 years of age is identified by Samuel Lohoff, the north side druggist as the man who shot and killed Archibald Murchie, the art student of Vancouver, B.C. during the store robbery on March 7.

Parke was arrested for disorderly conduct.

FELL FROM BRIDGE AND DROWNED AT VANCOUVER

Artificial Respiration Failed to Bring Back Life to Workman

VANCOUVER, Mar. 18.—Falling into the water in the rushing tide from the second narrows bridge, where he had been working, G. R. Fox was drowned yesterday. When the body was brought to the surface an hour later by a diver, vain attempts were made at artificial respiration but without effect.

IMMIGRATION NOT SETTLED

Japanese Ambassador Says His Country Hopes Problem Will Come up Again

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Thunoo Matsudaira, the new Japanese ambassador to the United States, denies reports that he received instructions before leaving Tokyo to reopen the immigration question. He said that although the Americans apparently considered the matter permanently settled, Japan hopes the problem will come up for consideration at some future time.

BIG PARTY OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO VISIT CITY IN MONTH OF JUNE

On June 18 the C.P.R. steamer Princess Louise will bring here on their way to Alaska a party of 150 Knights of Columbus, members of the California Council, with their families and friends. The steamer is specially chartered for the party which will include a baseball team, jazz orchestra, quartette of vocalists, girls' choral party and basketball team.

AIRPLANE FOR USE IN SEWARD DISTRICT

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 18.—An airplane for transplanting mail and merchandise from Seward to the Alaskan canneries and points which cannot be reached advantageously by other means will be taken north on the coast-guard cutter Bear, it is said here, unofficially.

MARQUIS CURZON IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

LONDON, Mar. 18.—Marquis Curzon, who recently underwent an operation, is in a serious condition. A bulletin as to his condition issued here says that lung complication is settling in. It is reported in the lobbies of the House that Lord Curzon's condition is hopeless. It is said the bulletins issued throughout his illness have underated its seriousness. He is 66 years of age.