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LIBEL SUIT BEGINS AGAINST J. S. COWPER

DR. SUTHERLAND TELLS OF WORK BEING DONE ON NORTHERN TRUNK ROAD

Northern Highway is Soon to be Opened as far as Skeena Crossing

Section between Burns Lake and Endako to Open in August giving Road to Kamloops

AERIAL RECONNAISANCE PROMISED

Minister pleased with progress made on Kaien Island Road toward Galloway Rapids

Hon. W. H. Sutherland, who was here Saturday, announced that the section of the highway between Burns Lake and Endako would be opened in August and that next fall automobiles would be able to pass all the way from Kamloops to Skeena Crossing west of Hazelton.

Surveys are being made of the section connecting Hazelton and Terrace, part of which is already constructed. Between Terrace and Prince Rupert the work is more difficult and it is not yet sure what route can be taken. At the request of the executive of the Liberal Association and a delegation from the board of trade, Mr. Sutherland promised to try to arrange for Major McLaren to undertake an aerial reconnaisance to see if an interior pass through the mountains could be discovered. Major McLaren is expected to be in the north during the summer and while here it is probable arrangements will be made for a series of flights for the government.

Mr. Sutherland, accompanied by Engineer Philip of the public works department and G. C. MacKay of the local office, and others went over the new road now being constructed on the island and expressed himself much pleased with the progress of the work both on the city and provincial sections. This will be a part of the provincial highway.

FREIGHT TRAIN COLLIDED WITH AN AUTOMOBILE

Brakeman Killed at New Westminster When Car Was Struck

VANCOUVER June 8.—Ernest Abbot of Vancouver, a C.P.R. brakeman, was instantly killed at midnight Saturday when a freight train crashed into an automobile, alleged to have been parked on the railway track near the Fraser River bridge at New Westminster. Two cars of the train were derailed and Abbott was thrown out on the street, the wheel passing over his head.

David Wells of Burnaby, said by the police to be the owner of the automobile, is being held for investigation.

ALASKA PLANE WAS DAMAGED

Made Poor Landing so Passengers Continue Trip by River Launch

RUBY, Alaska, June 8. —The new monoplane, carrying three passengers and a crew of two flying from Fairbanks to Nome was damaged when she made a landing here before dawn on Sunday.

The machine turned over but no one was hurt and the passengers continued the voyage down the Yukon by launch.

FATALITIES AT THE WEEK END

Intense Heat in Eastern Canada Accountable for Several Deaths

OTTAWA, June 8.—Fatalities many of them accountable for a desire to escape the oppressive heat, were numerous in Eastern Canada over the week end. There were five drownings, five fatalities from motor accidents, with a number of injured and five sudden deaths.

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE PARTY

Between 40 and 60 Business Men From South Will be Here—Special Invitation to Hazelton

Between 40 and 60 business men of the southern metropolis will be here next month with the Vancouver Board of Trade convention to central British Columbia. Arrangements for their reception and entertainment here are in the hands of the local board of trade. They will use a special train to go from here to Hazelton where they have received a special invitation to remain overnight. It is possible that some local citizens may join the party here for the trip through the interior.

VICTORIA CROSS MAN VISITS CITY

J. O'Shea Arrives From Massett Inlet and Goes North to Dease Lake Gold Diggings

One of Canada's Victoria Cross holders has been visiting the city during the past few days. He is J. O'Shea who arrived from Massett Inlet on the Prince John last week and went north on the Princess Louise this morning. He will take part in the Dease Lake gold rush. Accompanying him is another ex-service man, M. D. R. Place.

BUSY WEEK END ON WATERFRONT

Several Freight Vessels in Besides Regular Passenger Boats

SHIPPING SPRUCE

Prince Rupert Mill Ships First Quota of Airplane Stock for Vickers

The week-end saw considerable shipping activity in the harbor in addition to the regular passenger ships.

The Coast Steamship Co.'s steamer Celtic arrived yesterday afternoon and is loading 70,000 feet of airplane spruce at the ocean dock. This represents the first shipment of this stock from the Prince Rupert Spruce mill to fill an order running into millions of feet that the local concern is to fill for Vickers, England. The mill has been piling the lumber in the ocean dock for some time now.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Robert H. Merrick, Capt. Gillam, arrived at the Albert & McCaffery wharf, and, after discharging lumber, lime and coal there, sailed at noon for the Naas River. The C.P.R. freighter Princess Ena is now due at the Albert & McCaffery wharf with 150 tons of cement.

Also in port over the week-end was the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co.'s freighter Anyox, Capt. McKinnon, which arrived from the south on Saturday evening and, after discharging 200 tons of coal at the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.'s plant, sailed last night for Anyox.

Passenger vessels in port over the week-end included the Princess Beatrice, Prince Rupert and Venture on Saturday; the Cardena and the Prince Rupert yesterday and the Princess Louise this morning.

OPTION GIVEN ON USK MINE

Deal Involving Cordillera Group Provides For Payment of $130,000, $10,000 Cash

The shareholders of the Kitselas Mountain Copper Co., who held their annual meeting in this city on Saturday, consented to give an option to Mrs. Maude Armes of Vancouver on the Cordillera group of mining claims near Usk. Immediate development work is to be started on the property and the deal involves a total purchase price of $130,000 with a cash payment of $10,000 on July 2.

Among the directors of the company who attended the meeting were A. J. Thompson of Usk, manager of the company; J. D. Wells, secretary, and James Darby a heavy shareholder. Mr. Fortner of Portland, Oregon, is president.

HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT WAS POOR DISPLAY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8. — George Godfrey, Negro, won a decision from Jack Renault at the end of a ten round bout Saturday. It is regarded by critics as the poorest heavyweight fight of any consequence ever staged here.

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Outstanding iconoclast in the British world of letters and politics, Lady Margot Asquith has published her new book, "Places and Persons."

Expedition is Going North to Take Official Charge of the Canadian Islands of the Arctic

VANCOUVER, June 8. — The Province says: "During the summer Canada will organize an administrative body and police for all islands that have been discovered in the Arctic region and which the Dominion claims as part of this country. For this purpose George P. Mackenzie, gold commissioner of the Yukon, who arrived here from the north, has been given an assignment that in point of territory over which he becomes chief executive is the most expansive that has been placed under the jurisdiction of any person heretofore. It embraces islands in the Atlantic adjoining the Arctic as well as in the Pacific.

"The first expedition to bring order into Arctic outposts and to report on the natural resources of these far off Canadian possessions will leave on July 1 under the leadership of Mr. Mackenzie who will have a staff of geologists and other experts in the party.

"While Mackenzie, who is here en route to Ottawa to complete preparations for the expedition, which will be by vessel to the North Atlantic, would not deny the new undertaking to which he had been assigned, he had nothing to say regarding details of the government's plan for administration of the new territory."

HEAD OF DOMINION WORKS DEPARTMENT HERE BOUND NORTH

J. G. Brown Well Known Tennis Enthusiast and All Round Sportsman

J. G. Brown, head of the Dominion public works department in British Columbia and officially designated resident Dominion Government architect, passed through this morning on his way to Atlin and White Horse where he will inspect the public buildings.

Mr. Brown is a well known tennis player and for a long time was secretary of the Victoria tennis club. He was formerly also interested in soccer and other outdoor sports. He now regrets that his duties prevent him taking part to any extent the expects to return next week

BODY FOUND IN A LUMBER YARD

Scuffle Took Place at Barnet and One of Ship Company Held by Police

VANCOUVER, June 8.—Robert Small, a ship's cook of the S.S. Romera, loading lumber at Barnet, was found dead in a lumber yard at that place Sunday.

Small and three companions visited Vancouver Saturday and returned late that night. Three men boarded the vessel later. One of the three, Robert Greenles, is being held by the police pending the outcome of an inquest.

It is alleged that there was a scuffle before the men boarded the vessel and that Small was placed in a sitting position on a pile of lumber.

EIGHT TO DIE CAIRO MURDER

Prisoners Were Removed from Dock Shrieking and Struggling

CAIRO, June 8.—Eight of the men convicted of the assassination of Sir Lee Stack last November have been sentenced to death. Some of the prisoners were removed from the dock shrieking and struggling.

Break in Intense Heat Wave Comes on Ninth Day Bringing Much Wind and Rain in East

CHICAGO, June 8.—Relief in the eastern and middle western areas is in prospect today from the almost nation-wide heat wave which has taken toll of 481 lives in nine days. A storm today broke over the country accompanied by heavy wind and rain, which caused heavy property damage and numerous injuries to people in several of the western states.

Cowper Sued for Libel in Connection with an Article on Murder Case

F. L. Baker Objects to Statements in Regard to Murder said to have been brought out in Contession

VANCOUVER, June 8.—Information was sworn to here Saturday night before Magistrate J. A. Findlay by F. L. Baker charging criminal libel against John S. Cowper, editor of the Saturday Tribune, a weekly paper published here. The charge is a sequel to the publication in the Tribune of an article relating to the Janet Smith murder case.

G. L. Fraser, counsel for Baker, was in consultation with Magistrate Findlay today as to whether a warrant should be sworn out or only a summons issued. Later in the afternoon it was decided to issue a summons, which was done and Cowper is summoned to appear in court next Monday.

Had a warrant been issued, Cowper would have been arrested. As it is he appears in court to answer to the charge.

In the meantime the provincial police are investigating statements in regard to a Vancouver woman making a confession that she knew more than has been published about the murder, that the girl was killed in an upstair room in the Osier Ave. house during a fracas, that Chinese were there and that bloodmarks may yet be seen on the floor in the upper room.

The alleged confession has been received by the Attorney General's department and investigations are being made, which, it is stated, may involve persons in high positions.

FISH ARRIVALS

Eleven Boats Marketed 116,000 Pounds at Better Prices This Morning

Halibut fares marketed here this morning totalled 116,000 pounds, six American boats having 77,000 pounds and five Canadians, 39,000 pounds. Prices were better than the average which prevailed last week.

Arrivals and sales:

American

Bonanzo, 17,000 lbs., at 15.2c and 6c to the Atlin Fisheries.

Eastern Point, 6,000 lbs.; Hi Gill, 5,000 lbs., and Neptune, 7,500 lbs., at 15c and 6c, to the Pacific Fisheries.

Rainier, 5,5000 lbs., at 14.9c and 6c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Commonwealth, 36,000 lbs., at 13c and 6c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Canadian

Selma, 9,000 lbs., at 13.1c and 6c, and Ringleader, 11,500 lbs., at 12.9c and 6.5c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

M. M. Christopher, 9,000 lbs., at 13c and 5c, and Verna, 6,500 lbs., at 13c and 6c, to the Royal Fish Co.

Gibson, 3,000 lbs., at 12.8c and 6c, to the Pacific Fisheries.

COLONEL DENNISON DIED IN TORONTO

TORONTO, June 8.— Colonel George T. Dennison, for 44 years police magistrate and a well known writer on military subjects, died here yesterday. The Colonel, who was born in 1839, served in the Fenian raids and the northwest rebellion.

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CHINESE MAN NANAIMO MINES

Keeping up Steam and Running Locomotives in Spite of Tieup

NANAIMO, June 8. — Chinese have been called into service here to man the mines of the Western Fuel Corporation following the going out on strike of the regular miners on Saturday in protest to a reduction of wages. They are assisting the officials and office staff in carrying on maintenance work.

The company is keeping up steam and running locomotives in spite of the tie-up of other activities.

No developments have yet been reported from the committee which was appointed by the Union to see the miners at Lanceville, Ladysmith and Cumberland with a view to having them also go out on strike.

PREVENT MINES FROM FLOODING

Although Miners on Strike Pumps Will be Kept Going

NANAIMO, June 8.—Following a mass meeting of miners of the Western Fuel Corporation, which rejected the proposal of the company in regard to a reduction of 60 cents a day pay to employees numbering 1,300 who quit work and will remain out until the company makes a move to negotiate, arrangements were made to keep the mines from flooding through the efforts of the maintenance committee under direction of the company.

HAZELTON AIRPLANE TO FLY IN JUNE

Harvey Floyd Obtaining Qualifications for Pilot at Jericho Beach Station

The Railway Employees' Industrial & Investment Association expect to make the first flight from Hazelton to the Dease Lake country with their all-metal hydroplane Hazelton about the middle of June. The plane has been overhauled and is in readiness to take the air. Its pilot, Lieut. Harry Floyd, is at present obtaining the necessary qualifications to take charge at the Jericho Beach Air Station, Vancouver.