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VISCOUNT MILNER DIED TODAY AGED 71

ONLY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS BID FOR STEAMER PRINCE ALBERT TODAY

Viscount Milner Dies After Distinguished Career as Statesman

Rose from rank of humble journalist to one of highest in land; victim of sleeping sickness epidemic

LONDON, May 13.—Viscount Milner, 71 years of age, a former secretary for war in the British government, who had been ill for some time from sleeping sickness, died at his residence near Canterbury today.

Lord Milner had a distinguished career of service in Britain during which he served as under secretary of finance in Egypt, governor of the Cape of Good Hope, and Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. He was a member of the war cabinet without portfolio and Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Viscount Milner's death is the first fatality of the sleeping sickness epidemic, which has attacked several hundred persons throughout Britain recently. Physicians are unable to explain the sudden appearance of the disease but the victims heretofore have usually recovered rapidly.

Not of Governing Class

Confronted in early life with many obstacles in earning a living and disappointment in his attempt to enter parliament, the rise of Alfred Milner from a humble commoner to be a peer of England and a knight of the most exalted Order of the Garter was a characteristic example of the social revolution in England that followed the Victorian days. He was one of a group of men who, in the latter part of the 19th century, pushed their way into political power in England, against the tradition of a governing class.

Lord Milner's first attempt to enter politics was through parliament at the request of several prominent leaders of the Liberal Party. He went before the constituency of the Harrow division in 1885, but was defeated. The result removed from his mind any further thought of adding M.P. to his name, but the way for his entrance into politics was opened when he was named private secretary to the then chancellor of the exchequer. From that time his rise in politics was rapid.

In South Africa

In succession he was appointed under-secretary for finance in Egypt, chairman of the board of inland revenue and governor of the Cape of Good Hope. At the close of the Boer war recognition came to him for his ad-

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LUMBER PLANT IS DESTROYED AT VANCOUVER

False Creek Concern Burns Two Hours Begore Got Under Control

VANCOUVER, May 13. — Fire last night destroyed the main buildings and plant of the Robertson, Hackett Lumber Co. on False Creek, causing damage estimated at $300,000. All fire equipment available was used in fighting the flames for two hours before getting it under control. The outbreak occurred shortly before nine o'clock while the night shift was at work. Just how the fire started has not been ascertained.

DONATIONS TO CHILD'S WARD

Goodly Amounts Sent in by Local Organizations for Needed Work.

Up to yesterday the amount subscribed to the Children's Ward of the General Hospital for which the sum of $1500 is needed amounted to $723.20 in addition to slightly over five hundred dollars collected at the Saturday tag day collection. Since that donations have been received as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$723.20
B. Burns & Co.	25.00
Eastern Star, Belist Chapter	50.00
Valhalla Lodge	25.00
H. Roning	2.00
I. Sellerette	2.00
L. Martens	2.00
Benjamin Klatten	2.00
O. Hvatum	2.00
Dave Ritchie	5.00

The Gyro Club at its regular monthly business meeting today decided to vote the sum of $50 to the children's ward fund at the Prince Rupert General Hospital. The money will come out of the general fund of the club which is separate from the playground fund.

BISHOP OF TORONTO DIED YESTERDAY

TORONTO, May 13.— Right Rev. W. D. Reeve, Bishop of the Anglican diocese of Toronto and formerly bishop of the Mackenzie River died yesterday, aged 81.

A party of well known Toronto swimmers took their first dip of the year in Lake Ontario on Sunday, April 26. They are shown here warming up on the beach at Sunnyside before taking the plunge

SMALL CHECKS TO BE EXEMPT

Tax Changes in Regard to Stamps to be Brought Into Effect

OTTAWA, May 13. — Checks and money orders for $5.00 or less are exempt from stamp tax under the amendment to the Tax Revenue Act introduced into the House of Commons last night by Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance. Announcement of this came during a debate on the incidents of the stamp tax while the house was in committee on the budget resolutions.

The legislation of last session creating a lien on the assets of a taxpayer for unpaid excise tax is to be repealed.

STOCK MARKET

	Bid.	Asked
Indian	.09	.10
Surf Inlet	.05¾	.06
Premier	2.32	2.40
Selkirks	.04¾	.04⅞
Terminus	.44	
Bayview	.10	.12½
B.C. Silver	1.42	1.50
Howe Sound	16.00	17.00
Dunwell		4.15
L. & L.	.25½	.26½
Daly-Alaska	.18	.25
Granby	13.00	
Glacier	.24½	.27
Independence	.15	.20

Janet Smith Murder Case is Continued in Vancouver and Several Witnesses are Heard

VANCOUVER, May 13.— The circumstances surrounding the order for the emblaming of the body of Janet Smith, murdered in the Baker home at Shaughnessy Heights last July were probed at yesterday afternoon's session of the preliminary hearing of the murder charge against Woon Fong Sing.

John Edwards, the undertaker, stated that Coroner Bryden-Jack gave an order for his firm to take care of the body. He did not recollect the word "embalm" being used but the process with which the body was treated was not strictly speaking embalming but temporary preservation.

Former Constable Green and Constable Fish of Point Grey gave evidence together with Dr. Bertie Blackwood, but little new evidence was adduced from that given by the same witnesses at the inquest.

Morning Session

VANCOUVER, May 13.— When the preliminary hearing of Wong Foon Sing charged with murdering Janet Smith last July was resumed this morning, the usual eager crowd, mostly women, were on hand in anticipation of sensational developments from witnesses, but nothing startling developed before noon.

The first witness was G. B. Price, optician, who was reasonably sure the glasses found beside the dead girl belonged to Janet Smith.

Dr. W. A. Hunter, who held the autopsy on the Monday following the tragedy described the course of the bullet wound, using a human skeleton in illustrating it. He declared that the body had been embalmed.

DOUKHOBORS NOT AT SCHOOL

Only 43 Out Monday of the 3,000 Children of School Age

GRAND FORKS, May 13.—Any suggestion that the Doukhobors are exceeding the speed limit in sending their children back to school, following the recent agreement with the inspectors to do so, is out of order. None of the three schools made available for the Doukhobors to attend has yet reached the quota agreed upon a week ago. Of the approximately 3,000 Doukhobor children of school age in the district 43 were in attendance Monday.

Hon. T. D. and Mrs. Pattullo of Victoria have returned home after attending the graduation exercises in Vancouver when their daughter Miss Doris Pattullo was given her Bachelor of Arts degree.

Flying Boat Will Leave for Stikine River Next Week if Conditions Favorable for it

If the weather conditions are favorable and satisfactory reports regarding the ice on the Stikine River are received, the Vickers Viking flying boat from Three Rivers, Quebec, which will take Archibald Little, Detroit mining engineer, and his party to Telegraph Creek will take off from Prince Rupert early next week. Work of assembling the machine at the dry dock here is proceeding satisfactorily and by Friday or Saturday it is hoped that test flights may be made.

Awaiting the arrival of the plane at Telegraph Creek are Frank Perry and George Platzer, well known prospectors, on whose discoveries of the past the present proposed expedition by air is based. There are also four workmen there making a party altogether of nine, including navigating officers, who will be taken by relays into the Dease Lake country and possibly beyond by the airplane.

Mr. Little said this morning that he would remain in the north country for the entire summer. The plane and its personell has also been engaged for that period.

Mr. Little himself was formerly a member of the United States air force.

2,000 HOMES JAPAN BURNED

Fire Swept Part of Kumajaay Centre of Silk Industry

TOKIO, May 13.— More than 2,000 homes and other buildings were destroyed by fire Wednesday morning at Kumajaay, the centre of the silk industry, 40 miles northwest of here. Several casualties are reported but no estimate of the damage has been made.

B. J. Bacon returned on the Prince George this morning from a business trip south.

Shows How Gentleman's Agreement with Japan Unsuccessful in U.S.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., May 13.—At the session of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West today, V. S. McClatchy, Secretary of the California Joint Immigration Committee, spoke on "Results of the Immigration Act," considering particularly the provision excluding aliens ineligible to citizenship and the course of Japan and her friends in connection therewith.

He quoted Chairman Johnson of the House Immigration Committee to the effect that during the first six months' operation of the 1924 law only 453 Japanese had been admitted to the country, all of them for temporary sojourn only, while during the year previous, under the Gentlemen's Agreement, 8,481 had been admitted, nearly all for permanent settlement. This fact alone he claimed fully justified enforcement of exclusion as was contemplated by President Roosevelt should the Agreement fail to secure the desired results.

The speaker recounted the efforts made by Japan since passage of the new law, through direct demand and through appeal to foreign powers and various American interests, to have Japanese excepted from operation of the exclusion measure. He described the campaign conducted for the purpose by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America and allied missionary, church and peace organizations, culminating in the recent movement headed by Sidney L. Gulick and George W. Wickersham to have one thousand prominent Americans petition Congress to grant immigration quota to Japan in 1927. He claimed that quota could not be granted to Japan without violation of the long established policy of the nation as to exclusion of aliens ineligible to citizenship and that neither Congress nor the American people are prepared to abandon that policy.

LOCAL MAN PASSES DRUGGIST EXAMS. AND LICENSED TO PRACTICE

VANCOUVER, May 13—George Shaw of Prince Rupert successfully passed the major examination of the Pharmaceutical Association of British Columbia and is entitled to receive a diploma as a licentiate of pharmacy, it was announced today.

BIRTH.

A son was born last night at the General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaffer, 151 Ninth Ave. West.

Steamer Prince Albert was Withdrawn from Sale Today; Highest Bid was only $8,000

(Special to Daily News)

VANCOUVER, May 13.—There was only one bid this morning for the steamer Prince Albert and the offer was only of $8,000, which was refused by the admiralty court, the appraised value set by them being $15,000.

The Prince Albert was formerly operated by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company out of Prince Rupert and on the taking over of the line by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine she was sold to be used as a liquor runner to the coast of California.

Seized under a lien for damages to the Pacific Cable which she cut when anchored to it while acting as a base for liquor runners, action was brought against her owners by the company and she was seized and ordered by the court to be sold.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING OF FISH PROPOSED

Halibut Boat Owners Met Last Night to go into Proposal of Charles Folsom

To discuss a plan of co-operative marketing which Charles Folsom offered to organize, a meeting of halibut boat owners was held in the City Hall last night. Under Mr. Folsom's scheme it is proposed to take over the handling of Canadian fish from the time it is landed here until it reaches the Eastern coast. Much saving it is said would thus be effected and the fishermen would receive higher prices for their fish than they are at present getting. The meeting decided to endorse the plan providing Mr. Folsom can get eighty per cent of the boats to agree to it.

Dan Larsen, president of the Halibut Boat Owners' Association, was in the chair.

ON WAY BACK TO ALICE ARM

Al Miner and Ed. Pickett, Successful Prospectors, on Way North after Five Years in California

Al Miner and Ed. Pickett, two of the best known and most successful Alice Arm prospectors are passengers going through on the Prince George today bound north. Having been successful some years ago in mining location and subsequent disposition of properties, Mr. Miner and Mr. Pickett for the past five years have been located near Los Angeles conducting vineyards. Not only mining interests which they still both retain at Alice Arm but also the call of the North is bringing them back and they will remain the summer at Alice Arm. Mr. Miner is one of the owners of the Toric Mine, development work on which by the Homestake Mining Co., Ltd. recently has brought forth such excellent and encouraging results.

BASEBALL

National League

Cincinnati 3, Brooklyn 2.
Pittsburg 13, Philadelphia 8.
St. Louis 1, New York 3.
Chicago 0-1, Boston 2-3.

American League

Boston 4, Cleveland 8.
New-York 4, Chicago 5.
Philadelphia 4, Detroit 3.
Washington 3, St. Louis 6.