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## SHIPMENTS BEING LINED UP FOR THIS PORT

## STREET CAR GOES THROUGH DRAW IN TACOMA AND FOUR LIVES ARE LOST

### Steamer Takes Option of Loading Grain Here January or February

(Special to Daily News)  
VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—A steamer was fixed here yesterday with the option of loading grain at Prince Rupert for the United Kingdom between January 20 and February 20.  
No details are given except that the price is a shilling a ton more than for Vancouver making the price the same as Portland. With a port charge here of about three pence, this gives Prince Rupert a disadvantage of about nine pence per ton or about half a cent a bushel.  
This quotation is not very reliable as the quotation price has been challenged at the Merchants' Exchange.  
Prince Rupert is much talked about at the Exchange here.  
Harbor and Shipping, a local publication, says that C. P. Coles, the grain broker, is not going to establish an office in Prince Rupert.

### SUMAS FARMERS MAKING APPEAL

Will Carry Case Against Provincial Government to Governor-General-in-Council

VICTORIA, Dec. 31.—Farmers of the Sumas district affected by assessment for the cost of reclamation work in that area will meet on Monday to consider making an appeal direct to the Governor-General-in-Council at Ottawa for the disallowance of a provincial statute passed at the recent session of the legislature setting the annual amount of taxes that they must pay. They will also seek to obtain an accounting of the money expended by the government in carrying out the work. The claim is set forth that the statute is ultra vires and beyond the province's power of enactment and interferes with the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

### PREMIER OLIVER SENDS MESSAGE

Urges Intelligent Application of Industry and Skill to Natural Resources

VICTORIA, Dec. 31.—In a New Year's message, Premier Oliver says: "The government earnestly desires that for each and all the year 1926 shall be better than any preceding year. We believe there is no better province in the Dominion than British Columbia and we also believe that intelligent application of industry and skill to the natural resources of the province will yield an abundant reward and, to that end, the government wishes to co-operate with all and for all."

### HIT OFFICER; SIX MONTHS

Paul Allen Sentenced by Judge Young for Assaulting Indian Constable

Pleading guilty yesterday afternoon before Judge Young to a charge of assaulting an Indian constable while the latter was in the execution of his duties on a reserve, Paul Allen of Kincolith was sentenced to six months imprisonment at Okalla Prison Farm with hard labor. Willie Stephens was the officer assaulted.

J. W. Hunter, post office inspector with headquarters in Saskatoon, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon.

### VERDICT ON GRAIN RATES EXPECTED WITHIN FEW DAYS

Original Order Reducing West-bound Rate is Likely to Stand

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Judgment by the railway commission in the Pacific grain rates appeal is expected any day now. Several conferences between the commissioners have been held on the subject. The board is a court and there is no way of forecasting its decision any more than that of a judicial tribunal. Nevertheless the view obtains and with some reason, that the original order reducing the west-bound rate to the equivalent of the eastbound rate is likely to stand, either through being supported by a majority of the commission or from the fact of an equal division, in which case any appeal fails.

### SOUP KITCHEN IN ANTHRACITE FIELDS

Service Club Attempting to Relieve Suffering in Pennsylvania

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., Dec. 31.—The Kiwanis Club of this city is to open the first soup kitchen to help relieve the prevalent suffering and hunger brought about by the suspension of anthracite operations.

### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.66 1/4	
B.C. Silver	1.65	1.70
Daly Alaska		.15
Dunwell	1.33	1.38
Gladstone	.32	.35
L. & L.	12 1/2	.15
Marmot		.10
Premier	2.17	2.25
Porter Idaho	.09 1/4	
Silver Crest	11 1/4	.43
Surf Inlet	.08 1/2	.10 1/2
Terminus		.50
C. P. R.	148.00	
Howe Sound	27.50	
Ruth Hope	.34	.36
Granby	20.00	
Rufus		.18
Lucky Jim	13 1/4	.15
Hazelton		.01 1/2
Indian	.05	.06
Glacier	.08 1/4	.10
Rayview	.05	.09 1/4
National Silver	.14 1/4	.15
Selkirk	.04	.04 1/4
Silversmith	.24	.24 1/4



SWEPT TO SEA—At least two were killed and traffic of all kinds was completely demoralized in the terrific storm on the Atlantic seaboard. The above photo shows the Ambruse Channel boathouse, of Bensonhurst, which was blown five miles out before it sank.

### LARGE ESTATE LEFT TO ART

Most of Munsey Millions are Bequeathed to Metropolitan Museum

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The bulk of the estate of the late Frank A. Munsey, newspaper publisher, amounting to \$10,000,000, unofficially to \$10,000,000, will go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art under the terms of the will which was filed for probate yesterday. The trustees are given five years or more to dispose of deceased's newspapers as well as his other business interests and property.

### VANCOUVER IS THIRD LARGEST IN CANADA

Board of Trade Secretary Declares It Has Passed Winnipeg From Point of View of Population

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Greater Vancouver is the third largest city in the Dominion according to W. E. Payne, secretary of the Board of Trade, who states that the population is now 230,000 displacing Winnipeg with 210,000.

### BRITAIN HAS MORE STORMS

Heavy Wind and Rain Last Night Further Raises Flood Waters

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Great Britain was last night struck by another heavy gale accompanied by torrential rain which further raised the waters of already swollen streams.  
Two were killed and eight injured when a chimney on a workhouse at Stepney collapsed.  
Telegraph and telephone wires are down and railway service is delayed.  
Stephen Dumas, of Alice Arm, who has been in the city on business for the past few days sailed for the north on the Prince Rupert last night.

### Building Permits for Year Well in Excess of Million and a Quarter Dollar Mark

Building permits issued in the city during the year will reach the high total of over \$1,325,000 in value, the chief items having been, of course, in connection with the construction of the elevator for which the recorded value is \$1,087,000 in two separate permits—one taken out by the Northern Construction Co. in May for the foundations and wharf—\$220,000—and the second in October by Garter-Hais-Aldinger Co. Ltd. for the superstructure—\$867,000.  
Apart from the elevator, general permits issued during the eleven months of the year ending November 30, totalled \$237,869 as compared with \$209,312 in 1924. The chief item in these general permits was for the Heilbronner Block, the value of which was given in May, when the permit was taken out, as \$10,000.  
The building record month by month for the year was as follows:

Month	Value
January	\$ 7,350
February	19,150
March	11,600
April	28,800
May	261,864
June	31,350
July	37,325
August	16,750
September	19,450
October	875,125
November	13,105
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,324,869</b>

The December list, which is not heavy, will be announced on Saturday.

### CAR PLUNGES OVER BRIDGE

Four Killed and Four Injured in Tacoma Last Night

TACOMA, Dec. 31.—A municipal street car went through the gate of the Eleventh Street bridge last night and over the open drawhead into the city waterway 100 feet below. Of the eight people believed to have been in the car four are dead and four injured. Charles Staley, motorman, who escaped by jumping just before the plunge, declared that the air brakes refused to function as did also the hand brakes which he applied when he noticed the open draw.  
As the street car fell, it broke into pieces, this probably accounting for the rescue of the four survivors who were found clinging to parts of the roof and walls floating on the surface of the bay. Divers are searching for possible other victims.

### PRINCE GEORGE MAN ON KILLING CHARGE RELEASED YESTERDAY

At an inquest held at Prince George over the body of Stanley Ostrowsky, who died on December 22 following a drinking bout and whose death resulted in the arrest of Julian Oknianski on a charge of killing deceased on December 18, the jury returned a verdict that the cause of death was a ruptured bladder and the prisoner was released.

### BREAD PRICE IN VANCOUVER RISES

Advance in Wheat Flour Market is Responsible for New Prices Effective Today

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Following an advance in wheat flour prices, the Master Bakers' Association has announced an increase in bread prices in practically all Vancouver bakeries commencing today. The retail price of three loaves for 25c has been advanced to nine cents per loaf straight.

### NO PAPER TOMORROW

There will be no issue of the Daily News tomorrow, New Year's Day.

### 42 KILLED IN MEXICAN MINE

EAGLE PASS, Texas, Dec. 31.—Forty-two bodies, many badly mangled, have been brought out of the Mexican National Railway coal mine at Palau in the State of Coahuila where an explosion occurred. It is believed that there are still more bodies in the mine.

### PIONEER NELSON PRIEST IS DEAD

Father Althoff, Vicar General of Kootenay, Passed Away in Presence of Physician

NELSON, Dec. 31.—Rev. Father J. Althoff, aged 72, vicar general of the Kootenay district and parish priest here for 34 years died yesterday morning shortly after saying mass. His death occurred while he was conversing with a physician.  
The late Father Althoff was a native of Scotland and went to Alaska as a missionary when a young man.

### CONVICTED AT OTTAWA ON GRAVE CHARGE

Oscar St. Jacques Sentenced in Connection With Attempted Suicide

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Convicted on a grave charge laid against him following investigation of two attempts at suicide on the part of his step-daughter, Oscar St. Jacques was sentenced by Magistrate Hopewell to a police court to serve a term of not less than one year, with an indefinite term thereafter of two years less one day, in the Ontario Reformatory.  
The girl pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted suicide and was sentenced to two years less one day at the Andrew Mercer Reformatory, Toronto. She is 16 years of age.

### COOLIDGE TO VISIT GENEVA

White House Makes it Known That United States will be Present at Preliminary Meeting in Geneva

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Informally and orally, but authoritatively, the White House has made known that the intention of the President is to accept the invitation of the League of Nations to the United States to participate in the preliminary meeting at Geneva of representatives of 18 governments called for February 15, 1926, to make preparations for holding an international disarmament conference under the auspices of the League.  
Decision as to the character of the response to be made to the invitation has not been reached, and there are other details to be determined, such as whether it is necessary to request Congress to appropriate funds for the expenses of the American delegation at the preliminary meeting, but all the indications are that a favorable answer will be made to the invitation shortly after the re-assembling of Congress, which is on a Christmas recess until January 4.

### DOCK TRANSFER EFFECTIVE NOW

After Today, Prince Rupert Dry Dock Will be Controlled by C.G.M.M.

Control of the Prince Rupert dry dock and shipyard here will be officially transferred from the Canadian National Railways to the Canadian Government Merchant Marine as from tomorrow, January 1. In connection with the transfer, B.G. Keeley, Pacific coast manager of the C.G.M.M.; D. Carswell, superintendent engineer, Montreal; and P. W. Baldwin, local auditor, Vancouver, are at present visiting the city. Mr. Keeley and Mr. Baldwin will return south tomorrow but Mr. Carswell will probably remain longer perfecting plans for future operation.

### COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED

Will Settle Distribution of Property Between United Church and Continuing Presbyterian

VICTORIA, Dec. 31.—The appointment of a commission of ten British Columbia clergymen to settle the distribution of church property between the continuing Presbyterian and the United Church congregations following Church Union was announced yesterday. An order-in-council to this effect was passed by the cabinet. Seven members will constitute a quorum.

### EDMONTON DEFEATS PORTLAND 3 TO 2

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Portland was defeated by Edmonton 3 to 2 in last night's hockey game. Edmonton will play at Victoria and Calgary at Saskatoon tomorrow.

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