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## A MERRY XMAS TO ALL IS WISH OF NEWS

### AGENT GENERAL PAULINE INSTRUCTED TO FIND PURCHASER FOR RAILWAY

#### Overtures for Sale of Pacific Great Eastern to Start Immediately

Premier Oliver denies that American capitalists are attempting to secure railway

VICTORIA, Dec. 24.—British financiers are to be informed immediately through Agent General Pauline, London, of the terms at which the government is willing to sell the Pacific Great Eastern Railway along the lines approved by the legislature Premier Oliver announces. Mr. Pauline will be requested to place the proposal before capitalists without delay. The premier also has hopes that the recent conference with Premier Brownlee of Alberta will bear fruit. Premier Oliver denied the report that American capitalists had made overtures for securing the railway.



Impressive services on board H.M.S. Maidstone for the 68 officers and men who went to their death when the giant submarine M-1 sank in the English channel off Start Point on the Devon coast

#### Oriental May Soon Control Vancouver Retail Business; Are Engaged in All Trades

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Oriental domination of Vancouver retail trade looms as a distinct possibility within the next ten or fifteen years if the ratio of increase of Chinese and Japanese merchants here can be taken as a criterion.

City officials have discovered that Orientals operate more than one-third of Vancouver's groceries; Chinese virtually monopolize the green grocery and hawking trades; in five years, Oriental traders have increased 17 per cent; Chinatown and Jap-town areas have more than doubled in extent since 1919; every local shopping district in Vancouver has Chinese and Japanese competing directly with Occidental retailers in nearly all trades; license figures show Orientals are turning from usual pursuits and entering lines of retail trade such as groceries, jewellery, hardware, photo art, tailoring and shoes.

City records reveal that out of the seventeen principal licensed trades dealt with, Orientals pre-empted in four; in six others, Chinese and Japanese hold 30 per cent or more of the total licenses issued, while in only two cases does the Oriental hold less than 20 per cent of the licenses.

**Invade White Districts**  
An outstanding aspect of the Oriental trade invasion in Vancouver, according to white retailers and other citizens who have studied the situation, is the manner in which Chinatown is being abandoned by the Oriental merchant in favor of store locations in purely white residential areas.

In 1919, with the exception of a few greengrocers and laundries, the Oriental merchant in Vancouver largely was confined to the downtown areas known as "Chinatown" and "Jap-town." Today, not only have both these Oriental quarters more than doubled in size, but new areas are rapidly being Orientalized. Granville Street, south of Robson; Robson Street, west of Granville, and Davie Street have Chinese and Japanese stores virtually in every block, and often two or three.

Developing from an isolated laundry here and there on the back streets, there appears a definite trend of the Oriental merchant into Kitsilano. Fourth Avenue and Broadway have Chinese and Japanese grocers, confectioners and many other trades. In the East End, Commercial Drive, a few years ago, had a couple of Chinese greengrocers; today it has Chinese grocers, a coal dealer, innumerable greengrocers and confectioners. In fact, there is not an uptown or downtown shipping district in Vancouver wherein the Oriental merchant has not opened in direct competition with the white retailer.

**LATE DESPATCHES**  
NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Samuel Gough, aged 76, city clerk and treasurer for 45 years, died this morning. Deceased came to this city in 1874 aboard the famous sailing ship Princess Royal, and was the first coal miner from England on Vancouver Island.

**Terrace Pioneer Dies**  
TERRACE.—Joseph Bellamy, one of the oldest timers of the Kitsumkalum district is dead, having expired on the trail while coming to town. The funeral took place here today. Deceased had a brother living near Calgary but little further is known of his family connections.

**BIRTH.**  
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Soulier of Second Avenue, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on December 24.

#### WEST OROWA PROCEEDING

Crippled Vessel Has Moved 425 Miles During Past Week—Now Nearing Tokio

CORDOVA, Dec. 24.—Wireless reports today state that the steamer West Orowa, which has been crippled off the Aleutian Islands for two weeks, is once again proceeding under her own steam in a rough sea. Covering 425 miles during the last week, the vessel is now one thousand miles east of Tokyo. She is being convoyed by the steamers West Holbrook and Admiral Dewey.

#### VANCOUVER IS MOVING GRAIN

Fifty Vessels Will Take Nearly Ten Million Bushels From There in January

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Fifty vessels are booked to take nearly ten million bushels of grain out of this port in January. Half of the ship bookings are regular liners taking from two to four thousand tons each.

#### NO CONTEST YET IN SIGHT FOR MAYORALTY

Ald. McMordie is so Far the Only Candidate Definitely in the Field.

Ald. McMordie still is the only candidate definitely in the field for the mayoralty at the civic election which will take place in January. It would not be surprising, however, if Mayor Newton should decide to seek reelection. Other names being frequently mentioned as possible candidates are those of Ex-Ald. S. D. Macdonald, Ex-Mayor H. B. Rochester and Ald. M. M. Stephens.

#### ALASKA FEELS SHARP 'QUAKES

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 24. Sharp earthquakes lasting more than a minute were felt here early yesterday. No damage was done.

SEWARD, Dec. 24.—A slight earthquake lasting about 30 seconds was recorded here at 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MILD AND WET

Raining all Through Interior and in Yukon the Temperature is Rising

(Courtesy, Government Telegraphs)  
Unbig there is a sudden and unexpected change, Prince Rupert and district will have a wet and green Christmas and farther north it will not be as cold as usual at this time of year.

Weather reports at 8 o'clock this morning were as follows: Prince Rupert—Raining, light southeast wind; temperature, 51. Terrace—Raining, calm; temperature, 36 above.

Hazelton—Raining, calm. Smithers—Raining, calm. Burns Lake—Raining, calm. Telegraph Creek—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 48 above. Dawson—Clear, calm; ten below. White Horse—South wind, 2 above. Yukon Average—Two below.

#### FURTHER CHARGES ARE LAID AGAINST DOCTOR

Dr. Hoyes Will Answer to Nine Counts of Illegally Issuing Narcotic Prescriptions

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Dr. W. T. Hoyes, Okalla doctor, who appeared in court yesterday on the original charge of illegally issuing narcotic prescriptions, was remanded for one week. He has now been similarly charged on eight additional counts.

#### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.58%	
C. P. R.	146.00	
B.C. Silver	1.58	1.65
Dunwell	1.27	1.34
Premier	2.17	2.25
Porter Idaho	.09	.10
Surf Inlet	.09	.11
Ruth Hope	.34	.36
Daly Alaska	.15	.15
L. & L.	.12	.14
Silver Crest	10%	12
Gladstone	.33 1/2	.35 1/2
Granby	20.00	
Rufus	.18	.18
Howe Sound		30.00
Lucky Jim	13 1/4	.15
Hazelton		.01%
Marmot		.10
Terminus		.50
Indian	.05	.06
Glacier	.08 1/4	.10
Bayview	.05	.09 1/4
National Silver	.14 1/4	.15
Selkirk	.04	.04 1/2
Silversmith	.24	.24 1/2

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS IS WISH OF NEWS

The Daily News extends to all its readers, advertisers and the public generally, best wishes for a Merry Christmas. So as the staff of this paper may enjoy the festive season, there will be no issue tomorrow. The usual edition will be printed on Saturday.

#### BANDITS SEIZE XMAS PAYROLL

Six Armed Men Took \$47,900 at Pittsburg This Morning

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Christmas payroll of the Pittsburg Terminal Coal Company totalling \$47,900 was taken from the pay car by six armed men at Molleneaux, near here, this morning.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL IS APPRECIATED

Conservative Effort to Reduce His Salary Failed in Legislature Last Saturday

VICTORIA, Dec. 24.—An effort by the opposition on motion of R. H. Pooley to reduce the salary of the attorney general from \$7,500 to \$10 failed at the closing of the legislative session last Saturday. Only the Conservatives voted for the resolution. Hon. William Sloan, provincial secretary, then moved that the salary be increased by \$500 but Mr. Manson declined to accept and the resolution was withdrawn. "Very well staged," exclaimed Col. Peck. "He deserves it," interjected Major Dick Burde of Alberni.

#### FLIGHT TO STATES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Star's Dublin correspondent says the Irish Free State air force contemplates a flight to the United States about next April. A seaplane with two officers will start from Cranmore Bay, Galway and the destination of the flight will be New York.

#### Mr. Pattullo's Xmas Greeting

Editor, Daily News:— This Christmas Season finds the world nearer the goal of peace on Earth than it has been for a long time. It would be idle to prophecy as to what may happen in the future, but there can be no doubt that, by a process of education, the world is gradually evolving into a better condition. A larger and larger proportion of our people are learning to think and, while at times it may superficially seem that the spirit of unrest is more intense than formerly, the fact of the matter is that the knowledge and intelligence of our people is gradually working out the social problem to a higher and better plane. It seems that this year we have especial reason to be of good cheer.

In particular to the people of the electoral district of Prince Rupert and in general to the people of British Columbia, I extend the heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Let me also express the hope, Mr. Editor, that your splendid paper may continue to flourish on behalf of the welfare, not only of yourself, but of all your readers.

T. D. PATTULLO.

#### GRAIN SHIPMENTS LOOKED FOR SOON

Arrangements Will Not be Made Definitely, However, Until Exact Time of Completion is Known

It is expected that the terminal grain elevator here will be completed and ready to handle business by January 15 but, pending the date being definitely set, it is not likely that any final arrangements for the shipping of grain through this port will be made. In the meantime, the elevator management is keeping in touch with the trade and it is possible that wheat may arrive from the prairies and ships come to load soon after the completion of the plant. It has been stated that a C.G.M.M. steamer has already been booked to take on part cargo of grain here early in the New Year.

#### EDMONTON DEFEATS VICTORIA 3 TO 1

Portland Will Play at Edmonton and Victoria at Calgary Tomorrow

EDMONTON, Dec. 24.—Edmonton defeated Victoria by three to one in last night's hockey game. On Christmas Day Portland will play here and Victoria will play at Calgary.

#### ARMISTICE IN SYRIA SIGNED

CAIRO, Dec. 24.—An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Druse tribesmen and the new French High Commissioner of Syria, Henri de Jouvenal. This will bring to an end hostilities that the tribes have been engaging in for some time.

#### XMAS DINNER AT CITADEL

Men Will be Welcome There Tomorrow Noon and Also in the Evening

All men in the city who have nowhere else to go will be welcome to enjoy Christmas dinner at the Salvation Army Citadel tomorrow announced Capt. Rea this morning. Dinners will be served from 12 to 2 at noon and from 6 to 7 in the evening. Contributions as follows are acknowledged:  
Total to date . . . . . \$71.50  
A. M. Davies . . . . . 2.00  
A Friend . . . . . 2.00  
A Friend . . . . . 1.00  
Mrs. Geo. Bushby . . . . . 5.00

#### CIVIL SERVICE HEAD IS GOING?

Victoria Colonist Says W. H. MacInnes Will be Replaced After New Year

VICTORIA, Dec. 24.—The Colonist (Conservative) says today that W. H. MacInnes, civil service commissioner, will be replaced by the Oliver government shortly after the New Year. It is said that the cabinet has already discussed informally the choice of his successor. An attempt was made just before the closing of the Legislature on Saturday last to reduce the salary of Mr. MacInnes but it was voted down by the government and Labor members.

#### LIQUOR PROFITS BEING DIVIDED

Government Distributes Shares to Municipalities — \$424,484 from Liquor — \$167,315 from Racing

VICTORIA, Dec. 24.—Distribution among British Columbia municipalities of \$424,484 from liquor profits for the six months ending September 30 and \$167,315 from pari-mutuel taxes for the whole year was announced yesterday by the department of finance. The city of Prince Rupert will receive \$6,900. Checks are now being forwarded to the municipalities.

#### POST OFFICE HAD VERY BUSY DAY

360 Sacks of Mail Received and 290 Sacks Despatched

Yesterday was one of the busiest days on record at the local post office Postmaster Morrison stated this morning. During the day 380 sacks of mail and parcels were sorted and 290 sacks despatched.

The public has responded well to requests through these columns to keep their boxes clear. This has been a great aid to the postal staff in keeping mail on the move.

#### STORK PAYS VISIT TO TWINS SAME DAY

MARIETTA, Okla., Dec. 24.—Ruby and Ruth Rose of this city are twins. They were married on the same day and now they are mothers, the stork visiting each on the same day.