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$500,000 FIRE IN MONTREAL LAST NIGHT

PROGRESS OF RUPERT SHOWN BY TELEPHONE AND POWER INCREASES

Scenes of Terror When Residents Fled before Fire in Montreal City

MONTREAL, Aug. 25.—Sixty-one families were driven from their homes when an apartment house, twenty dwellings and an ice house and stable were destroyed by fire which swept a portion of the east end of the city last night. Aided by a strong wind the blaze quickly consumed the structures and in a short while completely destroyed the apartment house. It was one of the most disastrous fires in the city in many years.

Scenes of terror and confusion were witnessed as scores of residents fled from the flames while many others had to be carried from their homes.

The damage is unofficially estimated at half a million dollars.

DIED RESULT FALL ABOARD BIG STEAMER

Stanley Gibson Said to Have Stepped Into Open Hold of Prince George

VANCOUVER, Aug. 25.—Accidentally injured aboard the steamer Prince George while at her berth here shortly before she sailed last night for the north, Stanley Gibson of Cordova Bay, Victoria, steward in charge of the store room of the vessel, died later in the hospital.

Gibson is said to have fallen down the open hatch into the hold of the steamer and never regained consciousness.

HEART BALM NOT COMING

Plaintiff in Breach of Promise Against John The Finn Gets Even Break

VANCOUVER, Aug. 25.—Maude Munn is expected to break even in the expenses of the breach of promise suit against John Haahti (John the Finn), the Portland Canal miner, as a result of a judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Morrison, who awarded the costs of the trial and succeeding amendments to the original action to John the Finn and the costs of the action following the amendments to Miss Munn. It is estimated that Miss Munn's judgment for expenses will about equal Haahti's expenditures resulting from the "heart balm" case.

MATERIAL FOR WHARF IS HERE

Creosoted Piles and Lumber for Prince Rupert Feed Co. Brought North by Tug Cape Scott

Bringing creosoted piles and lumber for the wharf that is to be built east of Cow Bay on the waterfront for the Prince Rupert Feed Co., the Hecate Straits Towing Co.'s tug Cape Scott, Capt. Brown, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from North Vancouver. The timber was brought north on the scow G. of G. No. 11.

After disposing of the northbound tow, the Cape Scott proceeded to the Prince Rupert Spruce Mill where she picked up two scows containing 500,000 feet of spruce cants which will be delivered at New Westminster.

VALUE OF SHIPPING GRAIN FROM PORT IS TOLD IN VANCOUVER

A Vancouver newspaper tells of the value of grain shipping to that port. It says that every big grain carrier is worth over seventy thousand dollars made up as follows:

Lining ship and trimming cargo	$6,300
Elevator charges	4,500
Railway freight rates	50,500
Provisioning	5,000
Port charges (cargo rates)	540
Harbor dues	270
Profit to trade	3,000
Inspection and weighing	600
Total	$70,710

MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM STAFF QUARTERS BURN

Ten Thousand Dollar Fire Extinguished After Two Hour Fight

HAMILTON, Aug. 25.—A fire of mysterious origin imperilled the lives of scores of patients in Mountain Sanitarium this morning. The blaze was confined to the staff headquarters and was controlled after a two-hour fight. The loss is estimated at $10,000.

While fifty members of the staff were at breakfast a patient observed flames from an upper storey and gave the alarm. There were many bad cases in the nearby building but the patients preserved coolness in the face of danger and firemen from Hamilton prevented spread of the fire.

I.W.W. WERE LED OUT OF TOWN FROM FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO, N.D., Aug. 25.—Citizens and police escorted out of town 100 alleged members of the I.W.W. last night. Several hand to hand combats took place but there were no serious casulties.

KITCHENER PEOPLE WANT STRONG BEER

KITCHENER, Aug. 25. — Ontario's 4.4 beer does not satisfy citizens of Kitchener nor has it eliminated the bootlegger and it is declared that the addicts of spirituous liquor have not turned away from it.

SURF INLET MINE PAYING

Profits Larger Than Ever Because no Development Being Done There

MAY LOCATE NEAR HERE

The mine at Surf Inlet is still being operated satisfactorily and profitably and the indications are that it will continue in this manner for several months yet announced Clyde A. Heller, president of the Belmont-Surf Inlet Gold Mining Co. Ltd., who was in the city today. Mr. Heller states that the profits from the mine are even greater now than they have been because little is being spent on development work.

Mr. Heller reiterated the statement that he made last year to the effect that the end seemed to be in sight at Surf Inlet. He declined, however, to predict when operations would cease there and expressed the belief that work would continue for some time. "One can never say when a mine is going to play out," he said, "and in the meantime it is being operated very satisfactorily and profitably." Mr. Heller admitted, however, that the company had been looking for some time for a suitable place in this district to which to move its present plant and organization at Surf Inlet. Nothing of a definte nature, however, had yet been decided upon, he said.

Mr. Heller returned to the city last night on the company launch Belmont after having spent several days visiting the Portland Canal region. Accompanying him on this trip was Charles G. Myers of Philadelphia, head of the Clinton Brush Co., one of the oldest concerns of its kind in the States, and Surf Inlet stock holder; F. H. Penn, manager at Surf Inlet, and Mrs. Penn.

Mr. Heller and Mr. Myers left for Philadelhpia on this morning's train.

CHINESE WAR EASTERN U.S.

Tongs Fight and Number Are Killed as a Result in Various Cities

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. — A new Chinese Tong war broke out today in various cities a few hours after the burial of Lee Kuey Ying, mayor of New York's Chinatown. One man was killed here and several wounded at Boston. In Washington the police thwarted a plot to kill three people and arrested 33 Chinese. One man was killed at Chicago.

Ying was largely responsible for the recent truce between the Hip Sing and On Leong Tongs.

STOCK MARKET

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	.80	1.00
Dunwell	1.52	1.65
Hazelton		.02¾
L. and L.		.25
Premier	2.11	2.20
Porter Idaho		.22
Silver Crest		.16
Terminus		.50
Howe Sound	20.00	
Surf Inlet	.05¼	.06½
Daly Alaska		.24
Indian	.04	.06
Marmot Metals		.15
Rufus		.18

A British tar on friendly terms with the blind Kangaroo mascot at the sailing regatta of the Atlantic fleet

Increase in Population and Industry Indicated by Phone, Light, Power

A steady increase in the population and industry of the city is reflected in the number of telephones now in use here and the number of electric light accounts being handled by the municipal utilities department. This summer has seen no reduction in the number of phones and light accounts as has been the case during the vacation season in past years. Instead there has been a substantial increase in both.

Telephones in use in the city today number 1,450 as against 1,320 at this time in 1924.

The utilities department reports that the power plant at Shawatlans is now carrying a steady load every day of from 1,100 to 1,300 kilowatts, whereas the average load last year was 500 kilowatts. The reason for this substantial increase in power consumption is due to the sawmill, elevator construction, Swift's cold storage plant, Somerville cannery and other smaller plants as well as a greatly increased number of accounts in private homes.

Conservative Leader Replies to Premier Mackenzie King on Question of Holding Election

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—"The usual and accepted term for Parliaments in Canada has been four regular sessions. These four sessions are complete and what the country wants to know is, has this government the courage to go to the people or not?" So states Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, in a statement to the Canadian Press, replying to Premier King's recent declaration that the government was not to be stampeded into any dissolution of parliament.

The time for an appeal to the people came not while the session was on but after the session's work was done. The time is now, declares Mr. Meighen, in his statement.

Commenting on the Premier's declaration that members of the government had been exceedingly busy, the Conservative leader inquires what they have been doing. He states in this regard that immigration is diminishing while the exodus of citizens from the country continues. "Is another Petersen contract coming" asked Meighen.

U.S. GOVERNMENT TO KEEP HANDS OFF OF ANTHRACITE DISPUTE

SWAMPSCOOT, Aug. 25.—It is indicated that the U.S. Federal Government will make no move to prevent suspension of the anthracite coal operations next Tuesday. At present thre is sufficient fuel supply to meet the country's requirements.

British Residents of Hong Kong Ask Prem. Baldwin for Blockade

HONG KONG, Aug. 25.—British residents today cabled Prime Minister Baldwin urging a complete naval blockade of Canton and neighboring cities because of flagrant violation of treaties by the Chinese.

At Shanghai the French police seized arms and ammunition valued at $46,000 and arrested a retired colonel of the British army, an American and a Frenchman, and apprehended a former German customs officer who had in his possession the sum of $40,000, including some counterfeit money.

ELECTION MAY YET TAKE PLACE THIS FALL PREDICTED

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—A political pronouncement of prime importance in and a statement as to the Government's intention in regard to the dissolution of Parliament will probably be given by Premier King when he addresses his constituents in North York on Saturday, September 5.

The probabilities are still in favor of an election this fall.

HELEN WILLS WINS AT TENNIS

Carries Off Tennis Honors in Both Singles and Doubles in One Day at Forest Hills

FOREST HILLS, Aug. 25.—After triumphing over Kathleen McKane of England 3-6, 6-0, 6-2 for the third straight singles tennis championship victory, Helen Wills returned to the courts yesterday afternoon and carried off the doubles titles with Mary K. Brown as partner, defeating Elizabeth Ryan and Mrs. May Sutton-Bunday 6-4, 6-3.

In the finals the winners of the women's titles were all Californians.

WOMAN DELEGATE TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSEMBLY AT GENEVA

SYDNEY, Aug. 25. — Mrs. R. R. McKinnon of Sydney may be the official representative of the Commonwealth of Australia at the League of Nations assembly in Geneva next month. She was appointed as substitute delegate with full power to act in the absence of the chief delegate.

ANOTHER FAILURE TO SWIM CHANNEL

FOLKESTONE, Aug. 25.—Mercedes Gleetzer, a London typist, made an attempt to swim the English Channel today but failed. Taken with cramp when sever miles out, the swimmer had to give up the attempt.

BASEBALL

American League

Philadelphia 1, Chicago 3.
Boston 0, St. Louis 4.
Washington 4, Detroit 13.

National League

Chicago 6-1, Brooklyn 13-6.
Cincinnati 2, Boston 3.
St. Louis 14-6, Philadelphia 5-4.

CALIFORNIAN MADE DASH FOR LIBERTY

Escaped from Immigration officials at Victoria and Nearly Got Away

VICTORIA, Aug. 25. — Simon Paul, a citizen of the United States and a resident of California, tried to get into Canada by stowing away on the Emma Alexender which arrived here from San Francisco. On arrival here he tried to get ashore but was arrested and the intention was to take him home aboard the Dorothy Alexander just outbound. Just as that vessel was pulling out he jumped ashore. Then he started to run for his liberty, but was followed by customs officers and they, with the aid of the city police, captured him and are holding him for the next boat south.

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CANNERIES ARE NOW CLOSING

Balmoral, Sunnyside and Inverness Will Continue to Pack Fall Varieties

With the closing of sockeye fishing last Friday night, most of the canneries on the Skeena River ceased pacsing operations for this year. It is expected that the Balmoral, Sunnyside and Inverness will continue to pack fall varieties and the total pack may yet be considerably increased as a result. Cohoes are still running in good quantities while pinks are about through.

Salmon fishermen this season, it is admitted, have not done very well and the outlook for the winter is not encouraging. White fishermen especially will have to find further employment in order to tide them over the winter.

Queen Charlotte Island canneries and some in Rivers Inlet and the central division will continue packing fall varieties.

ROBBED TRAIN ON SANTA FE

Express Messenger Shot and Badly Wounded and Mail Sacks Looted

SANTA ANNA, Cal., Aug. 25.—An express messenger was shot by bandits who looted the mail sacks on the Sante Fe mail express and his wound may prove fatal. The robbers raided a combination mail and express car and made a clean getaway.

When the train arrived here the messenger was found lying in a pool of blood on the car floor.

The value of the loot has not yet been determined.

FRANCE'S DEBT IS DISCUSSED

LONDON, Aug. 25. — Premier Caillaux continued negotiations for the settlement of France's debt to Britain today but little progress has yet been made. He interviewed British financiers this morning and meets Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer later today.

FLIGHT POSTPONED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25. — The proposed flight of three naval planes to Hawaii has been postponed from Friday until Monday next.

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