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DRASTIC CUTS ATLANTIC SHIPPING RATES

MYSTERY SURROUNDS REAPPEARANCE AGED MARINER NEAR CAPE FLATTERY

British Interests to Reduce Emigrant Fare and Merchandise Rate

Fight against shipping combine is now on declares Canadian government investigator

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—Drastic cuts in rates from Europe to Canada will be made by British interests according to an announcement this morning by W. I. R. Preston, government investigator of the alleged shipping combine, on his arrival from Liverpool.

Emigrants will be brought from Britain at \$50, cattle will be transported to British ports at \$15 per head and merchandise rates will be reduced.

Mr. Preston renewed the charge that the combine to maintain high rates existed and added: "The fight against the shipping combine is now on."

STRIKE IS ON AT ELEVATOR

Laborers Demanding \$5 a Day Whereas 50c and 55c Per Hour is Being Paid

A general strike of laborers at the elevator construction started this morning. At the opening of the night shift last evening, some twenty men did not go to work and, this morning, the walkout became general. The laborers are demanding \$5 for an eight hour day whereas 50c and 55c an hour is being paid.

D. M. Shearer, superintendent of construction for Carter-Halls-Aldinger Co., the elevator contractors, stated this morning that the rate being paid was in accordance with the Dominion Fair Wage Scale. It was unlikely, he said, that this would be changed. Not on account of the strike but because of the labor shortage before, more laborers are now on their way here from Winnipeg. No advance notice of the strike was given, Mr. Shearer stated.

The walk-out of laborers affects the pouring of cement which just started this week. Carpenters are still at work. The contracting company is protected from delay to the work by a strike clause in the contract.

It was announced by the Trades & Labor Council this morning that it had been in communication with the Carter-Halls-Aldinger Co. and the provincial adjustment board on the matter of labor at the elevator. The privilege to conduct the work on the basis of a ten hour day was granted by the provincial board in view of the nature of the work. The Trades & Labor Council took the view that union wages should be paid for eight hours and time and a half for the extra two hours.

Mr. McNiven, deputy minister of labor, and Mr. Harrison of the adjustment board will arrive in the city tomorrow and it is expected the present trouble will then be settled.



Lobster fishermen at Cascumpeque Bay, Prince Edward Island, are shown unloading part of their catch.

Commander Maude, Who Left in May for England Aboard Ketch, Turns Up Near Starting Point

VICTORIA, Aug. 8.—The thirty foot ketch "Half Moon," in which Commander Maude, 70-year-old retired naval officer, left Mayne Island early in May for the long voyage to England, was sighted yesterday afternoon flying distress signals off Destruction Island, 30 miles south of Cape Flattery, a radio message last night said.

Mystery surrounds the appearance of the craft so far north as, only a month ago, the "Half Moon" arrived at Santa Barbara bound for the Canala.

The radio operator at Destruction Island went out in a boat and asked Commander Maude what he wanted but Maude ignored all questions and, after sailing around the island, headed north again with his distress signals still flying.

The steamer Newington has been instructed to keep a lookout for the "Half Moon."

STILL IS TAKEN IN POLICE RAID

Remises of Harry Smith Near Butze Rapids Were Visited by Officers This Morning

Officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Provincial Police made a raid early this morning on the premises of Harry Smith near Butze Rapids and seized a full-fledged still or moonshine-making outfit. Smith was put under arrest and appeared today in the provincial police court before Stipendiary Magistrate McLeod on a charge under the Inland Revenue Act. He was fined \$100 with the option of six months in jail.

U.S. MINERS MAY CALL STRIKE AT END OF AUGUST

Breaking Off of Negotiations Between Anthracite Men and Operators May Cause Suspension of Work

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8.—With the breaking off in Atlantic City of the anthracite wage negotiations, those in close touch with the situation express the belief that a suspension of hard coal operations will be ordered by officials of the U.M.W. upon the expiration of the present wage agreement, August 31, unless there is intervention, which is not at present apparent.

The situation is virtually the same as in 1923, when, after the wage negotiations in Atlantic City had failed, a suspension was ordered and remained in effect until Governor Pinchot intervened. Both sides then agreed to arbitration, and as a result the mine workers received a ten per cent wage increase.

CASTLEGAR IN GRAVE DANGER

Forest Fire Menace in West Kootenay Increased as a Result of High Winds

NELSON, Aug. 8.—High winds have sent countless forest fires in the rampage in the West Kootenay district. The most dangerous fire is at Castlegar sawmill and junction, 25 miles west of here, where 125 men are fighting to save the community. Ranchers in many cases have left their places for safety. The flames were within half a mile of the station, hotel and store when the wind died down.

"YOU ARE FLIRTING WITH DEATH," MAN IS TOLD BY ENEMY

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—"I'll get you. Every time I look at you, you are flirting with death," is what John Rainslow, alias Williams, of 41 Belmont Street, is alleged to have told an enemy, who in turn swore out a warrant served last night by Special Constable Blanchard.

In police court today Rainslow pleaded not guilty to a charge of threatening, and was held in \$100 bail until trial.

WOMAN IN HOSPITAL; MAN FACES CHARGE

John Lindbloom Accused of Injuring Florence Kelly—Remanded Until Next Week

As a result of a fracas on Thursday afternoon, Florence Kelly is in hospital at North Pacific suffering from facial injuries and John Lindbloom of Inverness is facing a charge of assault. The latter came up before Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. McLeod in the provincial police court this morning and was remanded until August 15 when it is expected the injured woman will be able to appear. Lindbloom's arrest was effected last night by Chief Spiller and Constable Mackland of the provincial police.

STOCK MARKET

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.00	1.25
Daly Alaska	.22	.22
Dunwell	1.30	1.90
L. and L.	.28 1/2	.33
Premier	2.16	2.25
Rufus		.20
Selkirk	.04	.04 1/2
Surf Inlet	.04 1/2	.05 1/2
Surf Inlet	.01 1/2	.02 1/2
Hazelton	.19 1/2	.22
Porter Idaho		16 1/2
Silver Crest		.18
Terminus		.15
Marmot Metals		.15
Granby	13.00	15.00
Howe Sound		20.00
Gladstone	.24 1/2	.26
Bayview	.05	.09 1/2
Indian	.06	.07

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HALIBUT PRICES ARE BETTER TODAY

Nine Schooners Marketed 167,000 Pounds at Fish Exchange

Halibut arrivals this morning totalled 167,000 pounds. Six American boats landed 132,000 pounds, and three Canadians 35,000 pounds. Prices were better than those during the middle of the week.

Arrivals and sales were:

American	Canadian
Seymour, 40,000, at 10.30c and 10c to Atlin Fisheries.	Brant, 7,000, at 12.10c and 7.70c to Pacific Fisheries.
Lituya, 32,000, at 10.60c and 5c to Booth Fisheries.	Rose Spit, 14,000, at 12.30c and 7.90c to Canadian Cold Storage Co.
Arctic, 28,000, at 10.80c and 5c, to Canadian Cold Storage Co.	Prosperity A., 14,000, at 11.40c and 7.80c to Canadian Cold Storage Co.
Anna J., 17,000, at 12.70c and 6.50c to Pacific Fisheries.	
Hilda, 8,000, at 12.80c and 6.50c to Canadian Cold Storage Co.	
Alki, 7,000, at 12.60c and 6.50c to Pacific Fisheries.	

PEACE RIVER IS DISCUSSED

Board of Trade Appoint Committee to Meet Sir Henry Thornton

The question of the outlet to the Peace River was brought up for discussion at the board of trade meeting last evening by J. C. McLennan, who referred to the struggle at Edmonton between the C.N.R. and the G.P.R. for the control of the Edmonton and Dunvegan railroad. He felt that the northern territory was primarily old G.T.P. territory or C.N.R. territory and, in the interests of Canada, British Columbia and Northern and Central B.C., this territory should be conserved for the C.N.R. to develop. He felt that something should be done by the local board to strengthen the position of Sir Henry Thornton in obtaining this country for the C.N.R. and securing an outlet to the coast via the northern route.

The board felt that this was one of the questions on which Sir Henry Thornton should receive the opinions of the board and therefore a committee of five was appointed to arrange for his visit here next week. The committee consists of D. Thomson, M. P. McCaffery, E. C. Gibbons, J. C. McLennan and S. K. Campbell.

CANADIAN NATIONAL SERVICE PLEASING

Earl Haig Made Presentation to Sir Henry Thornton's Representative at Montreal

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—Field Marshal the Earl Haig, Lady Haig and members of the British Empire Service League before they left for England after touring Canada, presented C. K. Howard, personal representative of Sir Henry Thornton, with a silver salver at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Mr. Howard was in charge of the special train which conveyed the party from Vancouver to Montreal.

The salver, suitably inscribed, bears a facsimile of Earl Haig's signature. The field marshal thanked Mr. Howard for his services, and said that he appreciated the kindness and courtesy shown throughout Canada by Canadian National officials. He also praised the service of the road. Mr. Howard replied briefly.

PRINCE RUPERT AS OUTLET FOR PEACE RIVER IS FEATURED

The last issue of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, published in Montreal, carries a long article under the heading: "Better Outlet for Peace River District." Accompanying the article is a map which traces a route starting from Pouce Coupe, joining the C.N.R. at or near Vanderhoof and coming out to the Pacific Ocean at Prince Rupert. The map shows only the central portion of British Columbia.

FAMILY IS BURNED

CENTRAL VALLEY, Aug. 8.—Five members of one family were burned to death when fire destroyed their home here this morning.

WHITE MEN TO COMPETE WITH YELLOW PEDDLERS

House to House System Inaugurated by Victoria Vegetable Dealers

VICTORIA, B.C., Aug. 8.—In an effort to forestall Oriental penetration into various lines of commercial endeavor, especially with regard to the marketing of garden truck crops, white men have organized a house-to-house peddling system.

It is now more than twenty years since the first Chinese peddler with his big straw baskets slung on a stick over his shoulder appeared on the streets of British Columbia coast cities vending produce. During the past few years Orientals have obtained a virtual monopoly on this business, the peddlers combining and working in conjunction with Oriental farmers and storekeepers. A great many white storekeepers were forced out of business by the encroachment of their Asiatic competitors, who were able to offer goods for sale at a lower price because of their lower standard of living and reduced costs.

The white produce dealers have now decided that the best way to compete with the Orientals is to adopt their own methods. Thirty house-to-house trucks are now a part of the white men's organization, which obtains much of its produce from white farmers growing truck crops in the vicinity of Victoria. The organization is meeting with success even greater than had been anticipated.

BOOTLEGGING GOV'T LIQUOR

Commissioner Davidson Replies to Assertions Made by Victoria Police Commission

VICTORIA, Aug. 8.—Replying to assertions of the Victoria police commission that local bootleggers secure their liquor supplies from the government stores, Commissioner Hugh Davidson said yesterday that the vandals could not prevent a certain amount of liquor being sold for this purpose owing to the possibility of illegally buying liquor on another person's permit. He pointed out that the Liquor Act provided for vendors to refuse to sell liquor to anyone suspected of bootlegging and said that the ruling was being enforced as much as possible.

TIPPERARY HAS BAD CONDITIONS

Children Dead and Dying as Result of Prevalent Scarcity of Nourishing Food

DUBLIN, Aug. 8.—According to a report from the mayor of Clonmel, the largest town in Tipperary, conditions are bad. "Children have died of starvation and others are dying of illness caused by the prevalent lack of nourishing food."

H.M.S. CAPETOWN HAS ARRIVED AT VICTORIA

Much Entertainment Planned in Capital City for Warship's Officers and Men

VICTORIA, Aug. 8.—H.M.S. Capetown arrived here yesterday from Prince Rupert in the course of a coast cruise.

The first function being held here in honor of the officers and men of the warship will be a smoker that will take place this evening with the Great War Veterans as hosts.

A committee from the city council consisting of Ald. Shanks, Woodward and Marchant has been appointed to take charge of the entertainment of the sailors. The plans include provision for sight-seeing trips about the city, free admittance to the theatres and to the amusement centre where it is planned to stage a swimming gala.

FRENCH LOSSES IN SYRIAN FIGHTING

Two Hundred Killed; Six Hundred Wounded and Most of Equipment Captured

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8.—French casualties in the recent fighting at Suedjah against Syrian rebels aggregated 200 killed and 600 wounded. Much of the French equipment was captured by the tribesmen.

SALMON STOCKS IN RIVERS OF PROVINCE INCREASED THIS YEAR

OTTAWA, Aug. 8.—It is expected that 1925 will prove a record year for the restocking of British Columbia rivers with salmon. The fishery department announced today that more than 90,000,000 small salmon had been released this year. In the Fraser River waters nearly 50,000,000 fish have been released.

These figures do not include the large numbers of other fish hatched annually and released in B.C. waters.

LADY BYNG AT JASPER

JASPER, Park, Aug. 8.—Lady Byng is again a guest at Jasper Park Lodge and will remain here until Lord Byng returns to Edmonton from his trip to the North West Territory.

CALIFORNIA 'QUAKE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt early this morning in the San Bernardino, San Jacinto and San Diego districts. No damage is reported.

B.C. ADMINISTRATOR

OTTAWA, Aug. 8.—Chief Justice Macdonald of the Appeal Court has been appointed administrator for British Columbia during the month of September when Lieutenant Governor Nichol will be absent.