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SERIOUS FLOODS EXPERIENCED IN EUROPE

VANCOUVER HAS SERIES OF SHIPPING ACCIDENTS ACCOUNT OF DENSE FOG

Much Land in Britain is Submerged; France and Continent Suffers

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Rapid thawing of snow and continued heavy rains are causing serious floods in many parts of the British Isles. Vast tracts of lands are being submerged and in Glasgow shipping is tied up owing to the rapid rise of water on the Clyde River.

A serious situation is also reported from France and in many sections of the continent. Many lives are being lost in Roumania and Hungary.

EXPLORER HAS GONE BANKRUPT

Herschel Parker Files Petition in Federal Court at Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—Herschel Parker, explorer and scientist, filed a petition of bankruptcy in the federal court here yesterday. The debts include two notes aggregating $800 owed to the Bank of Anchorage and to Thomas Fulton, also of Anchorage. The only asset listed is a half interest in 320 acres of wild land in the Kootenay district of British Columbia.

OLD ACT IS TO BE ABOLISHED

Reforms to be Effected in Succession Privileges in Great Britain

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Abolishing provisions which have existed since feudal days in Great Britain, a new act dealing with the administration of estates will come into effect at the New Year. It is provided that elder sons and fathers who die leaving no wills possess no advantages over younger brothers. Males and females will also rank equally in the division of estates.

BURIED ALIVE IN COAL MINE

Two Miners Meet Tragic Fate at Black Diamond, Washington

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—Trapped 2,000 feet below the ground in the Pacific Coast Co.'s mine at Black Diamond, W. R. Bruner and Emil Piquet were buried alive. W. R. Bruner's body, with life crushed out, was recovered last night.

FIVE FIREMEN HURT GOING TO XMAS FIRE

MEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 30. — Christmas candles which set fire to the window curtains of a dwelling here resulted in injury to five Medford firemen, when the truck on which they were responding to the alarm skidded from the road and turned over in a clay pit 20 feet befow the highway.

Acting Provincial Police Inspector W. Spiller returned to the city on the steamer Prince Rupert this afternoon after having taken prisoners to Okalla prison farm.

WEATHER REPORT

(Government Telegraphs)

Prince Rupert—raining, light southeast wind; temperature, 44.

White Horse—cloudy, calm; 25 above.

Dawson — cloudy, calm; 10 above.

Yukon average—cloudy, calm, 15 above; some new snow fell yesterday and during the night.

Terrace — raining; windy; 35 above.

Aiyansh — cloudy, calm; 32 above.

Hazelton—Cloudy, calm; light frost.

Burns Lake — cloudy, calm; light frost.

Smithers—Cloudy, calm; light frost.

OLD SCHOONER IS POUNDED TO PIECES

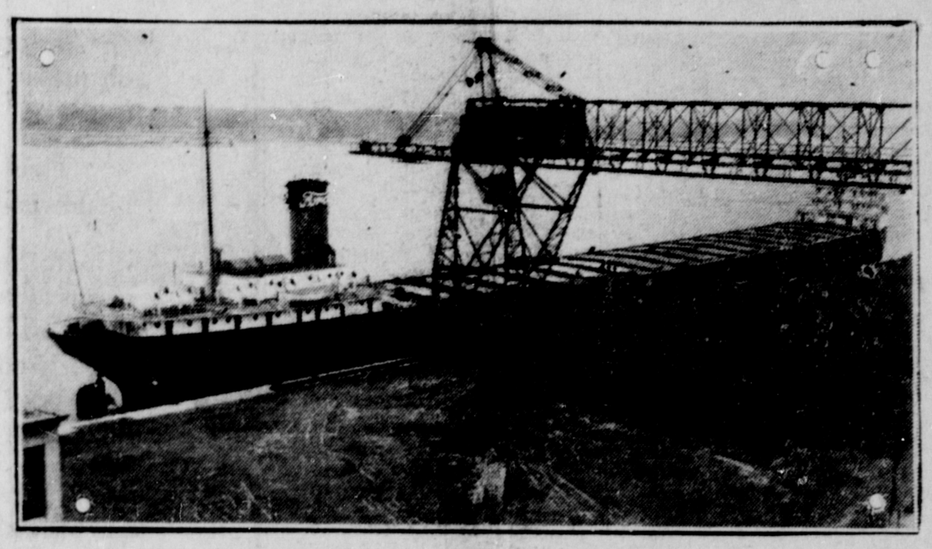
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30. — The four masted schooner Honipu, one of the oldest vessels on the Pacific coast, was pounded to pieces by heavy seas on Washington Island in the South Pacific according to word received here yesterday. Members of the crew were marooned until they were picked up by the power schooner Doris Crane, which is now proceeding to Honolulu.

OFFICERS HERE.

B. C. Keeley, Pacific coast manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine; D. B. Carswell, superintendent engineer with headquarters in Montreal, and P. W. Baldwin, local auditor, Vancouver, arrived on the steamer Prince Rupert this afternoon for the purpose of making final arrangements for the taking over of the Canadian National dry dock here on January 1. Mr. Keeley will return south on the Prince Rupert on Friday morning. Mrs. Keeley and Mrs. Baldwin are also making the trip.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.70	
B.C. Silver	1.63	1.75
Dunwell	1.33	1.36
Gladstone	.30½	.33
L. & L.	.13	.15
Marmot		.11
Premier	2.18	2.20
Porter Idaho	.09½	.10
Surf Inlet	.08¾	.10
Terminus		.50
C. P. R.	148.00	
Daly Alaska		.13
Howe Sound	27.50	
Silvercrest	11½	.12½
Ruth Hope	.34	.36
Granby	20.00	
Rufus		.18
Lucky Jim	13¼	.15
Hazelton		.01¾
Indian	.05	.06
Glacier	.08¼	.10
Bayview	.05	.09½
National Silver	.14¼	.15



The giant crane at the new Ford dock at Ford City, Ont., handles coal at the rate of 350 tons per hour. The "Benson Ford," 8,700 ton lake boat, named after Henry Ford's grandson, is pictured making her initial call with a cargo of coal.

DIED SUDDENLY IN HER HOME

Death Came in Tragic Manner to Mrs. George Crate Yesterday Afternoon

With tragic suddenness, the death occurred yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home, 525 Seventh Avenue East, of Mrs. Amy Charlotte Crate, wife of A. G. Crate, city police constable. Without warning, deceased collapsed and expired.

The late Mrs. Crate was of Irish descent and was born in the United States thirty-five years ago. She came to Canada 21 years ago and has resided in Prince Rupert since 1910.

Besides the widower, deceased is survived by four children, Grace, Harvey, Lloyd and Georgina. Her mother, Mrs. Emil Evanson, lives at Portal, North Dakota, and there is a brother in Portland, Oregon.

Deceased was a member of the local lodge of the Women of the Mooseheart Legion.

Funeral arrangements, which will be announced later, are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

VANCOUVER BOAT IS FOUND ADRIFT

Seventeen Foot Launch Picked up off Waldron Island by U.S. Coastguard Service

VICTORIA, Dec. 30.—A seventeen-foot launch supposed to be owned in Vancouver has been found adrift off Waldron Island, Washington, the customs department here has been notified by the United States coastguard service. Vancouver newspapers and empty food containers of Vancouver origin were found in the boat.

STOLE MONEY AT ANYOX: SENTENCE BY JUDGE RESERVED

John G. Edwards, having elected for speedy trial and pleading guilty to a charge of theft of various sums of money at Anyox, appeared before Judge Young in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon, and was remanded for sentence. The prisoner was brought down from the north yesterday on the Cardena by Provincial Constable Smith.

Log Carrying Barge Bingamon Ashore at Vancouver Tuesday; Motorship is off Siwash Rock

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—The log carrying barge Bingamon, which went ashore near Point Grey in the fog while in tow of the tug Czar and with nearly one million feet of logs aboard, got off at high water on Tuesday with the aid of two tugs after unloading some of the logs into a temporary boom.

The Pacific Steamship Co.'s motorship Boobyalla, ashore near Siwash Rock, was finally refloated early this morning after three tugs had worked with the vessel yesterday afternoon and through the night. The vessel came into port under her own power making two inches of water an hour. She immediately underwent a survey and it was found she is not seriously damaged.

The fifth day of the fog finds shipping out of the port completely tied up with only a few coastwise vessels moving. Deep sea boats are remaining at Victoria until the weather clears.

MONEY FOR BUSINESS

Head of Bank of Commerce Says Capital is Ready for Industry

TORONTO, Dec. 30. — Approximately $125,000,000 more is available in Canada today for general business purposes than is usual at this time of the year, Sir John Aird, president of the Bank of Commerce, states. He further declares that there is plenty of money available for the financing of new undertakings needed in the development of Canada.

VANCOUVER DENTIST DIES AT HIS WORK

Dr. Daniel W. Massey Collapsed in His Office and Succumbed a Few Minutes Later

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30. — Dr. Daniel W. Massey, dentist, aged 51, collapsed in his office at 1708 Charles Street yesterday while working on a patient and died a few minutes later.

VANCOUVER SHIPS 5,250,000 BUSHELS WHEAT IN DECEMBER

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30. — The Merchants' Exchange reports 5,250,000 bushels of wheat shipped from this port during December to Europe and the Orient.

FISH STATION WORK STARTING

Tenders Called For Building to be Erected on Government Wharf

The new government biological station, tenders for the building of which are now being called, will be of wooden construction and will be situated on the west end of the provincial government dock. The building will measure 60 feet by 37 feet and will be two storeys high.

While the erection of the building will be under the supervision of the provincial department of public works, the Dominion government will be responsible for the equipment.

Before construction work can actually proceed upon the erection of the new station the wharf underneath has to be considerably strengthened. Plans and specifications are now being prepared locally covering this work in order that tenders may be called. This work will occupy approximately a month and it will be some time in February before the building proper is commenced upon by the contractors awarded the contract.

XMAS BUSINESS IN LONDON WAS GOOD

Exclusive West End Shops Report Stocks Sold Out

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Merchants reported the best Christmas business since 1919. The exclusive west end shops, especially in Bond Street, announced that their stock had been sold out, while manufacturers said they were satisfied in the wisdom of pushing the slogans "British goods are best" and "Buy British goods." The response was satisfactory.

Local Totem Pole Raised on Fifth Avenue, New York, is Proving Centre of Interest

A totem pole from the Queen Charlotte Islands recently erected by the Canadian National Railways in front of the company's offices on Fifth Avenue has attracted a lot of attention in New York City. The New York Herald Tribune of December 20 commented on the pole as follows:

During a considerable history there have been a number of things on Fifth Avenue: parades, principally, and shops. The Irish have paraded on Fifth Avenue on March 17 for years; so have the police; also the firemen, and during the war years there was of course, an unlimited parade. At that time life on Fifth Avenue was just one procession after another.

Yesterday something came to Fifth Avenue which had never been there before. The Canadian National Railways was responsible for the innovation. The innovation was a totem pole. Never before had Fifth Avenue had a totem pole.

New Office

The Canadian National Railways formerly had New York offices in a building at Broadway and Thirty-third Street. Last year that company signed a long term lease for the ground floor of the premises at 505 Fifth Ave. which is immediately north of Forty Second Street on the east side of the Avenue. The new offices were opened yesterday for business, and the totem pole came right along.

This particular totem pole was brought from the reservation of the Haida Indians, in Mritish Columbia. It is, probably, the ugliest thing on Fifth Avenue, not excluding the public library's celebrated and simpering lions. The figures, according to the official announcement sent out by the railroad "are true or heraldic emblems of the family to which the totem belongs." The totem itself is really a memorial column intended to preserve the memory of tribal leaders and to secure public acknowledgement of the title to the successors. The crests are in effect coats of arms.

No Thing of Beauty

No totem pole is a thing of beauty; and the particular specimen exhibited in the Canadian National Railways office is nothing that might ever be expected to win an Atlantic City beauty pageant. Its three grades, according to those who are expert in the interpretation of totem poles, which is itself a life long study, represent "a scuplin, a shark and a sea monster, in semi-human form." Any one who sees this totem pole will realize immediately that a scuppin, a shark and a sea monster in semi-human form, when crowded togther on one totem pole do not make the sort of an ensemble which a man should observe closely after a rough night at a rough night club. A less attractive combination no totem pole architect was ever able to imagine.

The totem pole attracted a lot of attention on Fifth Avenue yesterday. It is to be a permanent exhibit, as is the oil painting in the front office of Mount Robson, in the Canadian Rockies, and the bronze tablet beside the entrance which displays the arms of the Dominion of Canada, and of the various Canadian provinces.

LIGHTS WENT OFF.

The city electric power went off last night, between 9.40 and 10.10 o'clock, owing to the flywheel on the oil pump supplying the governors at Shawatlan Lake power house breaking loose.

CUSTOMS HOUSE IS BROKEN INTO

Thieves Received Little Reward, However, For Their Pains

During the night, thieves visited the private office of Jarvis McLeod, collector of customs, in the post office building. Entrance was gained by breaking the transom over the door in the hallway. Nothing of value was stolen as the office only contained papers peculiar to the customs business. Mr. McLeod's desk was ransacked and papers were strewn over the floor. Discovery of the burglary was not made until this morning when the customs staff came on duty. The city police were immediately notified and Sergeant Bailey is in charge of investigations.

FATALITY AT SEA REPORTED

Officer on Board City of Vancouver Washed Overboard During Heavy Storm

VICTORIA, Dec. 30.—It is reported here that an accident has occurred on the steamer City of Vancouver now enroute to this port from the Orient. Although no definite information has been received, it is believed that one of the ship's officers was washed overboard during heavy weather. The ship, which is coming in ballast and making slow time, will not arrive here until Thursday night.

HANGED HIMSELF IN RAILWAY SHED

Ernest Rodgers of Regina Committed Suicide in Vancouver Last Evening

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—A man believed to be Ernest Rodgers of Regina committed suicide in the Great Northern freight sheds last night. He hanged himself from a beam by kicking a barrel from under his feet.

OCEAN CITY IN MARYLAND SWEPT BY CONFLAGRATION

OCEAN CITY, Dec. 30. — Fire which swept the summer resort city yesterday with an estimated loss of $100,000 was brought under control late in the afternoon when a shifting wind carried the flames seaward.

Motorship Norco, Capt. Len Williams, is due in port this afternoon from Ketchikan with a cargo of frozen fish for transportation East over the Canadian National Railway.