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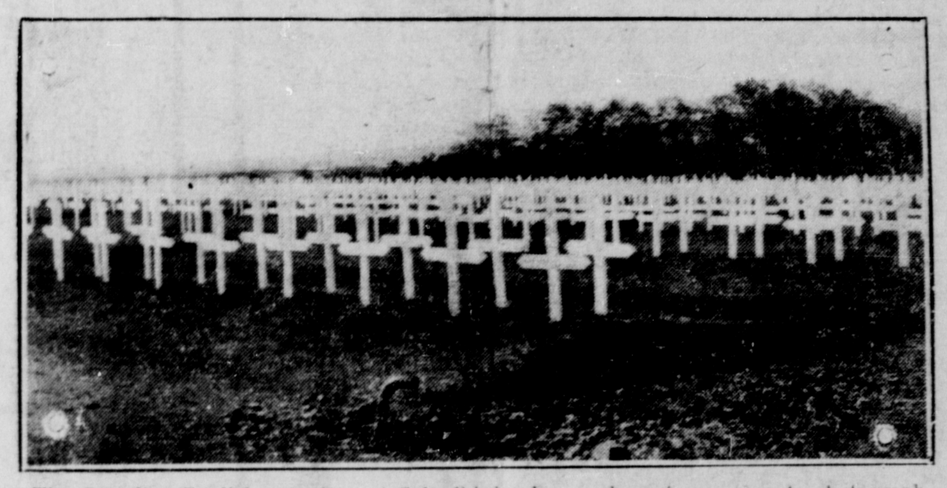
COMMITTED FOR TRIAL MURDER CHARGE

BRITISH SHIP IS HELD CAPTIVE BY CHINESE PIRATES FOR FOUR DAYS

Hazelton Half-breeds Sent up by Smithers Magistrate on Monday

Committed for trial at Smithers on Monday by Stipendiary Magistrate S. H. Hoskins, Fred Bird, Alex. Bird and Jack Roy, charged with the murder over a year ago at Hazelton of Matthew McLean, an Indian, were brought to the city this morning by Inspector William Spiller of the provincial police. On Friday morning they will be taken south to Okalla where they will await trial at the session of the Supreme Court assizes here in the spring. The three accused are half-breeds. The alleged murder is said to have been the outcome of a drinking bout on the Indian reserve at Hazelton in the fall of 1924.



The Canadian-English cemetery at Saloniki is shown above in a recent photograph

Most Daring Instance of Piracy in Many Years is Reported from China Sea

HONG KONG, Dec. 23.—The British owned steamer Tung Chow came into port yesterday with a number of foreign passengers, some of them women, after having been for four days the prize of Chinese pirates who looted her and directed her sailing for 1,000 miles. It was one of the most daring instances of piracy in many years in the China Sea. The British captain of the steamer was shot by the pirates but he will recover.

The steamer sailed from Shanghai for Tientsin and the pirates came aboard disguised as steerage passengers. On December 18, when the vessel was 360 miles south of Weihaiwei, they seized command and sailed to Bias Bay where three small boats came and took off the loot, as well as the pirates.

POLAR FLIGHT IS CONFIRMED

Hop-off From Point Barrow in Spring is Planned—Steffanson in Interested

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Viljhalmar Steffanson, the explorer, today confirmed the report of a polar flight to be attempted from Point Barrow in the spring in an all metal plane manufactured by Henry Ford with the backing of the National Geographic Society. The explorer himself will not be a member of the expedition but he will assist in the making of arrangements. The project is also backed by the Detroit Aviation Society of which William Mayo, Henry Ford's chief engineer, is president. It is denied, however, that Mr. Ford himself is personally interested in the plans.

CARIBOO MINE CASE IN COURT

American Owners are Suing Bond Holders in Supreme Court Action

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23—Debentures issued by the Lightning Creek Gold, Gravel & Drainage Co. Ltd., after its Cariboo mine had been leased to the Mines Operating Company of South Dakota with the stipulation that the latter was entitled to fifty per cent of the output, is the issue in an action between the American firm, backed by the mine owners, and certain bond holders whose interests total $40,000. The case opened today in the Supreme Court.

EIGHT DEAD IN MINE DISASTER

Fire Broke Out Last Night in Webb Coal Mine South of Bellaire, Ohio

BELLAIRE, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Eight men are known to be dead as a result of a fire which last night entombed 79 miners in the Webb Coal mine south of here. Seven bodies were taken from the bottom of the air shaft at midnight. Others are believed to have escaped.

W. Hoppe, found guilty on a charge of vagrancy at Smithers and sentenced to six months at the Okalla prison farm, was brought to the city this morning in custody of Provincial Police Inspector Spiller.

GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO REPLACED

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—(By Canadian Press).—The graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario has gone out of existence and in its place has come the Registered Nurses' Association. The former society achieved the aim for which it worked during 15 year. As a result of its efforts it was made compulsory for all graduate nurses to sit for an examination under the inspector of training schools in the department of the minister of health for Ontario.

KILLED IN FALL DOWN SHIP'S HOLD

Thomas McClay, Brother of Sam McClay, Former Harbor Board Member, Lost his Life this Morning

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Thos. McClay, brother of Sam McClay, former harbor board member, was killed this morning when he fell down the hold of the German steamer Hermit while engaged in lining the vessel to receive grain cargo.

GREAT BUSH FIRES RAGE IN AUSTRALIA

Country North of Melbourne is Damaged to Extent of Several Million Dollars

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23.—Great bush fires are raging near Alexandra, one hundred miles north of this city. Four thousand acres valued at $3,500,000 have been destroyed.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.52¾	
Daly Alaska		.15
Dunwell	1.27	1.35
L. & L.	.12	.14
Premier	2.18	2.26
Porter Idaho	.09⅛	.10
Silver Crest	.10¾	.12
Surf Inlet	.09	.10½
C. P. R.	145.00	
B.C. Silver	1.56	
Gladstone	.33½	.35½
Granby	20.00	
Rufus		.18
Howe Sound		30.00
Lucky Jim	13¼	.15
Hazelton		.01¾
Marmot		.10
Terminus		.50
Indian	.05	.06
Glacier	.08¼	.10
Bayview	.05	.09½
Ruth Hope	.32½	.39
National Silver	.14¼	.15
Selkirk	.04	.04½
Silversmith	.24	.24½

NARROW ESCAPE OF 3 INDIANS

Port Simpson Gasboat Clara S. Cast up on Green Island and is Smashed to Pieces

Three Port Simpson Indians, Peter Shepherd, George White and William Jeffrey, had a narrow escape with their lives on Sunday while journeying between this city and Port Simpson when the engine of their gas boat, Clara S., broke down and the craft was cast up on Green Island and smashed to pieces. Details of their experiences are not yet available here although a message was received yesterday afternoon that they had been picked up by the lighthouse tender Newington at Green Island and conveyed on that vessel to their home in Port Simpson. Four boats left Port Simpson to search for them before they were picked up by the Newington.

XMAS SHOPPING IN FULL SWING

Local Stores, Attractive in Appearance, Have Wide Range of Offerings

In spite of inclement and unseasonal weather, the city is agog with Christmas excitement and the stores are crowded with young and old bent on securing suitable gifts at the last minute for their loved ones and friends. It is the general concensus of opinion among local merchants that the Christmas spirit is very much abroad this year and that good business is being done in all lines.

Never did the local store windows appear more attractive than they do at this Christmastide and the storekeepers have, if anything, surpassed previous efforts along these lines.

Every store is bountifully stocked with delightful and useful gifts, particularly suited to the one great season of the year and nothing has been left undone by the business people of the city to see that their customers are amply provided for in the way of gift selections.

Toyland

The great attraction to the youngsters are, of course, the windows displaying toys and Santa Claus will be the busiest man on earth during Christmas Eve endeavoring to keep pace with the many requests received from his loving little friends. From expensive toy railway sets complete with rails, signals, etc., to the less expensive doll and

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WHEAT TAKES SUDDEN JUMP

(Special to Daily News)

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Reports that American wheat needed at home has already been shipped abroad was responsible for a jump of as much as 9¾ cents this morning.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—Under the Chicago influence wheat advanced 4c this morning.

BARRED FROM GOLD FIELDS

Decree Ordering Foreigners From Russian "Klondyke"

(Special to Daily News)

YATUSK, Siberia, Dec. 23.—The Russian government has issued a decree ordering all non-Russian residents to depart within a month from the Aldan River goldfield, Russia's "New Klondyke," which is already overrun with hordes of Koreans, Japanese and Chinese. An investigating commission sent to the field states that tons of gold is available in an area of six thousand square miles. Food supplies in the district are short already and there is great suffering.

STRUCK BY TRAIN WHILE WALKING ON TRACK--IS KILLED

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 23.—Dave Potter, 60, Louis Creek rancher was killed last night when he was struck by a Canadian National train. Deceased was walking on the track.

MANY FISHERMEN ARE MISSING AS RESULT OF JAPANESE STORM

TOKYO, Dec. 23.—Twenty fishing boats, containing 150 fishermen, are missing as a result of a storm off Northern Japan yesterday. Many homes were wrecked and forty vessels were capsized.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Unchartered rocks 1.2 miles from the western end of the western end of the southern Skedan island, Queen Charlotte Islands, are reported by the marine department.

WET CHRISTMAS IS IN PROSPECT

Yukon Having Zero Weather and Lower, But in This District it is Soft

With Yukon Territory now in the grip of zero weather and below, today's weather reports show Northern and Central British Columbia to be having soft weather with rain towards the coast. It looks like a green, wet Christmas for Prince Rupert and the district immediately adjacent to the city.

Weather at 8 a.m. today at various district points was reported as follows:

Prince Rupert — Raining, fresh southeast wind; temperature, 49.

Terrace—Raining.

Anyox—Cloudy, calm.

Stewart—Raining.

Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, soft.

Smithers—Cloudy, calm, soft.

Burns Lake—Rained all night turning to sleet.

Telegraph Creek — Cloudy, calm; temperature, 19 above.

White Horse—Zero, cloudy, north wind.

Dawson—Clear, calm; temperature, 29 below.

Yukon, average— Clear, calm; 26 below.

XMAS DINNER FUND IS SLOW

Response Will Have to be Better if Full Objective is to be Obtained

Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas cheer fund to furnish dinners and a happy time on Christmas Day to those in need in the city are not coming in as fast as is necessary to insure the maximum number of men obtaining a good time on the great day of the year.

It will give one a deal of comfort to think, when they sit down to a bounteous meal on Friday, that they have in a small way helped another less fortunate person to obtain similar enjoyment under the auspices of the Salvation Army. Now is the time to do your bit. Subscriptions may be left with Capt. Rea, Salvation Army citadel, or at the Daily News office.

Previously donated	$63.00
Buddy and Kenney	.50
George Rorie	5.00
Rev. G. G. Hacker	1.00
A. Friend	1.00
Henry Smith	1.00

George Little arrived in the city from Terrace on this morning's train and will return to the interior tonight.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA MAKE AN AGREEMENT

Mutual Neutrality is Pledged Should Either Country be Attacked

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23—An exchange telegraph says that Ismet Pasha, premier of Turkey, has announced the signing at Paris on December 17 of a new agreement between Turkey and Russia pledging mutual neutrality should either country be attacked.

CHILDREN TRAMPLED TO DEATH AT ERIE

Panic Ensued After Collapse of Seats at Outdoor Christmas Observance

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 23.—Three children were trampled to death in a panic resulting from the collapse of seats at an outdoor Christmas observance here last night. Many more were injured.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN LOSE LIVES IN FIRE AT WAYNESBURG, VA.

WAYNESBURG, Virginia, Dec. 23.—Four volunteer firemen were killed and five were injured when a wall collapsed during a fire in the business section of this city this morning. The property loss is estimated at $750,000.

WIRELESS REPORT.

8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Raining, fresh southeast wind; barometer 29.64; temperature, 49; sea rough; 7 a.m. spoke steamer City of Vancouver bound Yokohama for Victoria, 1007 miles from Victoria.

BULL HARBOR.—Raining, light southeast wind; barometer 29.90; temperature 47; sea moderate; 12:30 a.m. spoke S.S. Princess Maquinna at Alberni northbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Raining, southeast wind; barometer 29.80; temperature 43; light swell.

Noon

DIGBY ISLAND.—Raining, fresh southeast wind; barometer 29.74; temperature 50; sea moderate; steamer Prince Rupert in 11.10 a.m. northbound; Prince John abeam Lorne Hill northbound.

BULL HARBOR.—Overcast; light southeast wind; barometer 29.91; temperature 50; sea moderate.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Cloudy; calm; barometer, 29.86; temperature 46; sea smooth.

BROWNLEE AND OLIVER MEET

Peace River Railway Question Discussed Yesterday by Premiers of Alberta and B.C.

VICTORIA, Dec. 23—"Premier Brownlee is keenly interested in the British Columbia proposal for the opening up of the Peace River country," said Premier Oliver yesterday after a conference with the Alberta premier. "Mr. Brownlee thought that this development would solve the railway problems of both provinces and, while the discussion was naturally general in character, it served to establish one point on which we agreed, namely, that British Columbia's and Alberta's interest in the development of the Peace River country is a common interest."

GEORGE SMITH IS COMMITTED

Former Alberta Cabinet Minister Sent up For Trial by Magistrate

EDMONTON, Dec. 23.—George P. Smith, former minister of education in the Alberta government, was yesterday committed for trial on a change of the theft of $5,820 from the province at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Primrose. Until the County Court sessions open in January, Smith is released on bail as set before the preliminary.

HUDSON BAY BUYS MAUD

Amundsen's Famous Exploration Ship Will Replace Lady Kindersley

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—Roald Amundsen's famous schooner Maud, it is reported here, has been purchased by the Hudson Bay Co. for use in the Arctic Ocean to replace the Lady Kindersley which was lost last year. The price paid is said to be $40,000.

SOME MEMBERS OF CREW OF CRIPPLED SHIP ARE PICKED UP

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—A radio from an unidentified steamer reports that she has on board 16 men of the crew of the Italian steamer Marina which was abandoned in the North Atlantic on Sunday. The message added that a second lifeboat containing 18 persons had not been located.