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LOCAL SAWMILL IS AGAIN VISITED BY FIRE

STAGE IS NOW ALL SET FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENT ON THURSDAY NEXT

Prince Rupert Spruce Mills' Destruction is Completed in Early Morning Conflagration

Remainder of plant left from fire on November 14 wiped out with estimated loss of $150,000

MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN

Blaze said to have broken out in three places ---possibility of rebuilding further complicated

The Prince Rupert Spruce Mill at Seal Cove early this morning was visited with a second disastrous fire of mysterious origin as a result of which the plant, from an operating standpoint, may now be said to have been entirely wiped out. The loss, it is estimated will run into $150,000, this being in addition to the loss of $500,000 incurred when the plant was burned for the first time on November 14 last. The fire broke out about 4.15 this morning, the alarm being turned in by Ole Skog, who saw the flames in three different parts of the mill from the window of his house. Flames were issuing from both ends of the mill and the centre of the roof.

The machine shed of the mill was totally destroyed, the loss comprising the edgers, trimming saws, saw filing machinery, bandsaws, log carriages, shot gun feed machinery, part of the mono-rail system, sawdust conveyor and boiler house. The only machinery saved was that in the old planing mill consisting of two planers, re-saw and the city generators and, in addition, a few piles of lumber

The alarm being turned into the fire department, the big fire truck and smaller truck immediately proceeded to the scene. All the available hose at the fire station and the mill was laid on.

The blowing of the whistle at the Cold Storage plant aroused the inhabitants of Seal Cove. This was the first intimation that the mill was ablaze.

All roads leading to the mill were soon crowded with automobiles and trucks of every description.

The fire was smouldering until late this morning and all firemen were kept on duty with the hose until well into the day.

Excellent service was rendered to the fire fighters by the citizens generally, prominent among whom was Ald. Geo. Casey, Miss Winnie White, who was on duty at the telephone exchange, used great presence of mind and assisted the fire department by telephoning everybody who she thought had any interest in the fire.

His health broken down following the shock of the November fire, J. A. Smith, president and principal owner of the Prince Rupert Spruce Mill, lies ill in a sanitarium in California. Fire insurance adjustments had not been completed in connection with the first fire and this conflagration will further complicate matters. There was some doubt as to whether or not Mr. Smith would have rebuilt following the first fire but it is now reasonably certain that it will not now be by him if at all.

Further Details

Albert Fortin, who was in charge of the mill premises, made his regular rounds at 5 o'clock last night when everything was in good order. Mr. Elliott, who lives in a shack near the Cold Storage and who was going home about 3.50 this morning, did not see anything amiss when he passed the mill at that time.

Somebody was seen around the mill premises between 11 and 12 midnight with a flashlight but investigations failed to reveal who it was.

When the fire department responded to the alarm the machine shed was well ablaze and, in the opinion of Fire Chief McDonald, the fire started in the boiler house and spread around the rear of the machine shop. The smoke stack of the boiler house is still standing and a few yards of the sawdust conveyor while the shed housing the live rollers is also intact. Several piles of lumber were saved as was also a small drying shed to the south end of the building.

The whole scene is one of desolution and ruin and what few machines and buildings were saved are of little value.

Members of the public works, city light and water works departments, who were notified immediately upon the alarm being turned in, responded immediately and rendered yeoman service during the conflagration.

COLLISION IS TO BE PROBED

Investigation Opens in Vancouver this Week into Lady Cynthia-Cowichan Crash

VICTORIA, Jan. 4. — Capt. J. D. McPherson, Dominion wreck commissioner, announced Saturday night that investigation would be made into the collision on December 26 between the Union steamers Lady Cynthia and Cowichan, as a result of which the latter vessel was sunk. The commissioner left for Vancouver to make arrangements for the investigation which will be held in that city this week.

STORES IN NOVA SCOTIA LOOTED

Unemployed Miners Charged With Depredations at Glace Bay and New Aberdeen

GLACE BAY, Jan. 4.— Unemployed miners in Glace Bay and New Aberdeen last night looted provision stores in Glace Bay, New Aberdeen and at Colliery No. 2, the store at New Aberdeen being burned. The raids followed mass meeting called by the United Mine Workers' Association.

VICTORIA CONCERN BUYS TUG FEARFUL

Vessel Used in Connection With Elevator Work Here is Acquired by Island Tug & Barge Co.

The Vancouver tug Fearful, which was used in Prince Rupert last year by W. C. Arnett in connection with the carrying of gravel from across the harbor for the elevator foundations, has been bought by the Island Tug & Barge Co. of Victoria. This makes the fifth tug owned by the Victoria concern, the others being Burrard Chief, Della C., Nora and Quinitsa.

ASTRID TO BE WALES' BRIDE

Those Close to the Prince Say Such is His Intention

(Special to Daily News)

LONDON, Jan. 4. — Matrimonial intentions of the Prince of Wales, now 31 years of age, are declared by persons close to the court to be centred on his cousin, Princess Astrid, niece of the King of Sweden and one of the few daughters of royal blood eligible from the standpoint of religion to become the consort of the heir of Britain's throne. The source of this information would appear to take the edge off recent denials given generally as to the possibility of such a match. Princess Astrid, it is said, will visit Windsor Castle shortly.

WEATHER REPORT

(8 a.m.)

(Government Telegraphs)

Prince Rupert—Cloudy, light southeast wind; temperature, 48.

Terrace—Rain, calm; 36 above

Anyox — Cloudy, calnr; 44 above.

Hazelton — Cloudy, calm; 30 above.

Telegraph Creek — Cloudy, calm; 30 above.

Smithers — Cloudy, calm; frosty.

Burns Lake — Cloudy, calm; frosty.

Whitehorse—Cloudy, calm; 3 below.

Dawson—Cloudy, calm; 10 below.

Yukon average—Cloudy, calm; 5 below.

Miss Frances Dandurnad, of Juneau, Alaska, left on Saturday night's train for her home in Minneapolis.

ANOTHER NIGHTINGALE—In the above photo is shown Rosario Vazuezque, a nurse with the Spanish forces, who has been decorated with the military medal for her bravery and coolness during the present Moroccan campaign

Past Year Prosperous for Canadian National; Prince Rupert Business Greater

WINNIPEG, Jan. 4.—Having witnessed the transition from a period of operating deficits to one where the lines in the western region have earned operating profits for the company, the calendar year 1925 will go down to history as a successful one for the Canadian National Railways in western Canada, declared W. A. Kingsland, general manager of western lines, in an interview on Saturday. Freight and passenger traffic, express and telegraph business alike have shown increases and operating costs have been reduced by careful paring until the annual figures, which will be issued from system headquarters in Montreal shortly, will show an operating profit for the lines included in the western region which stretches from Armstrong, Ont., at the head of the lakes, to the Pacific coast.

While a large part of the increase over 1924 business is due to the increased yield of grain in the prairie provinces, there have also been increases in other commodities handled by the Canadian National and also great increases in the passenger traffic over the western lines. Indications at the present time are that still better times are ahead for 1926, as all signs point to continued improvement in business in western Canada and also to a greatly increased immigration movement, which, of course, will have its bearing on railway business during the coming year Plans for handling this prospective increased business are continually before the Canadian National Railways executive and continual thought is given to methods by which any movement in the transportation service to the public can be made.

Grain Movement Doubled

The figures concerning the grain movement may be taken as an instance of the greatly improved traffic during the past year, as compared with 1924. From August 1, 1925, to December 28, a total of 112,944 cars of grain were loaded at Canadian National points. These contained a total of 152,804,000 bushels of all grains. That this is nearly double the loadings of the same period of the previous year is shown by the statement which gives 60,668 cars and 80,941,000 bushels loaded in the corresponding period of 1924. The amount of grain in storage at country points at December was 21,474,000 bushels, against 11,367 bushels at the same date of 1924. At that date also loadings were still continuing at the rate

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DICTATORSHIP IN GREECE PLANNED

ATHENS, Jan. 4.—Premier Pangalos announces what amounts to military dictatorship for Greece. He will take over control of the entire government immediately.

SCHEDULE FOR ALASKA SERVICE BY C.N.R.

Will Start From Here on June 16, About Week Earlier Than Last Year

The schedule for the summer Canadian National Steamships Alaska service has just been received by the local ticket office. The first boat for Skagway will leave Vancouver on June 14 and will leave Prince Rupert on June 16. Returning, the steamer will leave Skagway June 19, arriving back in Prince Rupert on June 21 and Vancouver June 23. Thereafter boats will run weekly until the first week in September. The service will be opened about a week earlier than last year.

The summer schedule between Prince Rupert and Vancouver will be announced later.

FIFTEEN KLLED IN FLORIDA EXPLOSION

Retort Exploded on Saturday in Plant of Newport Tar and Turpentine Co.

PENSACOLA, Florida, Jan. 4. —Fifteen employees were killed in the explosion of a retort at the plant of the Newport Tar and Turpentine Co. on Saturday. The property damage is estimated at $200,000.

On Speakers' Election Fate of Government to Depend it is Believed

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The stage is all set for the opening of parliament on Thursday when the most important business will be the selection of a speaker and a deputy. It is a foregone conclusion that the government's nominee for the speakership will be Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux who held the post in the last parliament. If his return is successfully opposed, the government will no doubt accept the situation as a vote of want of confidence.

The speech from the throne outlining the government's program of legislation will be delivered by the Governor General on Friday afternoon after the election of the speaker. The House will then adjourn until Monday when the debate on the address will begin.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION AT PRINCE GEORGE ATTRACTS INTEREST

PRINCE GEORGE, Jan. 4. — There are likely to be a number of new aspirants for aldermanic honors in Prince George at the next election. Aldermen Patterson and Lambert are both in the field in Ward One, and there is a prospect that either Frank Whitmore or Ed. Hall may enter the lists. In Ward Two the entry of Alderman Taylor into the mayoralty race has created one vacancy on the board. George S. Porter, at present a member of the board of school trustees, and W. J. Pitman are spoken of as possible candidates. There is also said to be a good prospect of inducing Alderman Guest to again offer himself in this ward, and one or two others are also spoken of. In Ward Three Aldermen Opie and Fraser are both in the field for re-election. The friends of Marshall Sales and Allan McMillan are endeavoring to secure their consent to stand in this ward. With contests in each of the wards and a keen fight for the mayoralty between Mayor Alward and Ald. Taylor there should be a heavy vote polled.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.

Digby Island — Cloudy; light southeast wind; barometer, 30.-00; temperature, 48; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point — Overcast; light southeast wind; barometer, 30.06; temperature, 40; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor—Overcast; strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.-95; temperature, 42; sea choppy.

Noon

Digby Island — Cloudy, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.-99; temperature, 49; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point — Raining; fresh southeast wind; barometer, 30.04; temperature, 43; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor—Raining; strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.-87; temperature, 47; sea choppy; 12.10 p.m. spoke steamer Prince John in Queen Charlotte Sound bound for Allison Harbor.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS SHOW INCREASE OVER DECEMBER LAST YEAR

The total collections made by the customs department at the port of Prince Rupert for the month of December, 1925, were $42,052.22, a gain of $19,079.83 over December 1924, when collections amounted to $22,972.39.

QUADRA CASE IS SUSTAINED

Eight Convictions Confirmed in 'Frisco by United States Circuit Court

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The United States Circuit Court today upheld the convictions of eight defendants in the steamer Quadra case who were charged and convicted of violating the Volstead Act and collateral treaties to prevent rum running. The Quadra, a British Columbia owned vessel, was seized off the Farralone Islands with a valuable liquor cargo over a year ago and the convictions resulted therefrom.

CALLED CRAZY AN ACTED SO

Saskatchewan Rancher Kills His Wife and Then Blows His Own Brains Out

REGINA, Jan. 4.—Half-crazed by the taunts of neighbors who called him "batty," George Ford, well known farmer of the Broadview district, shot and killed his wife and then blew his own brains out on Saturday.

PROGRESSIVE NOT ENTERING CABINET

Robert Gardiner of Acadia, Alberta, Denies Having Been Approached on Subject

OTTAWA, Jan. 4. — Robert Gardiner, Progressive member for Acadia, Alberta, denied this morning that he was to enter the cabinet as minister of colonization and immigration. "I have never been approached on the subject," he declared.

ANOTHER MAN IN VANCOUVER TOOK HIS LIFE SUNDAY

SOUTH VANCOUVER, Jan. 4— Frank Malina, aged 25, was found by his parents in the basement of his home on Sunday night with his throat slashed by a razor. He died shortly afterwards. No reason has been given for the act.

THOUSAND PEOPLE PERISH IN FLOODS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A Budapest despatch to the Mail estimates that more than one thousand persons perished in the floods of Transylvania.