

EXPECT SETTLEMENT OF MINERS' STRIKE

ASSAULT CASE IN ASSIZE COURT THIS MORNING WITH ONE WITNESS HEARD

Assault Case Opens in Assize Court with One Witness Heard so far

Florence Morrison, the eighteen-year-old girl alleged to have been assaulted, was in the witness box for nearly two hours at the Supreme Court Assizes this morning to give her evidence in the case of Rex vs. Murdoch Mackenzie, Darrow Casey and Lawrence Capstick charged with the offence. The girl was extremely nervous under examination and, while her evidence was positive and clear, she stammered considerably in answering questions and the time for the taking of her testimony was thus considerably lengthened. A. M. Johnson, K.G., is prosecuting and Milton Gonzales is defending. After the two counts on the charge had been read, the three accused pleaded not guilty.

AIRSHIP GOES DIRECT COURSE

Aid of Gyroscope Giant Liner Can Steer Itself Once Course Is Set

LONDON, June 14.—The huge biplane Rolls-Royce Vanguard liner, the largest passenger biplane in the world, has been fitted with a new gyroscopic control, which once in the air can be set to fly the machine on a given course without the pilot again touching the controls, and is now to undergo a series of day and night flying tests on the Imperial Airways.

This air giant with its new control gear virtually flies itself. Once it is set on its course it continues to fly level even though the pilot vacates his seat in fact in an actual test, the pilot left his controls and sat in the cabin reading a newspaper for half an hour before returning to his cockpit to find that the machine was still flying steadily on its course.

Case Opened

All witnesses, crown and defence, was excluded from the court at the request of Mr. Johnson before he addressed the jury on the crown's case. Mr. Johnson particularly cautioned the jury to disregard anything it might have already heard regarding the case and to approach their duties in the frame of mind of total strangers, keeping only the evidence that would be presented. He then proceeded to review the evidence that would be submitted by the crown.

The first witness was A. R. Nichols of the C.N.R. engineering department who proved a plan of McClymont Park which had been prepared by himself. Florence Morrison was then called to the stand. She gave her age as 18, her mother and father both being dead. She came to the province in 1919 from Alberta and went to school at Smithers till she was 15, then going to work as a housemaid. On April 6, the date of the alleged assault, she was employed by Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, having been there over a year previously.

At McClymont Park

About 15 minutes to 9 on the evening in question, witness stated that she went to McClymont Park to meet some girls. The weather was fine, it was not dark and it was possible to see clearly. The girls swung on the swings until 9:30. She saw the accused boys, knowing Mackenzie to speak to previously and knowing Casey and Capstick by sight. The boys walked around a while and Murdoch Mackenzie spoke to her. Other girls and boys with whom she had been then left to go home and she was left on a bench with Mackenzie. The two other boys came and they carried her

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RUBY DOLAN IS GONE TO HOSPITAL

Ruby Dolan, convicted on Friday night at the Supreme Court Assizes of manslaughter in connection with the killing of James Neil Donald at Stewart on January 4, was admitted to the Prince Rupert General Hospital last night suffering from a breakdown. The woman has not yet been sentenced.

MUCH HALIBUT IS SOLD TODAY

Many of Boats are Canadian and Prices Remain About Same

Thirteen Canadian and five American sold their catches here today, prices for American being 16.10 to 16.60 and Canadian 13.60 to 15. Second class all sold at 8 cents. Arrivals were: Radio 50,000 to Royal Fish Co. Atlin 50,000 to Cold Storage. Sentinel 25,000 to Booth Fisheries. Eureka 4,000 and Eastern Point 6,000 to Atlin Fisheries.

Canadian Morris H. 10,000 to Pacific Fisheries. Sea Maid 21,000 to Cold Storage.

S.A. 2,600 to Royal Fish Co. Swing 6,500 to Atlin Fisheries. Eric Roy 3,000 to Booth Fisheries.

Inez H. 5,000, Brant 8,500, Reveille 7,000 and Hel 8,000 to Atlin Fisheries.

Nautilus 7,500, Ringleader 8,000 to Cold Storage. Agnes B. 3,000, Point May 8, 500 to Pacific Fisheries.

MILLION SEALS IN BIG HERD

Indians Off Sitka Got Only Forty on Account of Bad Weather Conditions

JUNEAU, June 14.—Captain M. J. O'Connor, in charge of the United States bureau of fisheries patrol in Alaska returned to Juneau after seven weeks' inspection trip and reported that here this year made the smallest catch of seals on record. They obtained 10 compared with 280 last year.

Fog and rough weather interfered with operations.

O'Connor estimated that a million seals, one of the largest herds in history, passed Sitka this year.

SLIPPED FROM RAFT DROWNED IN HARBOR

Boy Riding on Raft at False Creek, Vancouver, Lost Life Before Eyes of Companions

VANCOUVER, June 14.—Slipping from a raft on which he pushed away from shore at False Creek, Toshi Miyauchi, a thirteen-year-old Japanese schoolboy, whose parents at Ganges Harbor, was drowned late Saturday before the eyes of his companions with whom he had been swimming.

BANK REPORT ON THE CROPS

Adverse Conditions in Quebec Province Has Kept Seeding Back: B.C. Fruit Good

Seeding of all grains in the Prairie Provinces has now been practically completed says the Bank of Montreal crop reports just issued. Wheat is well rooted and is coming along satisfactorily but a good rain is necessary in some districts and would be welcome everywhere. There has been some damage from high winds. In Quebec adverse weather conditions have delayed operations two to four weeks and seeding is still in progress. In Ontario conditions are good despite the absence of seasonably warm weather. In Maritime Provinces the much delayed seeding is now general. In British Columbia the state of hay and fruit trees is better than average.

Alberta—Western area—Conditions very favorable with ample moisture except in southern portion where rain badly needed. Crops holding well meantime but pasture suffering. North-eastern area—Conditions excellent with sufficient moisture. Southeastern area—Conditions better than usual but moisture required immediately.

Saskatchewan: Northern area—Seeding of all grains practically completed. Recent heavy rains has supplied ample moisture. Wheat is well rooted and growing well with only slight damage from heavy winds. Crops are reported in isolated districts but less small. Pasture good. Conditions well above average. Southern area—Seeding has been completed and crops are well advanced. Some damage from soil drifting is reported; is not considered extensive in the aggregate. Rain would be welcome at some points. Conditions generally favorable.

Manitoba: Conditions satisfactory though moisture needed in some districts. Wheat looks well and is further advanced than usual at this date. It is well rooted and up to six inches. Coarse grains on light land have suffered from wind and cut worms have done slight damage.

British Columbia: Cold, heavy weather in May retarded growth, but June has opened up more favorably. A good heavy yield of hay is expected, while the growth of grains and roots is about average. The promise is good as regards tree fruits, the indications being that apricots, peaches, pears, plums and prunes will be well above the average. Cherries, strawberries and raspberries will be somewhat below average. Hops are making excellent growth and pasture is abundant. Grasshoppers still are a serious menace in the dry belt.

SEARCHING FOR LOST AVIATORS

SEATTLE, June 14.—F. J. Durdle left here Sunday to hunt for M. B. Favor and Swineheart, the aviators who left here May 16 on a flight to Ketchikan and who never arrived there. Durdle said he believed the pair were marooned on an isolated island off the northern coast of B.C. A fisherman reported finding a wrecked plane on the north coast of Vancouver Island on May 25.

Rumor of a Settlement Coal Strike Ending Deadlock Soon Following Secretary's Speech

LONDON, June 14.—Rumor has been busy over the week end suggesting a possible ending to the coal mine deadlock. In a speech at Penzance Sunday Secretary Cook of the Miners' Federation, stated: "I shall be called upon soon, perhaps sooner than some of us expect, to sign an agreement for the miners." This was taken to mean that the miners are taking a secret ballot on the question of hours and wages.

Some papers give prominence to the report that the government intends repealing, at least temporarily, the act which

establishes a seven hour day for the miners.

The House resumes the debate on the coal situation Thursday.

GIRL SWEEP OVER FALLS

Twenty Men Have Lost Lives at Same Place One Getting Through Successfully

SEATTLE, June 14.—Alberta Legge, a Seattle high school girl, was swept to her death over the 275 foot Sunset falls near Index, Washington yesterday.

Leaping from rock to rock at the top of the falls while her parents and two brothers were sitting near, the girl slipped and was buried over the cataract, which falls at the rate of 60 miles an hour.

The waterfall has claimed the lives of 20 men who have attempted to leap it in boats. At Fausett, a logger of Monroe, successfully performed the feat on May 30, the first to do so.

EFFORT MADE ADJOURN HOUSE

Work May be Concluded by Saturday Although Customs May be Disturbing

OTTAWA, June 14.—Strenuous efforts are to be made to conclude the work of Parliament on Saturday next but it is quite possible it will be the middle of the following week before Parliament prorogues. The most uncertain feature is the port customs committee. The current rumor here is that the committee will bring in certain unanimous recommendations respecting the re-organization of the customs and excise departments and particularly preventive service. Thus any contentious matter will be left for the House of Commons itself to debate.

FISHING BOAT TOTAL WRECK

W.T. Owned and Skipped by Captain Edwards, Went Ashore in Otter Passage

Thursday last about midnight the five man fishing boat W.T. ran ashore on the rocks in Otter Passage south of Princess Royal Island. The crew got ashore and the fish were taken out and sent to Butedale. The crew came north last evening on the Gardnera. The W.T. was built originally for Dr. W. T. Kergin and partner but is now owned by Capt. C. Edwards, her skipper. She has been badly injured by the heavy seas in Otter Passage and only her masts are above water. It is hardly thought she will be worth salvaging.

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