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THREE THOUSAND LIVES LOST IN CHINA

MACKENZIE KING ATTACKS RAILWAY POLICY OF MEIGHEN GOVERNMENT

Three Thousand Lives Lost in China Result of Floods in Yangtze

HANKOW, China, Aug. 5.—The bursting of dykes on the Yangtze River in Hupoh province cause the loss of 3,000 lives and 2,000 miles of territory is flooded.

There has been an exodus of three quarters of a million farmers from the district to higher and safer land.

The city of Hankow, which was already inundated, was saved from what threatened to be one of the most disastrous floods in history by the breaking of the dykes.

Recent rains had swollen the river and reversing the current the sewers caused the water to overflow the city. The bursting dykes released the backing up water and the river front is being banked with sandbags. All available equipment was requisitioned for the strengthening of the banks and pumping out the streets.

Refugees are pouring into the larger centres.

The loss of crops, following upon the famine of last year, it is feared, forecasts disaster in the way of a food shortage during the coming autumn.

NEW SALMON GO UP THE FRASER

Boats That Low Water May Prevent Many Reaching Spawning Grounds This Year

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 5.—Although a few sockeye salmon have already reached the spawning grounds, according to reports from Bridge River, Hell's Canyon, fears are expressed that the fish may experience great difficulty in going up the river in view of the possibility of the river falling to a lower level as a result of the unusually dry season.

There has been a decided improvement in the run this year over those of recent seasons. The officials of the fisheries department here, reported to have had a good run.

CANOE UPSETS; LAD DROWNED

Bert Pitt, Britannia Beach Athlete, Meets Death in Small Lake.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 5.—News of the death by drowning in a small lake east of Britannia Beach of Bert Pitt, a prominent athlete of the Howe Sound settlement, was received last night when the body arrived here for burial.

Pitt was drowned on Tuesday, when the canoe in which he was paddling overturned, his companion making his way ashore.

GOLD FOUND IN ONTARIO

TORONTO, Aug. 5.—A spectacular discovery in the vicinity of Narrows Lake, 35 miles northeast of Red Lake in the Patricia district, is reported by Jack Lindsay, who has just come from that district showing samples of free gold.

The finds, if as reported, are the most important discovery in recent years. They have resulted in a rush from Hudson Bay Lake during the past few days.

HELD UP WOMAN MANAGER OF BANK

MONTREAL, Aug. 5.—Bandits held up Mrs. Dagenais, manager of the Provincial Bank of Canada at Mount Rolland, Quebec, about 45 miles from here and secured \$1,000, according to word received today.

SCALPS TAKEN IN BASEBALL

Indians Conquer in Big Fight With New York Yankees Yesterday

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Scalps were taken in the Indians' desperate stand against the most powerful of their American league foes, the New York Yankees. George Uhle, the big left-handed chief of the Cleveland tribe, wielded the bloodiest tomahawk in yesterday's conquest of the New Yorkers. The result is that today his warriors are only nine games away from the leaders.

While this crucial game was going on, Washington and Detroit looked in one of the most heated baseball discussions of the year, the Tigers capturing the first game in ten innings and the Senators the second in eleven. Joe Harris of Washington had two homers, the second settling the issue by scoring three runs in the final inning of the second game.

National League
St. Louis 8, Brooklyn 4.
Pittsburgh 6-5, Boston 14-2.
Chicago 7, Philadelphia 5.

American League
Washington 4, Detroit 5.
Boston 3, Chicago 7.
New York 2, Cleveland 4.
Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 3.

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WESTONS WON CHAMPIONSHIP

Winnipeg Soccer Team Defeat Canadian Colliers in Fourth Game of Series

WAS WELL CONTESTED

Western Team Fought Way Very Close to Supremacy But Lost in Last Struggle

WINNIPEG, Aug. 5.—After playing their opponents to a tie three times previously during the past week, the United Westons of Winnipeg, yesterday won the Amateur soccer championship of Canada in a close game here, the score being one goal to nothing against the Canadian Colliers team of Cumberland, Vancouver Island, who held the western championship.

Seldom has there been a championship as closely contested as that which closed here yesterday. The United Westons defeated all the eastern aspirants in the semi-finals, and the Colliers boys after winning the championship of B.C. downed the colors of the Alberta and Saskatchewan champions.

Then the big tussle began here. Three consecutive games with overtime in the third ended in ties. Each team was confident and fought pluckily for the big honor. All over the country the results were being watched and yesterday's game was a fitting climax to a splendid series.

WILD ORGIES WERE UNTRUE

QUEBEC, Aug. 5.—Allegations of wild orgies and ministerial joy rides in the customs cruiser Margaret were branded as baseless, according to sworn testimony at the customs probe started by H. M. Stevens and the committee which opened before Sir Francois Lemieux today.

Former Minister of Justice Lapointe, former minister of customs bureau, Alfred Lacouve, master of the Margaret, all ridiculed the allegations. The sitting adjourned until Saturday morning for the production of the Margaret's log.

R. L. Calder, government counsel, announced that official documents of the cutter and examination of the members of the crew satisfied him that the statements attributed to A. D. Doucet, former Conservative member for Kent, N.B., and others were not based on fact but to meet the orders of the government and to satisfy public opinion he had called for the ministers and Lacouve, all of whom denied that Lapointe had once visited the boat, while Senator Doucet made three inspection trips.

Sir Francois refused to allow examination of Doucet, and announced that no interim report of the incident opened by the latter's speeches would be made at Ottawa.

CHARLOTTE IS IN COLLISION

VANCOUVER, Aug. 5.—While docking here from Nanaimo yesterday the Princess Patricia collided with the Princess Charlotte, denting one of the latter's stern plates above the water line and causing slight delay in her scheduled departure for Prince Rupert and Skagway.

Neither vessel suffered serious damage, the Charlotte sailing north at three o'clock this morning after an examination had been made by divers. The Patricia, however, proceeded to Esquimalt for further inspection.

LAVA INUNDATES ISLAND OF BALI

BATAVIA, Aug. 5.—The eruption of the volcano on the Island of Bali resulted in the inundation of the village of Batoer by a lava. The population of the village escaped.

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Swiss Guide Carried Companion Over Two Miles Down Mountain Following Accident to Ankle

TONQUIN VALLEY, JASPER (By Courier).—A new name has been added to the roll of honor of the Alpine Club of the world, a roll already bright with many deeds of heroism and many examples of courage and fortitude. To this list is placed the name of Lawrence Grassi, of Canmore, Alberta, who this evening carried on his back over two miles of treacherous rock and glacier a companion who had been injured during descent from the top of Bastion Peak of the Rampart Range.

The accident, of which Dr. R. G. Williams of Calgary was the victim, was a simple one, a compound fracture of an ankle, caused by a slip from a loose rock near the peak of the mountain, but it occurred under conditions which might have been serious had there not been present some one of such resources, strength and agility as Mr. Grassi. The point where Dr. Williams was injured was one where rock slides are eminent at all hours and, and where to leave anyone unable to help himself was to court disaster. Realizing this, Mr. Grassi carried his unfortunate companion on his back down the steep slope across the drawbridge glacier and beyond it to the foot of the rocks into timber line where he was met by the rescue party sent out from the main camp.

Ascended Geikie
Mr. Grassi also figured in another event of importance over the week end when, in association with Andrew Drinnan, of Calgary, and Hans Fuhrer, Jasper Park Lodge Swiss guide, he made an ascent of Mount Geikie (10,854 feet) in the record time of 15 hours. It was his second ascent of this peak, the first having been made in 1924 with V. O. G. Wates, Edmonton, M. D. Geddes, Calgary, and Val Flynn, St. Louis, in 25 hours.

Redoubt Turret peaks still continue to baffle the climbers. J. W. A. Hickson, of Montreal, president of the Alpine Club of Canada, A. Howard Palmer, New London, Conn., president of the American Alpine Club, associated themselves with a reconnaissance of Redoubt yesterday but were un-

Mackenzie King Attacks Meighen on His Railway Policy of Interference

REGINA, Aug. 5.—Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King last night made a sharp attack on Premier Meighen's attitude toward the Canadian National Railways. It had been said, declared Mr. King, that the appointment of W. A. Black, of Halifax, to the portfolio of railways was only temporary.

"Mr. Meighen had already begun to use the national railways as a pawn to secure political support from one section of the country. He is already making it wholly apparent that he intends to dictate part of the policy of the railway," the speaker declared. "Already it is clear," said Mr. King, "that the policy which the Liberal party laid down of no interference with the president and board of directors of the railways is one that he does not intend to carry out." Under Liberal administration the national railway was becoming one of the great national assets.

PEACE RIVER RAILWAY NOW OWNED BY ALTA

Taken Over Officially on Payment of Amount Due to Royal Bank.

EDMONTON, Aug. 5.—Full ownership of the Edmonton-Dunegan and B. C. Railway and the central Canada line now rests with the Alberta Government, which will proceed to deal with their interests for their future operation or possibly, as an alternative, operate them as a provincial public enterprise.

Ownership rights were secured in consideration of \$1,275,000 paid to the Royal Bank in final settlement of its claim of \$2,400,000 and accrued interest.

QUEBEC VILLAGE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

High Wind Carries Flames, and Eighty Houses out of 92 Taken

QUEBEC, Aug. 5.—The village of St. Comedie Kennebec, 7 miles from here, was practically destroyed by fire. Eighty houses out of a total of 92 were destroyed but there was no loss of life. Property damage it is estimated amounts to about half a million dollars.

The flames were fanned by a high wind and for two hours the village was ablaze, the flames sweeping through it like a trail of powder.

FLOODS IN JAPAN INUNDATE HOUSES AND A WHOLE CITY

TOKIO, Aug. 5.—Reports here of floods in Akita and Yamagata prefectures in northwestern Japan in which thousands of houses are inundated have been received here. The entire town of Honjo is under water and many casualties are feared. The Asahi River has risen 18 feet, doing heavy damage to farms and railways. Communications in that part of the country are interrupted.

HEAVY HAIL STORM IN REGINA DISTRICT

REGINA, Aug. 5.—Thousands of dollars' worth of damage was caused in the Regina district early today as the result of one of the heaviest hail storms in years. Large hail stones crashed through a thousand windows in the city, and sewers, streets and basements were flooded. The extent of damage done to the crops is not yet known.

B. C. LEADING IN CRICKET

Registers Third Victory By Defeating Alberta Yesterday in Close Game.

EDMONTON, Aug. 5.—British Columbia's cricket team continues victorious in the tournament here. Yesterday the western eleven marked up its third straight victory by defeating Alberta 141 runs to 137, this being the closest game of the series so far. Previously the B. C. men had beaten Manitoba and Saskatchewan on Monday and Tuesday.

Manitoba beat Saskatchewan yesterday by 104 to 104.

Newspapermen Leave for West Coast Vancouver Island Search for Gold in Valley of Sombrio

VICTORIA, Aug. 5.—Planning to develop the gold deposits in the valley of the Sombrio on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, John Hickey and Jerome Eberts, British Columbia newspapermen, until recently employed in an editorial capacity on the Victoria Colonist, have left here for Port Renfrew.

The expectation of the two young scribes finding placer gold is confirmed by Rev. W. Ellison, Methodist missionary on the West Coast of Vancouver Island for 25 years, who told today of a friend who had been in the habit of going into the district each year and returning with a sack of gold.

"Gold is there," said Rev. Mr. Ellison. "I've seen it both up the river and down. Up the river it is coarse gold, while down at the mouth of the river it is flour gold."

The newspapermen plan commencing operations with the hydraulic method on a small scale.

WEATHER REPORT

Terrace: Clear, calm, temp. 62.
Anxox: Cloudy, calm, temp. 65.
Stewart: Cloudy, calm, temp. 58.
Hazelton: Partly cloudy, calm, temp. 59.
Telegraph Creek: Cloudy, calm, temp. 55.
Smithers: Part cloudy, calm, temp. 63.
Burns Lake: Clear, calm, temp. 56.
Whitehorse: Clear, calm, south wind, temp. 60.
Dawson: Clear, calm, south wind, temp. 50.