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JUDGMENT AGAINST MCRAE FOR \$40,000

APPEAL WILL BE ENTERED IN LIBEL CASE WHICH CONCLUDED AT NANAIMO

Blue Star Liner Trojan Ashore Point Roberts En Route to Vancouver

VANCOUVER, September 29.—The Blue Star liner Trojan Star, en route here to load 30,000 boxes of apples for the United Kingdom, went ashore late Monday night at Point Roberts on the high tide and after unsuccessful attempts to refloat her yesterday, 900 tons of fuel oil was being lightered this morning and another effort will be made to float her on the high tide this afternoon. The vessel is resting easy on the sand and is believed to be undamaged.

MEIGHEN MAY COME TO LIVE IN VANCOUVER

IS SPOKEN OF AS POSSIBLE LEADER OF CONSERVATIVES IN PROVINCIAL HOUSE

TORONTO, Sept. 29.—An Ottawa despatch to the Globe says: Hon. Arthur Meighen may become a resident of Vancouver, according to reliable information, and resume there the practice of his profession. He received important offers to join corporations in Montreal and Toronto but it is understood he is more disposed to go to the coast but has not yet reached a final decision. Sir George H. Perley is now the most likely person for the temporary leadership of the Conservatives during the coming Parliamentary session. VANCOUVER, Sept. 29.—Should Mr. Meighen decide to reside in Vancouver he will be tendered the provincial leadership of the Conservatives, according to gossip in Conservative circles here today.

REV. BAISLER IS PROMOTED

WILL GO TO SEATTLE AS FIELD MISSIONARY FOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WASHINGTON STATE

Word has been received in the city of the promotion of Rev. P. E. Baisler, who spent a couple of years here, to be field missionary of the English Lutheran Church in the state of Washington. Mr. Baisler will be leaving this territory, in which he has labored for many years, and will take up his future headquarters in Seattle. At the end of this week he will arrive from Alaska and will spend a few days in the city before continuing south. It is expected he will preach in the local Lutheran Church on Sunday.

OIL DECISION APPEAL COURT

SWEEPING JUDGMENT IN REGARD TO GOVERNMENT LEASES IS GIVEN

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 19.—The United States circuit court of appeal yesterday reversed a remanded decision in the district court at Cheyenne upholding an oil lease obtained by Harry Sinclair and associates from the government, while Albert Fall was secretary of the interior. The decision is sweeping in its effect. It instructs the lower court to cancel the Mammoth Oil Company's oil lease and enjoin it from further trespassing on government lands. The opinion was received here from William Kehyon of Port Dodge, Iowa, presiding judge of the appellate court.

SHINGLE DRY KILN BURNED AT FANNY BAY

VANCOUVER, Sept. 29.—Fire destroyed the dry kiln at the shingle mill at Fanny Bay on the east coast of Vancouver Island Monday night according to word received by Mackie, Barns and Hortou, the owners.

LIQUOR CASES BEFORE COURT

NUMBER OF CHARGES LAID AND DEFENDANTS ASK FOR ADJOURNMENT

As a result of activities in the city recently of Liquor Board detectives of the B.C. police, seven persons were haled into police court before Magistrate McClymont this morning to answer to charges of selling liquor and one was charged with selling beer. The arrests having been made last night, charges were formally read this morning and adjournment taken, the first case to be proceeded with at 2:30 this afternoon. In several cases adjournment for eight days was asked by the accused so that counsel might be brought from the south but such requests were vigorously opposed by E. F. Jones, city solicitor, and no adjournments further than Friday of this week were granted. Bail in the sum of \$500 was granted in each case.

The first case called this morning was that of Louis Ross of the Port Clements Club. He pleaded not guilty and was rather insistent about getting a remand for eight days so he might send away for counsel. Mr. Jones warned accused that it would be well for him to adopt a slightly different attitude in the courtroom and objected to the eight day remand. He drew attention to the fact that expensive witnesses would have to be held and expressed the opinion that there were lawyers perfectly competent in the city to defend Ross without having to send out of Prince Rupert for one. The magistrate stated that he did not want these cases to be dragged out for one period of eight days after another and ordered Ross to report in court again Friday morning and it would then be decided what was to be done.

On behalf of Phillip Laporte, Grand Terminal Club, Miss Jean Johnson, 819 Second Avenue, and Arthur Beale of the Canadian Legion Club, the last mentioned of whom is charged with selling beer, S. W. Taylor asked for adjournment until Friday which was granted.

Roy McKinley and Angelo Pognotto of the Loggers' Club asked for eight day adjournments to send out of town for counsel but were given only until Friday as was also Sam De Stefano, Port Clements Club.

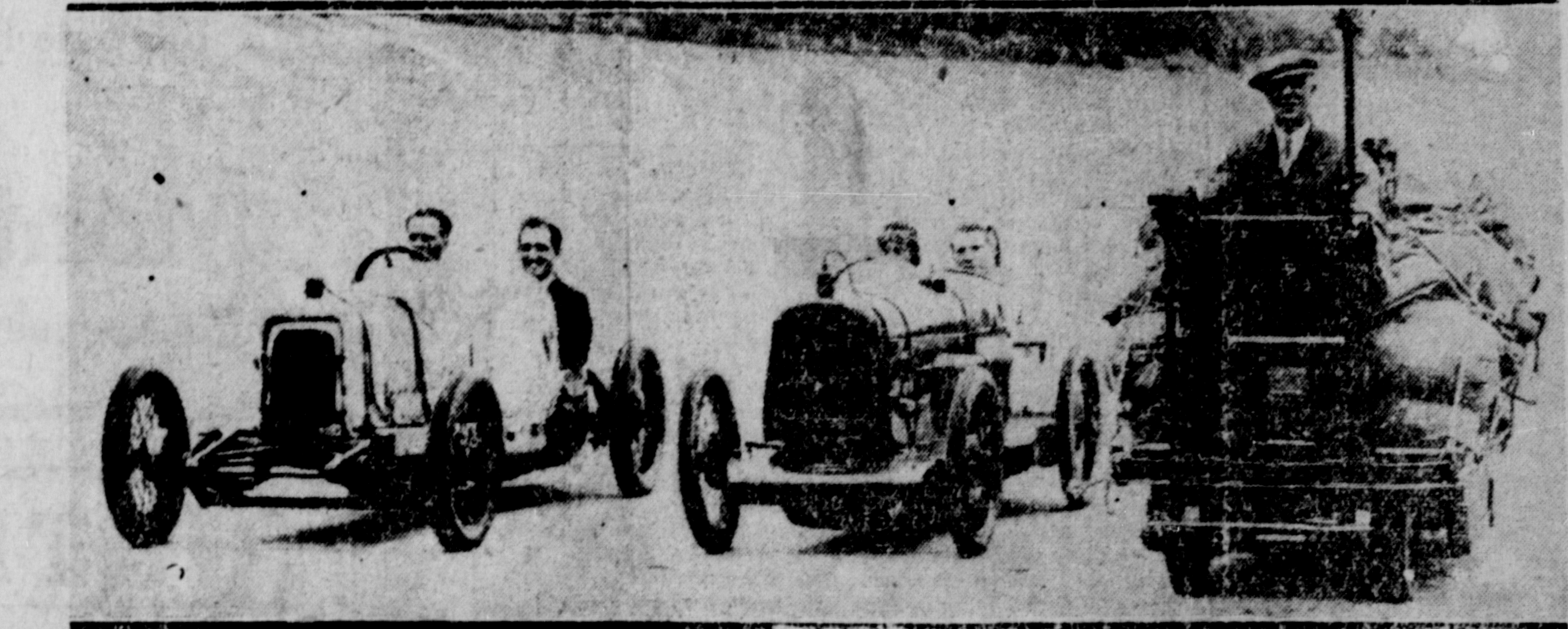
HALIBUT ARRIVALS

Halibut arrivals at the Fish Exchange this morning totalled 76,200 pounds, two American vessels selling 65,000 pounds and two Canadians, 11,200 pounds. Prices were 15.9c and 9c and 16.6c and 8c for American fish and 16.5c and 10c and 15.3c and 8c for Canadian.

The arrivals were:
AMERICAN
Rose Spit, 58,000, to the Booth Fisheries.

National, 7,000, to the Atlin Fisheries.
CANADIAN
Rose Spit, 10,000, to the Atlin Fisheries.

Iris, 1,200, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Inspector William Spiller, provincial police, returned to the city on the Prince George this morning after having spent a fortnight on vacation in the south.



CARRYING A TWO-TON LOAD, and given a head start of one hour and 31 minutes over the speedy racing cars on an eight-mile course at Brooklands, England, a truck used on station platforms beat the racers by 32.2-5 seconds, being the result of a bet made by J. G. Parry Thomas, famous driver, and R. M. Hanlon, a member of Brooklands. The racing cars in the picture are being driven by P. Dutoit (left) and G. Duiler. Mr. Hanlon, one of the principals in the bet, is driving the truck.

SURVEYING HYDRO-ELECTRIC SITES IN THE DISTRICT

C. R. Breck and R. R. Day, engineers representing the J. G. White Engineering Corporation of New York are here to make a survey of water power possibilities in the neighborhood of the city. This morning they left for the Skeena River to inspect the power possibilities at Falls River and Khatada. It is possible they may also visit Thulme River in Wark Canal.

PRISONER GOT OFF LIGHTLY

HEROISM IN JAIL HELPED TO MITIGATE PUNISHMENT ON DRUG CHARGE

VANCOUVER, Sept. 29.—Six months imprisonment and a fine of \$200 and costs was the sentence imposed in the police court here yesterday by Magistrate Shaw on Clifford Ellis, convicted on a charge of having narcotic drugs in his possession after city prosecutor Orr related a story of Ellis' heroism on Monday. The convicted man, according to the prosecutor, not only came to the assistance of Jailer Tisdale, when he was attacked by a maniac with a razor, probably saving his life, but he also assisted in overpowering the crazed man. The magistrate imposed the minimum sentence without comment.

CABINET WILL MEET GOVERNOR

OTTAWA, Sept. 29.—On Saturday next practically the entire cabinet will go to Quebec to welcome Lord Willingdon, who will be sworn in there as Governor-General. On Monday a reception will be tendered the new Governor at Parliament Hill.

LORD AND LADY BYNG SAIL ON EMPRESS OF FRANCE FOR ENGLAND

QUEBEC, Sept. 29.—Lord and Lady Byng sailed homeward on the Empress of France this afternoon, receiving a Royal sendoff and a salute of 19 guns from the citadel.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT AGAIN ADJOURNED

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Parliament voted last night to continue the coal strike emergency powers regulations for another month and then adjourned until November 9 when it became evident that no avenues which might lead to a settlement were in sight.

Judgment Against Major General McRae of \$40,000 for Libelling William Sloan, Minister of Mines

Defendant says he heard huge sums were contributed to funds of both political parties in 1917

NANAIMO, September 29.—A special jury in the Assize Court last night awarded Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, plaintiff in a libel action against Major General A. D. McRae, \$40,000 damages. The jury deliberated an hour before rendering its verdict. Mr. Sloan sought \$50,000 from the former leader of the Provincial Party in the grounds that he had been libelled in an article which appeared in "The Searchlight," an election pamphlet, published during the provincial election campaign in January, 1924, under the heading "A petition for a Royal Commission," in which it was stated the sum of \$50,000 had been paid by the company for protection and favorable treatment from the Liberal party.

Testifying in his own defence at the hearing of the case yesterday morning, General McRae said General J. W. Stewart had told him in the fall of 1917 he contributed \$350,000 to the Conservative party funds and \$300,000 to the Liberals. His firm was much worried about the treatment received. At that time there had been a Parliamentary inquiry. Stewart said the firm was obligated to finish the P.G.E. and would have done so but it would have been ruinous to all concerned.

CHARGE TO JURY
In his charge to the jury Mr. Justice Murphy spoke for forty minutes, first defining fair comment, justification and privilege. The question of justification had been abandoned by the defence but there remained the question of privilege. This said the judge he had taken upon himself to rule out. It therefore remained only for the jury to concern themselves with the third count, that of "fair comment." After explaining the difference between nominal and punitive damages, His Lordship instructed the jury that they could define these points and fix the damages if any. Accordingly the jury retired and brought in a verdict "defendant guilty of libel."

BISHOP MAKES SUGGESTION

WOULD SETTLE IDLE BRITISH MINERS IN CANADA WHERE OPPORTUNITIES PRICELESS
WINNIPEG, Sept. 29.—The settlement of Britain's population of 150,000 idle miners in the mineral areas of British Columbia and Northern Ontario was a suggestion advanced by the Bishop of London in addressing the men's Canadian Club here. Opportunities in Canada, the bishop considered, were "priceless."

Hurricane Swept Vera Cruz and Flooded the City with Much Property Destruction

VERA CRUZ, September 29.—This city was swept by a hurricane, the most devastating since 1888. Several ships have been sunk in the bay and a steamer partially wrecked. With the gale came heavy seas flooding the piers and driving out those living nearby. The streets are littered with fallen trees but no casualties are reported. The wind had a velocity of 125 miles.
GALVESTON, September 29.—Some loss of life and property damage estimated at two and a half million dollars was caused in Vera Cruz by a hurricane, according to advices received here. The city was inundated, the water varying in depth from one to five feet. At Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, rain fell for 24 hours and the Santiago River overflowed and two persons were drowned. A considerable section of the city is flooded and much damage has been done to property.

MOTOR TRAFFIC TAKING PLACE RAILWAY LINES

IN TEN YEARS NOT MORE THAN TEN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS WILL PAY PROFIT SAYS OFFICIAL

EDMONTON, Sept. 29.—"Within ten years there will not be more than ten lines of electric railway in Canada which will be able to operate and show a profit," Mr. Squire, deputy minister of highways of Ontario told the Good Roads convention yesterday. The speaker declared that automobiles and motor trucks were fast supplanting railway and radial lines in meeting the transportation needs of the country. More than \$700,000,000 was invested in automobiles in Canada today, he said, while practically the same amount was spent in the construction of motor highways.

EVIDENCE OF COTTAGE OWNER

FAILS TO DEFINITELY IDENTIFY AIMEE MCPHERSON AS WOMAN WHO LIVED AT CARMEL

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29.—H. C. Benedict, owner of the cottage at Carmel, California, in which the state contends Aimee McPherson lived for ten days with Kenneth Ormiston during the time she claimed she had been in the hands of kidnapers, testified yesterday that he saw a green bathing suit, similar to the one the evangelist wore when she disappeared on May 18, hanging on the cottage clothes line on May 20. The Carmel house, the witness said, was occupied on May 19 by a man representing himself to be George McIntyre and a woman companion. Ormiston later admitted that he was the man but declared his companion was not the evangelist. Benedict testified further that the woman was similar in appearance to Mrs. McPherson but he was not sure it was she because the goggles she wore and her hat hid part of her features.

DIES RESULT GUN ACCIDENT

LAD WAS SHOT TWICE IN ONE DAY BY RIFLE DISCHARGING ACCIDENTALLY

MERRITT, Sept. 29.—Thomas Creasy, 18 years of age, died from loss of blood as the result of an accident in the woods Sunday when he lay unattended for two hours while his companion on a hunting trip went to summon aid after he had been wounded in both the wrist and ankle by an accidentally discharged rifle twice during the day.

FOLEY TO BOX WITH MIREAULT TONIGHT FINAL ELIMINATION

MONTREAL, Sept. 29.—Vic Foley of Vancouver and Silvio Mireault of Montreal will battle here tonight in the final bout of the elimination tournament for the featherweight championship of Canada. Indications are that the bout will be hard fought as both boxers have shown good work.

Accounts totalling \$797.93, including the payment of a grant of \$500 to the Fair Board, were passed for payment at last night's council meeting.

ANNUAL TAX SALE

Public Auction of City Lots will be held in City Hall, Thursday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m. List of lots can be had at the Collectors' Office.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.43 1/2	
C. P. R.	165.50	
B. C. Silver	1.83	1.85
Gladstone	.32	.34
Independence	.08 1/2	.08 1/2
Porter Idaho	.08 1/2	.08 1/2
Richmond		.13