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## Bodies Frightfully Mangled in Gasoline Explosion When Tanker Goes Up and 25 Lose Their Lives

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, April 12.—A terrific explosion aboard a tanker in the Gulf of Venezuela harbor here took a toll of 25 lives yesterday and injured eight people seriously. For a time it also threatened other shipping.

Two members of the ship's crew are missing and it is believed some are among the debris.

The tanker had a cargo of about 50,000 barrels of gasoline and was lying at the docks of the Gulf Refining Co. at the time of the explosion.

### INQUEST OPENS MURDER CASE

Body of Jack Burchall, a Salmon Troller, Recovered and Brought Here

The body of Jack Burchall, salmon troller, in connection with whose death on Good Friday Wesley George is charged with murder, was recovered at the end of the week from Warke Channel, and brought to the city. This morning an inquest opened before Deputy Coroner J. R. Tanlock, and adjournment was taken until the witnesses may be brought to town. The jury consists of J. H. Thompson, foreman, George Hill, W. McCallum, Joe Staggard, Harry Breen and A. T. Parkin.

Burchall's body was brought up by C. B. Flewin and Inspector Spiller and Constable Ponder went out with the Grier Starret yesterday morning to bring it to the city. The remains are partly decomposed but there are apparently no marks of violence. George is alleged to have thrown Burchall from a rowboat.

### BIG DIRIGIBLE IS IN ENGLAND

Reaches Pulham After Making Difficult Landing: To Fly Over Pole

PULHAM, England, April 12.—The big dirigible, Norge, in which Amundsen hopes to cross the North Pole from Spitzbergen, arrived here Sunday from Rome from which place it left Saturday morning. The fourteen hundred mile trip was covered without mishap until arrival here when considerable trouble was experienced in making a landing.

### TIGRIS RIVER CAUSING FLOOD

Feared That Bagdad will be Under Water Within 24 Hours

BAGDAD, April 12.—The Tigris River continues to rise and it is feared Bagdad will be under water within 24 hours. Thousands of laborers working on the river bank are endeavoring to strengthen it as it is feared thousands will be drowned should a break occur. Property damage is already estimated at \$7,000,000.

### MRS. MAYNARD IS GIVEN 12 MONTHS

Child Beater Was Sentenced This Morning by Judge Young

Mrs. Maggie Maynard was sentenced by Judge Young this morning to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labor at Okalla Prison Farm for aggravated assault upon her six year old niece, Alice Gulleit. At the request of the judge, the child was presented in court where she bore an emaciated appearance and still carried the marks of beating.

Twenty-two of the dead have not been identified. The bodies are badly mangled and identification in many cases is virtually impossible. Several bodies were hurled hundreds of feet into the air. It may yet prove that the list of dead is greater than reported.

The disaster is the third of a similar nature within the past 72 hours. Others occurred in the Mississippi River Thursday resulting in an undetermined number of people losing their lives, probably 33.

Property damage is confined to the tanker. The seamen were trapped as they slept and were burned to death. The men met their fate in a cauldron of boiling gasoline.

### HEAVY FISH SALE TODAY

American and Canadian Boats Disposed of 499,000 Pounds at Exchange This Morning

Ballast landings were heavy this morning with thirteen American schooners selling 345,000 pounds, and sixteen Canadians disposing of 154,000 pounds on the Exchange. The prices ranged from 13.3c and 6c to 13.8c and 8c for American fish and from 11.2c to 11.6c and 7c for Canadian.

The catches were as follows:

American	Canadian
Allen, 64,000, to the Pacific Fisheries.	Marguerite, 7,000 pounds to Royal Fish Co.
Alaska, 65,000, to the Allyn Fisheries.	Yule, 4,000; Inez H., 6,000; Nuba, 4,000; Prosperity A., 13,000; Livingstone H., 22,000; M. M. Christopher, 10,500; Pair of Jacks, 8,000; and Margalite, 8,500, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Mildred H., 30,000; Venus, 8,000; and Cape Clear, 5,000, to the Booth Fisheries.	Nautilus, 7,000; D.S.T., 5,000; Eric Roy, 8,000, and Brant, 6,000, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.
National, 22,000; Bravo, 8,000; Mars, 14,000; Reliance I., 10,000; Reliance, 12,000; and Onah, 15,000, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.	Caygeon, 6,000; Cape Beale, 33,000, and Gibson, 6,000, to the Allyn Fisheries.
Radio, 40,000; and Carolan, 8,000, to the Royal Fish Co.	Salmon
The Yakutat cleared for Seattle at noon with 44,000.	Narbelhoug, 3,650 reds and 650 whites, at 17c and 3c.
The Serious, Trinity and Eureka with large catches arrived too late for today's bidding and will go on the board tomorrow morning.	

### LOW RECORD MANY STOCKS

Market Broke Again Today When Selling of Motors Precipitated Fall

NEW YORK, April 12.—The stock market, which has been drifting rather aimlessly for a week, suddenly turned weak today when selling pressure was renewed against motor shares. Scores of issues fell from one to nine points, several breaking to a new low record for the year.

### BARGE DRUMROCK IS AT ALICE ARM

Loading a Million Feet of Logs, Belonging to Local Concern, For Ocean Falls

The Hecate Straits Towing Co.'s log carrying barge Drumrock, in tow of the tug Cape Scott, is due at Alice Arm today to load over a million feet of logs for the Pacific Mills at Ocean Falls. The logs were taken out last year by the Abbotsford Logging Co. and are the property of the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills.

### BASEBALL TOMORROW

Both American and National Leagues Open Season With Washington and Pittsburgh Favorites

CHICAGO, April 12.—Sixteen American and National League baseball teams start their 1926 pennant race tomorrow with the early dope pointing to Washington and Pittsburgh again figuring high to win the race in their respective leagues. All the clubs seem to have strengthened their forces.

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### WORK HAS BEGUN ON NEW CANNERY SKIDEGATE INLET

SKIDEGATE, April 12.—The B.C. Packers have a large crew of men busy clearing the site for their new cannery near here. They have rented the pitka driver from the Sitka Spruce Mills and have commenced construction of the wharf.

### HANSON HOME FROM HOLIDAY

President of Board of Trade Thinks Elevator Will be Operated This Season

Olof Hanson, president of the Board of Trade, accompanied by Mrs. Hanson arrived home this morning from a holiday tour in the south and east as far as the west Indies. They arrived at Smithers during the week and were met at Endako by the children. The week end was spent at their home at Lake Kathlyn.

Mr. Hanson was at Ottawa during the time the negotiations were in progress for the Wapona Pool to take over the elevator and he feels very jubilant over the prospects in that regard. The first thing, he says, is to arrange the tax rebate.

Mr. Hanson thinks from the conversations he had with the Pool representative that grain will be going through the elevator this season.

## Uncrowned King of a Happy Valley



LAKE WINDERMERE, B.C., THE HAPPY VALLEY



ONE OF LIEUT. GOV. BRUCE'S INDIAN FRIENDS



BRUCE (SEATED RIGHT) BEING MADE AN INDIAN CHIEF

Robert Randolph Bruce has recently been appointed Lieut. Governor of British Columbia, as the representative of King George in that province of Canada. Like many another successful Canadian, he came from Scotland, about thirty years ago, bringing with him a frock coat, a tall hat, and a bundle of introductory letters. He was the son of the minister of the parish from which George Stephen later Lord Mountstephen, then President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, had come, and so the first office where he presented himself was that of T. G. Shaughnessy, then general manager. In a very few minutes he was given a job, but as he was going out the door, "T. G." called after him, "Young

man, if you want to get on in this country, shed that coat."

Mr. Bruce must have obeyed instructions, for he has been "getting on" until his recent appointment seems to be as near the top as any Canadian could ever be. And, coincident with his own development, has come about the development of the Windermere Valley in British Columbia, where he has made his home for some years. Mining interests first took him, back in 1889, to the upper reaches of the Columbia River, where he commenced operations on the Sitting Bull claim on Boulder Creek, a tributary of Horse Thief Creek, near the spectacular Lake of the Hanging Glaciers. Later he left this for a new claim called Paradise, from

which has sprung the appellation Happy Valley. The village of Windermere, on the eastern side of Lake Windermere, was the first to take root, and here Mr. Bruce settled. He built a bungalow, and planted a garden, a garden which today is a riot of exquisite flowers, a regular flower show for those visitors at the Canadian Pacific Bungalow camp opened a year or so ago a short distance along the lake shore from the Bruce estate.

Not only did this indefatigable gardener plant lovely flowers in his garden, but realizing the difficulties of keeping miners at their jobs, he planted fresh vegetables in sufficient quantities for his men to have a diet of fresh vegetables instead of a diet of tin cans. His ores are mined with never a strike.

### GOLDEN GATE DUE TUESDAY

Norwegian Vessel Coming to Load Lumber at Queen Charlotte City

The Norwegian oil burning tramp freighter Golden Gate, Capt. A. Kolsto, inbound from Moji, Japan, to load a cargo of lumber at Queen Charlotte City for the Atlantic seaboard, is expected to arrive here tomorrow morning to clear customs. Capt. H. L. Robertson, the pilot, went out at 11 o'clock this morning on the launch Pachena to pick up the vessel at Triple Island and bring her in. The vessel was due here this afternoon but is delayed by a southeast gale outside. B. L. Johnson-Walton Co. are the local agents.

### JEAN JOHNSON IS SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Election is Adjourned Until Tomorrow Morning and Bail Set by Judge Young at \$500.

Jean Johnson, colored, was committed for trial by Magistrate McLymont this morning on a charge of keeping a disorderly house. She was taken before Judge Young and the case was adjourned until tomorrow for election, accused being given bail at \$500.

### SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL BUYS ELEVATORS

REGINA, April 12.—The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company by a vote of 366 to 77 on Saturday night voted to sell its elevator system to the wheat pool of Saskatchewan.

## Wizard of Plant World Dies at Age of 77 at His California Home

Luther Burbank was wonderful personality, his telepathic and healing powers setting him apart from his fellows

SANTA ROSA, Calif., April 12.—Luther Burbank, wizard of the plant world, scientist, sociologist and psychic, died at his home here early Sunday morning aged 77 years, after two weeks' illness attributed to nervous exhaustion which was complicated by a heart attack. The age of the famous scientist together with his inability to assimilate anything but a limited quantity of nourishment proved a handicap to the physicians who were attending him. He sank into a comatose condition early Saturday night and did not recover consciousness, passing away in his sleep early yesterday.

### RUN ON BANK CUBA STARTS

Royal Ships \$43,000,000 Under Guard to Havana to Support Branch

KEY WEST, Florida, April 12.—Forty-three million dollars, guarded by fifteen armed men, left here yesterday aboard the Cuban cruiser for Havana consigned to the Royal Bank of Canada where a run was started for unknown reasons.

### PAINTERS ASKING DOLLAR A DAY MORE AND FIVE DAY WEEK

VANCOUVER, April 12.—When their demand for a dollar a day increase and five days a week was refused by employers, 320 union painters quit work this morning. The present wages are \$6.50 a day and they work 5 1/2 days.

## LIQUOR CASES Q.C. ISLANDS

Former Local Resident Among Those Fined at Queen Charlotte City

A party of officers consisting of Sergeant McNeill, provincial police, Inspector J. H. Johnson of the Liquor Board, and Constables Stewart, Harrison, Grant, Reid and Fox of the Liquor Board arrived in the city on board the power boat Pachena, Capt. Paul Armour, at 10.15 last night from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

As a result of the activities of the officers at Queen Charlotte City, there were the following cases:

Joe Sigmund, formerly of this city who is now conducting a transfer business at Queen Charlotte City, charged with obstructing officers when raiding his premises, fined \$50.

James Crocker, keeping liquor for sale, fined \$300 or six months.

Fukumoto, Japanese, permitting drunkenness on his premises, \$50 and costs.

The cases were tried by Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. McLeod, who also arrived on the Pachena from the Islands.

## ROBBER BOUGHT AN APARTMENT

Had Already Handed Over Half of the Purchase Price of \$56,000

DENVER, April 12.—T. F. Alaza, 28 years of age, who was arrested Saturday, confessed, according to the police, that he absconded with \$18,000 from the San Geronimo branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in Cuba in March.

Near \$10,000 in cash and some Cuban money was found in the room of an apartment building here which he had contracted to buy. He had paid half the stipulated price of \$56,000.

## SURF INLET MINE CLOSES

Dismantling of Plant on Princess Royal Island has Commenced

Dismantling of the Belmont Surf Inlet's mine and plant at Surf Inlet, which has been a steady producer of ore for the past several years, has already commenced, the ore body having petered out. The equipment and machinery, which includes a railway, locomotives, etc., is to be removed. It is understood that there is still another shipment or so of ore to be made.

## AIRPLANE BACK FROM BARROW

Completes Second Trip but Fails to Locate Dog Train en Route

FAIRBANKS, April 12.—One of the airplanes of the Arctic expedition with Captain George Wilkins returned Sunday evening after making the second flight to Point Barrow, the base of the undertaking where it has carried supplies.

An attempt to locate the overland dog division of the expedition which is en route to Point Barrow from Nenana and which is reported short of food was unsuccessful.

## TOLMIE DIES

VICTORIA, April 12.—J. W. Tolmie, brother of Hon. S. E. Tolmie, died here Saturday.

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