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CHRIS MOELLER CASE BEING PRESSED

KINGSWAY HOTEL IN VANCOUVER IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Minister of Customs Issues Statement on Pacific Rum Running

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Hon. W. D. Euler, minister of customs, in an interview this morning, said the pressing of the Chris Moeller case was merely incidental to the department's endeavor to meet the bootlegging situation on the British Columbia coast. "We have information," he said, "that cargoes are not only diverted from stated desinations into the United States but also into Canada. There is no doubt the Chris Moeller cargo was not really going to San Blas, Mexico. We propose to protect the revenue of Canada and enforce the terms of the treaty with the United States."

WESTMINSTER ABBEY OBJECT OF BOMB PLOT

SENSATIONAL STORIES PUBLISHED THIS MORNING IN LONDON PAPERS ABOUT ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Some of the papers this morning published sensational stories of the discovery of an alleged plot by unknown persons to dynamite Westminster Abbey. It is said that the police received an anonymous telegram containing a threat against the abbey and the customary police guard was consequently increased without the public being aware of the fact.

NARROW ESCAPES KINGSWAY FIRE

PROPRIETOR'S NEPHEW AND OTHER MEN HAD TO JUMP FOR LIVES

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The Kingsway Hotel with furnishings valued at $50,000 is a complete loss as a result of this morning's fire. Charles Russell, proprietor, and wife are visiting Seattle. Russell's nephew, Lloyd Russell, was awakened by a barking dog in the basement where the blaze, it is thought, originated, probably in the furnace room. Escape by the stairway being cut off, Russell aroused four other white men and two Chinese on the premises and all jumped to the ground from the second storey sustaining only minor injuries. The dog is believed to have perished.

As the Gladstone Hotel in the old days the structure was a historic landmark.

VANCOUVER GIRL KILLED BY AUTO

GEORGE MILLER OF SEATTLE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF LITTLE EDITH ESBERG

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—While crossing a street yesterday afternoon, Edith Esberg, aged six, was struck by an auto driven by George Miller of Seattle, suffering injuries which resulted in her death in the hospital this morning. Miller, who was first charged with being intoxicated while driving a car, was formally charged with manslaughter today.

MANY DEATHS FROM LIQUOR

IN NEW YORK TOTAL MOUNTS TO 23, SEVEN IN CHICAGO AND FIVE IN DETROIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.— The total of deaths in the city ascribed to holiday drinking of liquor mounted to twenty-three last night. In Detroit five deaths from a similar cause are reported and in Chicago, seven.

KINGSWAY ROAD HOUSE IS BURNED TO GROUND

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28. — The Kingsway Hotel and road house in South Vancouver municipality, one of the several resorts of similar nature which were raided by provincial police officers in November, was burned to the ground this morning. The Kingsway for many years had been the haunt of large numbers of the so called "smart set" of the city.

TWO HUNDRED YEAR OLD WATER CLOCK VANCOUVER MUSEUM

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—(By C.P.)—A water clock two hundred years old, a reminder of the age when sundials and hour-glasses provided the most common means of telling the time, has been presented to the Vancouver museum. It looks like an ordinary clock until its door is opened for an investigation of the works. The case is of age-blackened oak. The face is marked for twenty four hours and is wrought in brass.

The motto "Tyme wears away our days; use well these hours" is rudely engraved on a brass plate, with the figure of Time as a winged old man with a scythe, and on his brow is a solitary forelock. On the door of the clock is a figure in brass wearing a royal crown. At the bottom of the clock is a brass tank which was designed to hold the water which dripped from within. A tall brass tube takes the place of the pendulum, and from here the water dripped away; and as it dripped it drew down a float which controlled the hands, and so time was marked.

VOTING TODAY FOR FISHERMEN'S UNION AGENT AT RUPERT

The election of agent for the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union is taking place concurrently today in Seattle, Ketchikan and Prince Rupert, with David Milne, J. H. Meagher and J. M. Morrison as candidates for the position here. At the local Union Hall balloting is proceeding satisfactorily with thirty-seven ballots cast up to 1 o'clock today. Jens Larsen, C. O. Peterson, Fred Wick and Arthur Caravan are looking after taking the local vote which will be counted tonight after the pole closes at 6 o'clock. The reports from Ketchikan and Seattle, it is expected, will not be known until sometime tomorrow.

WEATHER REPORT

8 a.m.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy, light southeast wind; temperature, 42.
Terrace.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 34.
Rosswood.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 38.
Alyansh.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 31.
Alice Arm.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 33.
Anyox.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 34.
Stewart.—Snow, calm, temp. 31.
Hazelton.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 30.
Smithers.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 28.
Burns Lake.—Snow, calm, temp. 35.

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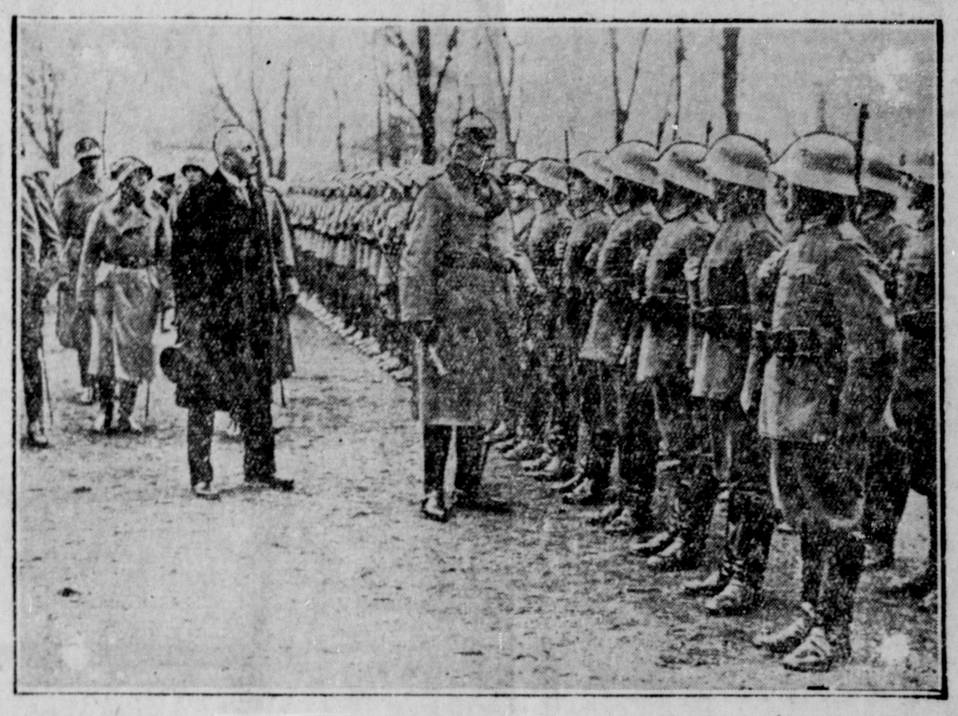

PRESIDENT VON HINDENBURG of Germany reviewing the troops of the German Reich with Dr. Otto Gessler, defense minister, at the opening of the new infantry school at Dresden, recently.

SEIZE CARGO; RELEASE BOAT

THESE ARE INSTRUCTIONS FROM CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS RE-REGARDING CHRIS MOELLER

VICTORIA, Dec. 28.—"Seize the cargo of the Chris Moeller, place it in a warehouse and allow the vessel to proceed." These instructions were received from the customs authorities at Ottawa yesterday by Customs Collector Davie. The liquor laden vessel has been held up in the harbor here for several weeks on recommendation of the customs commission after doubts had been expressed that the cargo was really intended for Mexico whence it was supposed to be consigned.

OTTAWA CONFIRMS

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Customs officials here confirmed the report from Victoria that the Chris Moeller would be allowed to clear from that port minus her cargo. The reason given was that there was nothing against the ship but that false declarations had been made in regard to the cargo.

NOTED SEATTLE CANNER PASSES

FREDERICK CHARLES JOHNSTONE ERECTED CONCRETE STRUCTURE IN ALASKA — INNOVATED FLOATING CANNERY

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.— Frederick Charles Johnstone, prominent local salmon canner, who was credited with erecting the first concrete structure in Alaska, the Tongass Building at Ketchikan, died here yesterday. He was president of the Tongass Trading Co., the Tongass Investment Co., and the Alaska Fish Co., and vice-president of the Pacific Fisheries Association. In 1911 he converted the Glory of the Seas, a clipper ship built in 1869, into the world's first floating cannery. He was born in Detroit in 1868.

ANYOX WON FIRST BASKETBALL GAME

SMELTER TOWN TOOK LAST NIGHT'S GAME 53 to 38

Word was received in town this afternoon that Anyox High School team won the first game in the inter-town series by a score of 53 to 38. The next game will be played on Wednesday night and the locals will return to the city on the Prince Rupert Friday morning.

Malamute Dog Carries Note and Saves Lives of Two Men in Freezing Central Alaska

LITTLE SQUAW, Central Alaska, December 28.—Carrying a scribbled note from two miners who were cripplied by an explosion, a malamute dog crossed a three-thousand foot pass in the Brooks Mountains by night with the temperature standing at forty below zero to his master's cabin here. The injured men arrived yesterday on a sled.

Oscar Ottersonin, a Little Squaw miner, was awakened early one day last week by his dog, Nigger, whining and scratching outside the door. When he was admitted, the husky was found to have a note attached to his neck reading: "Come. Both seriously injured. Explosion.

Ottersonin last Wednesday had lent his dog to H. S. Shaw and C. Dunlap, who were mining on Tobin Creek beyond the pass.

Two men, hurrying over the pass in response to the summons with a dog team, found Shaw and Dunlap badly injured by the explosion of a box of detonators, Dunlap being blinded. They were brought home and an appeal has been made by radio to Fairbanks for an airplane to come and convey the patients to hospital there.

TWELVE DEAD RESULT FLOOD

FOUR THOUSAND HOMELESS AND DAMAGE PLACED AT OVER MILLION DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN STATES

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Dec. 28.— The known dead as a direct result of the floods in the southern states is placed at twelve with four thousand homeless. Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky were this afternoon prepared for further rains. The property damage already amounts to more than a million dollars.

WAS NO ROBBERY IN OTTAWA AFTER ALL

Treasures of Sir Joseph Pope Were Found in Other Part of House

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—With the recovery of the treasured jewellery of the late Sir Joseph Pope in another part of the residence after it was at first believed to have been stolen, it is now thought no robbery was committed during the absence of Lady Pope.

Prices of Prince Rupert bonds compare very favorably with those of any other city or municipality in British Columbia or Alberta. The Royal Financial Corporation of Vancouver asks as high as 107.93 for six per cents maturing in 1949.

CALIFORNIA GOLD STRIKE

NEW FIND IS SAID TO SURPASS ANYTHING IN HISTORY OF PACIFIC COAST STATE

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—A new gold strike said to be the most important in California's history has been made in the Big Buzzard Mine in Eldora County, says the Sacramento Union. George Pettier, banker, and Albert Vandercook, metallurgist, own the property jointly. The Union says that a new vein rich in gold carries copper and silver as well in paying quantities.

SIBERIA HAS FATAL STORM

MANY DEAD AND GREAT DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY IN PACIFIC COAST VILLAGES

NIKOLAEVSK, Siberia, Dec. 28. — Heavy loss of life and great property destruction was caused to several fishing villages in this district by mountainous waves from the Pacific which hurled tons of ice blocks on the settlements during a snow storm. Many women and children, buried alive under great avalanches of ice, could not be dug out because the men were away fishing. A relief expedition of couriers on skiis is being sent from Khabarovsk.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I.
Arsenal 1, Manchester United 0.
Aston Villa 5, Leeds United 1.
Derby County 3, West Ham 0.
Liverpool 3, Bolton 2.
The Wednesday 3, Tottenham 1.
Division II.
Barnsley 5, Fulham 0.

WILKINS TO RESUME ARCTIC EXPLORATION

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—To resume Arctic region exploration work where it was left off last spring, Capt. George Wilkins plans to leave Seattle for the north on February 5 next. Wilkins spent some time in northern Alaska this year with his party. Two airplanes were used and several flights were made from Fairbanks to Point Barrow but there was a good deal of bad luck and the expedition did not achieve the results intended.

CHINESE WOMAN IS NOW LONDON LAWYER

Passes Final Examination and is Completing Her Term as Articled Clerk

LONDON, Dec. 23.—One of the happiest women in London is Miss Kathleen Hoahing, aged 23, the first Chinese woman to pass the solicitors' final examination. At the end of this month she will have completed serving her articles to a London firm of solicitors, and will be fully qualified. "I want to go out East and start a practice of my own," she said yesterday, "perhaps in Singapore, where I have an uncle who is a barrister." Born in British Guiana, Miss Hoahing was educated at a convent school there, and when she came to England seven years ago finished her education at Salisbury. Afterwards she studied for a time at an agricultural college in Kent, and then became articled.

Before she goes out East, however, she will make a tour of the world. Much of her spare time is spent in travel. Her mother was the first Chinese woman to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland. Her young sister studied as a barrister, but was married before she was called.

COTTON WOOD LOGS REPRESENT NEW TRADE ON COAST

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—(By C.P.)—A new trade with the Orient has been started in British Columbia lumber, when a recent shipment of 500 cottonwood logs was sent to South China to be made into matches.

The initial shipment is being watched with interest, as it is considered a good market may develop in the Orient for this class of wood which meets with little demand in the building line.

OVER $2,000 NEEDED TO KEEP FAMILY

Miss Margaret Gould, a Canadian economist, has drafted the first minimum health and decency budget for a Canadian family in which she concluded that $2,161.20 is the annual income necessary for the average family of five, insuring a minimum of health and social decency. Only two and a half per cent of Canadians have an income tax to consider and of those who do pay this, 6.7 per cent. own 75 per cent. of taxable income. Over two and a half million heads of families have a net income of $2,500 or less.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Cloudy, calm, light S.E. wind; barometer 29.52; temperature 42; sea, smooth. 8 a.m. spoke tug Lorne towing Drumrock abeam Skeena southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer 29.30; temperature, 29.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND. — Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.38; temperature 44; sea, smooth; noon spoke M.S. Norco 566 miles from Seattle southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer, 29.32; temperature, 35.

U.B.C. WINS.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The University of B.C. rugby team defeated Stanford aggregation yesterday by six to three. The Californians led at half time by three to nothing.

WAS PARTY IN THEATRE NIGHT BEFORE BLAZE

PARTICIPANTS BEING HELD BY POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH WINNIPEG CONFLAGRATION

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—A party attended by several persons was held in the Winnipeg Theatre the night before the building was destroyed by fire, some of the participants remaining in the place until 8 o'clock Thursday morning, according to information secured by Provincial Fire Commissioner McGrath. Four men who attended the party are being held by the police who refuse to divulge their names. They are being held as material witnesses, no formal charges having yet been laid.

OLDER BOYS' PARLIAMENT

SESSION OPENED LAST NIGHT WITH DUE POMP AND CEREMONY BEFORE CROWDED GALLERIES

VICTORIA, Dec. 28.—With important legislation foreshadowed in the speech from the throne, the fourth session of the Older Boys' Parliament opened last night in the government building here before a crowded gallery with due pomp and ceremony. Dean Coleman of the University of British Columbia acted as lieutenant governor.

A statement was made in the speech from the throne to the effect that there had been an increase of 112 per cent in the past four years in the number of groups operating under the C.S.E.T. This was the keynote of a spirit of optimism that was reflected in the speeches of all the members contributing to the debate.

CAPT. COMBE IS DEAD IN SOUTH

WELL KNOWN ON PACIFIC COAST AS MASTER OF CABLESHIP RESTORER FOR MANY YEARS

VICTORIA, Dec. 28. — Capt. Basil Combe, aged 55, for twenty-two years master of the Pacific Cable Board's ship Restorer, died last night after a long illness. Capt. Combe, who was in the service of the Pacific Cable Board for many years having come here from Honolulu, had been in ill-health for some time and for that reason was compelled to retire in 1920. He came of a prominent and titled English family.

Beside his widow, the late Capt. Combe is survived by two daughters—Vivian and Adele. Miss Vivian Combe visited in Prince Rupert during one summer recently with Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Tremayne.

WESTMINSTER WAGE PARLEY

CONCILIATION BOARD WILL INVESTIGATE DISPUTE BETWEEN CITY AND FIREMEN

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Hon. Peter Heenan, minister of labor, has granted the appointment of a conciliation board under the Industrial Disputes Act to investigate the question of wage working conditions as between New Westminster fire fighters and the city of New Westminster. W. J. Whiteside, New Westminster lawyer, representing the city, and R. P. Pettipiece, Vancouver printer, representing the firemen, have been appointed members of the board. The two will appoint the chairman and third member.

WHEAT 1.38¼

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Wheat was quoted at $1.38¼ on the local market yesterday.