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# WILKINS FLEW 150 MILES BEYOND BARROW

## TEN MILLION DOLLARS WAS LOSS FROM FIRE AT OIL FARM IN CALIFORNIA

### Loss of Union Oil Co. Ten Million Dollars from Tank Farm Fire

Boiling oil gets beyond control and ignited other reservoirs and surface containers at San Luis Obispo

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., April 8.—The 300 acre tank farm of the Union Oil Company a mile and a half south of here where 6,000,000 gallons of oil was stored, was abandoned early today to a fire which threatened its destruction since yesterday.

Four huge underground reservoirs, to which the blaze had been confined yesterday and last night booted over early today and the flaming oil carried the fire to two other reservoirs and ten surface tanks which were rapidly ignited.

Several hundred men who had been fighting the blaze were ordered withdrawn.

The loss of the Union Oil Company will reach at least \$10,000,000.

### EXCHANGE OF M.D. OFFICERS

Major-General Ketchen Comes From Winnipeg to Victoria to Have Charge Here

OTTAWA, April 8.—Major General H. D. Ketchen, district officer commanding the military district Number 10 at Winnipeg, has been appointed district officer commanding Military District Number II, at Victoria, B.C.

Brigadier-General J. M. Ross, commanding military District II, at Victoria, has been transferred to Winnipeg as district officer commanding M.D. 10, effective October 1.

The First Northern B.C. Regiment, stationed at Prince Rupert, comes under District Number II, and will after October be under control of Major-General Ketchen.

### POWERFUL TUG FOR THE COAST

Vessel Will Tow Logs From Queen Charlotte Islands to Powell River

VICTORIA, April 8.—For towing purposes between Queen Charlotte Islands and Powell River, the Kingcome Navigation Company has purchased a powerful tugboat from the British admiralty, it was announced by Norman Yarrow today.

The vessel, which Jeff Leith, Scotland, on March 27, is expected to arrive here about May 15. She will be converted from coal to an oil burner at the Yarrows' Esquimalt plant.

### SECOND BEER VOTE ASKED

VICTORIA, April 8.—A petition signed by forty per cent of the Revelstoke electors which arrived here today asks for a second beer by the glass plebiscite, which it is stated probably will be granted under legislation empowering the government to arrange a second vote.

### ONE HALIBUT BOAT

Only one halibut boat sold her catch here today. It was the Arrow with 26,000 which was purchased by the Cold Storage Company at \$2,700 and 6c.

### SHACK BURNED BY BUSH FIRE

Department Has Been Busy During 24 Hours Extinguishing Blazes on Dry Townsite

The city fire department has been busy during the past twenty-four hours quelling grass and bush fires on the townsite and the arrival of rain, after the dry, windy weather of the past week, is a general relief. The dry, dead grass had been becoming very inflammable and easily ignited.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, there was a grass fire on the waterfront near the elevator and a shack belonging to Jack Anderson, a telegraph lineman who is out of the city, was consumed. The contents of the shack were removed.

At 7:30 last evening, the department had a call to put out a rather extensive grass fire near the residence of G. H. Orme at the far end of Westview. It was extinguished by chemicals and water after a long line of hose had been laid.

Again at 7 o'clock this morning, a bonfire lit by Ole Skog to burn rubbish near his residence at Seal Cove got out of control and the department was called out. The flames were subdued but not until after a chicken house had been searched.

The small Reo truck was used in responding to all the calls and 4,100 feet of hose line was used altogether.

### MUSSOLINI RECOVERS

Italian Premier, Following Assault, is Going to Tripoli

ROME, April 8.—Premier Mussolini, who yesterday escaped assassination at the hands of Hon. Violet Albina Gibson, sister of the Irish Nobleman, Baron Ashbourne, passed a good night and left today for a voyage to Tripoli aboard a battleship.

### BIRTH.

A daughter was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on April 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Chris L. & L. Sather, Seal Cove Circle.

### TORREY RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF KETCHIKAN

KETCHIKAN, April 8.—Tom Torrey was re-elected mayor of Ketchikan for the sixth time yesterday.

### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

Bid. Asked  
Wheat 1,53 3/4  
B.C. Silver 1.95 2.00  
Silvercrest 12 1/2 13  
Dunwell 1.98 2.05  
Hazleton .01 .01 1/2  
L. & L. 14 1/2 17 1/2  
Premier 2.22 2.27  
Porter Idaho .09 .10 1/2

On April 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Chris L. & L. Sather, Seal Cove Circle.

### Extreme Cruelty Charged Against Woman in Treatment of Her Child in the Police Court This Morning

A story of almost unbelievable cruelty of a woman against a six year old child was unfolded in the city police court this morning before Magistrate McGlynn and resulted in Mrs. Maggie Maynard being committed for trial on a charge of aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm on her little niece, Alice Gullett.

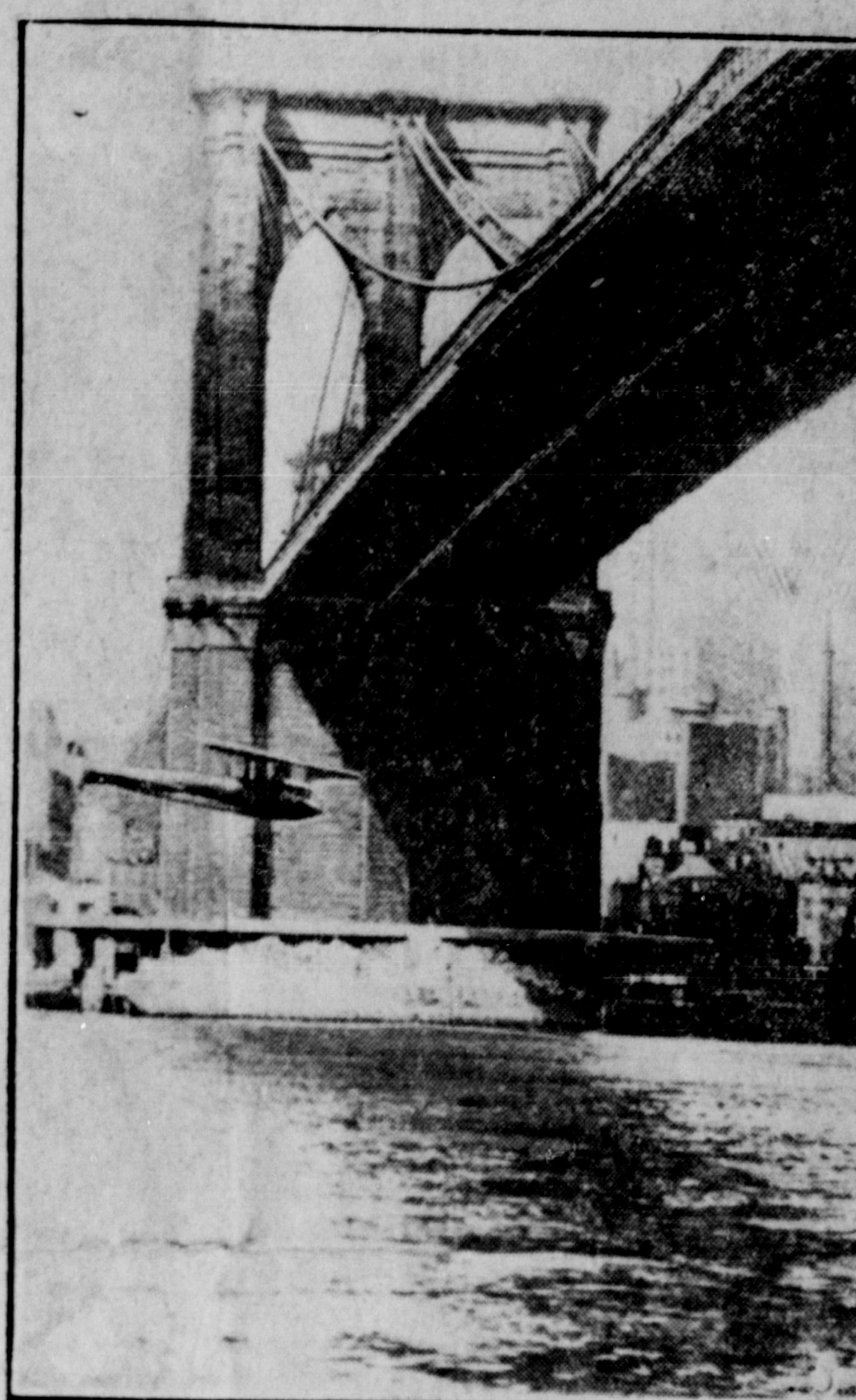
Late yesterday afternoon, according to the evidence in the case, accused thrashed the child unmercifully and then, leaving her a mass of bruises, tied her up by the hands and left her. In that condition she was found at 9 o'clock by Chief Vickers who was called to the scene by neighbors. Mrs. Maynard was not on the scene when the chief arrived but a little later she was located by Constable Alex Macdonald and placed under arrest. Dr. Tremayne was called and gave the little girl treatment.

In treatment of the child at the hands of her aunt is alleged to have been going on between February 26 and this date since the people in question have been living at the Shamrock Rooms.

On one occasion, accused is alleged to have beaten the child and tied her in a sack leaving her in bed. It was testified by one of the witnesses that the child had been heard once to scream: "Auntie, auntie, don't kill me!"

The witnesses in court this morning were Dr. Tremayne, Chief Vickers, Constable Macdonald, James Ross and the little girl herself.

Mrs. Maynard is in the city jail and will appear shortly before Judge Young for election.



A RISKY STUNT AND DONE BY WOMAN—On week days, Miss Viola Gentry is a restaurant cashier, with aviation as a hobby. This week she jumped out of her week-day character and flew under Brooklyn bridge where dangerous air currents have forced down expert flyers to back down from attempting the stunt. Photo shows her plane passing under the bridge.

### PREMIER MINE OPERATIONS

A summary of Premier mining operations for 1925, also for comparison, those of 1924, is as follows:

	1924	1925
Diamond drilling, feet	15,838	13,500
Development drifts and raises	7,333	5,684
Total diamond drilling to date	51,582	65,082
Total underground workings	27,266	32,950
Ore mined, dry tons	159,013	168,557
Ore milled, dry tons	614,965	55,704
Ore shipped to Tacoma, dry tons	75,917	89,219
Ore shipped to Granby, dry tons	21,132	23,634
Table concentrates shipped, dry tons	6,302	1,328
Flootation concentrates shipped, dry tons	2,222	5,029
Precipitates shipped to Selby, tons	13,55	7,95
Ounces gold produced	139,288	119,725
Ounces silver produced	3,015,382	2,559,192
Pounds lead produced	452,010	870,971
Broken ore reserve Dec. 31, tons	137,889	243,541
Ore broken during year, tons	213,894	264,188
Average price silver, per ounce	66.78c	69.06c

### GRAIN COMPANY SELLS ASSETS FOR HUGE SUM

CALGARY, April 8.—Shareholders of the Alberta-Pacific Grain Company at a special general meeting yesterday ratified the sale of the company's assets to the Royal Securities Corporation of Montreal. The transaction is said to involve more than \$6,400,000.

### OIL TANKS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND ARE SET ON FIRE

ANAHEIM, California, April 8.—Two oil tanks with 4,500,000 barrels capacity owned by the Union Oil Co. at Brea were struck by lightning this morning and set afire.

### CALIFORNIA BEING SWEEPED BY SEVERE STORM AND WINDS

LOS ANGELES, April 8.—Estimate of damage caused by rainstorms which swept Southern California during the past five days is placed at \$500,000. The storm continues today with violent winds along the coast.

### Banff Springs Hotel Fire Loss is Estimated at Two Million Dollars; Rebuilding Ordered

BANFF, April 8.—A fire, which destroyed the whole north wing of the Banff Springs Hotel yesterday caused a loss which is estimated at two million dollars.

Other sections of the hotel suffered damage but a stone tower in the new central wing acted as an air wall.

Immediate reconstruction of the destroyed wing and repairs to the others was ordered.

The heroic work of the Banff brigade with assistance from Calgary and 500 railway laborers brought the fire under control last evening.

### Boston Grill

Large Upstairs Dining Hall, with newly laid dancing floor for hire. NEW SODA FOUNTAIN. The latest and best for the least. Phone 457.

### Wilkins Flew 150 Miles Beyond Point Barrow Quest New Continent

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 8.—Captain Wilkins, who with Lieut. Elson arrived yesterday from Point Barrow with a stop-off at Circle City, says that he flew 150 miles beyond Point Barrow on the Arctic Coast before landing at his supply station. It is said that no land was sighted but unbroken stretches of ice were noted as possible places for alighting with his plane after he completes the establishment of his base and sets out on his flights of discovery for the new continent he expects to find.

Returning from Point Barrow, Captain Wilkins lost eight hours before sighting Circle City. The plane landed at Circle City for the night.

The flight from Fairbanks to Point Barrow was made in approximately four hours and a landing was made in a blizzard, which raged for two days along the Arctic coast.

### AGE LIMIT TO A MAGISTRATE

Must Not Sit After Reaches 75 Year is Claimed in North Vancouver

NORTH VANCOUVER, April 8.—The right of Magistrate Alex Philip to sit in the North Vancouver district police court is challenged by C. S. Arnold, a Vancouver barrister, who contends that the clause in the Provincial Municipal Act stating that a magistrate who has attained the age of 75 shall be compulsorily retired bars Philip, who is 76 years of age.

If the objection is upheld, every decision made by the magistrate during the past three and a half months will be rendered null and void.

### TARIFF BOARD IS ANNOUNCED

Alfred Lambert of Montreal represents the Manufacturers on Advisory Body

OTTAWA, April 8.—Premier Mackenzie King announced in the House of Commons yesterday the composition of the advisory tariff board of which Hon. G. P. Graham is chairman. The other two members are D. G. Mackenzie of Winnipeg, a farmer, and Alfred Lambert of Montreal, a manufacturer. Lambert replaces Joseph Daoust, whose name was previously mentioned.

### WILKINS BACK POINT BARROW

Arrived at Fairbanks Yesterday Afternoon After Taking in Supplies for Expedition

FAIRBANKS, April 8.—Captain Wilkins accompanied by Lieut. Elson landed safely here yesterday afternoon from Circle City, having returned from their first trip to Point Barrow with supplies for the expedition in search of new lands in the far north.

### AMERICAN GOVERNMENT RECLAIMING FOR FOOD UNFIT WAR SUPPLIES

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The government has entered suit in the District of Columbia supreme court against the Alaska Packers Association for \$439,210 alleged to be due for salmon furnished during the world war which it is alleged was unfit for use.