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MEMBER FOR VANCOUVER MAKES CHARGES

FIRE AT STEWART DESTROYED BUILDING AND THREATENED WHOLE TOWN

Stevens Declares Prince Rupert on Fringe of a Cesspool of Corruption

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—During the debate last night, H. H. Stevens of Vancouver charged that the government had lost a considerable amount of revenue through operations of the ring of dishonest officials of the customs department and the government had taken no adequate steps to prevent it.

Mr. Stevens particularly denounced special preventive officer Bisaillon of Montreal as a corrupt officer and the "worst of crooks," the intimate of cabinet ministers and the petted favorite of the government.

Irregularities were not confined to one spot, Mr. Stevens said. It's fringe was in Prince Rupert but's centre, "a veritable cesspool," was in Montreal.

Hon. G. H. Boivin, minister of customs, denied the accusations and stated that Bisaillon had been suspended pending an investigation.

AGED SKIPPER DIES; SUICIDE

Capt. W. J. McDonnell of Kodiak at one Time Was Master of Famous "Glory of the Seas"

SEWARD, Feb. 3.—Depressed over his ill health, Capt. W. J. McDonnell, aged 75, pioneer Alaskan and one time commander of the famous clipper ship "Glory of the Seas," is dead—a suicide. McDonnell shot himself through the heart on Sunday in his home at Kodiak, the body being found on Monday.

A graduate of McGill University law school, deceased took to the sea at the age of 23 and became the commander of a trading schooner that sailed among the cannibal islands in the south seas. He served as deputy collector of customs at Unalaska in 1922 and as collector at Unga in 1923-24.

SOMEONE BACKS INDEPENDENT

Premier King Says Conservatives Should Clear Themselves of Suspicion

PRINCE ALBERT, Feb. 3.—Continuing his campaign this afternoon Premier Mackenzie King declared somebody was backing his opponent, D. L. Burgess, whom he called "a young man of limited means."

"For the good name of one of the great political parties," said the premier, "leading Conservatives of this constituency should make it pretty clear to the rest of the Dominion that they have no part in a movement of that kind."

ANYOX BIRTHS MORE THAN DOUBLE DEATHS

In spite of the fact that there are over 1,000 men employed at Anyox and a large percentage of them are in hazardous occupations, deaths last year at the smelter town were not half as numerous as the births. During the year there were 11 marriages, 16 deaths and 40 births.

NOTICE.

Annual meeting of Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht Club in City Hall tonight at 8 o'clock prompt.

Alex. McRae,
Secretary.

PRINCE RUPERT INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

Two Farmers Here from Alberta Says Were Told They Could Not Ship Grain to this Port

That it is impossible to get information in regard to the opportunities of shipping grain west and particularly to Prince Rupert is the complaint of two prairie farmers who are here today on their way to Victoria from Huxley, Alberta. It is on a branch line of the Canadian National between Calgary and Edmonton. At their point they say all the information they have is that they must ship their grain to Saskatoon as that is the only elevator receiving grain just now, yet they come here and find the elevator ready to receive large shipments. They do not understand how this happens.

The two farmers are J. E. Nelson and J. Stroyan, both of Huxley. Between them they raised this year about 47,000 bushels of grain. They do not belong to the pool and want to get the best possible price for their grain by shipping it to the Pacific Coast. Part of the grain is sold and the remainder they must ship. At Edmonton they are told the elevator is full and also at the Lakehead. The only place the railway officials informed him to which they could ship was Saskatoon. As they want the extra few cents a bushel for shipping west, they object to sending it to Saskatoon.

They seem to be of opinion that Canadian National Railways officials should be able to state that grain could come to Prince Rupert. They were informed by advertisement that they could come this way on their trip to the coast and that is why they are here.

These farmers said they could not see why there should be necessity for the Hudson's Bay railway when there were two open winter ports on the Pacific and a summer port at the Great Lakes. They thought these two ports ought to be able to handle all the grain offering.

This morning they were shown over the elevator by Superintendent Glossop.

HURRICANE SWEPT CALIFORNIA TOWN 300 ARE HOMELESS

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Feb. 3.—One child was killed and three hundred persons were made homeless while property damage amounted to three quarters of a million dollars as a result of a hurricane which swept Greenacres near here yesterday.

DOCK NOT ADVISED OF CANCELLED CONTRACTS

Preparations Still Under Way For Converting Ships From Coal to Oil Burners—Rover is Due

In spite of published reports last week that the contracts were to be cancelled, preparations are still being made at the dry dock for the conversion of the C. G. M. M. freighters Canadian Rover, Canadian Observer and Canadian Coaster to oil burners and it was reported at the plant this morning that the Canadian Rover had left Vancouver for Prince Rupert Monday night. The vessel had not yet been picked up by the Digby Island wireless station this afternoon.

ASSOCIATE OF DR. COOK EDITOR OF PRISON PAPER

LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Feb. 3.—S. E. J. Cox, who was convicted with Dr. Frederick Cook, "discoverer" of the North Pole, now is editor of The New Era, the federal prison paper.

Cook is an attendant in the prison hospital. He is said to have welcomed the opportunity to "brush up" on his profession. He served as surgeon for several Arctic expeditions.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.65 ⅛	
C.P.R.	156.00	
B.C. Silver	1.65	1.69
Consolidated	206.00	
Daly Alaska		.15
Dunwell	1.39	1.43
Hazelton		.01 ¾
Howe Sound	29.50	31.00
L. and L.	.13	.14
Porter Idaho	.09 ¾	.12
Surf Inlet	.09 ¾	

THIRD CHARGE IS PROCEEDING

Alleged that Consolidated Exporters Entered More Liquor on Books than was Delivered to Single Boat

The third charge against the Consolidated Exporters Corporation will be proceeded with in the city police court tomorrow morning, having been called this morning and adjourned until then. It involves the alleged lumping of various consignments under one invoice and return to the government. In the particular case in point it is alleged that the company entered in its books, as being sold to the American halibut schooner Helgeland only, shipments of liquor that were made to six different boats. The Helgeland it is alleged received only three bottles while a larger number were placed down as being delivered to it.

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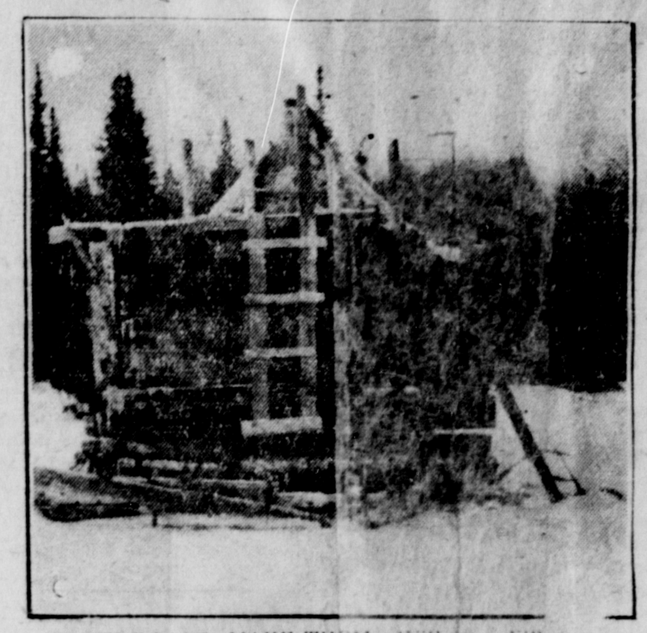

NO ICE ROADS: MAKE THEM—With very little snow to date this year in the woods of Northern Saskatchewan, lumber companies are building ice roads. The tank shown above holds 104 barrels of water and sprays on a 12-foot road.

Another Technical Omission in Vancouver Likely to Free Batch of Magistrate Shaw's Prisoners

VANCOUVER, Feb. 3.—Prisoners in Okalla who were sentenced by Magistrate H. G. Shaw, senior police magistrate of the city of Vancouver, where he presided as a juvenile court judge, face freedom in a jail delivery. Following Chief Justice Hunter's decision in a supreme court judgment that Judge Helen McGill's appointment was not according to law and her sentences without legal effect, it was discovered that Magistrate Shaw's appointment as a juvenile judge was similarly at fault through a minor omission.

Even when the appointments are re-affirmed by the Canadian government, this will be insufficient, it is said, to forestall a jail delivery of prisoners sentenced by them as juvenile judges.

EIGHTY MILE GALE SOUTH

Lumber Laden Vessel in Distress Taken in Tow But Hawser Parted

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3. — An eighty mile gale accompanied by rain and snow harassed shipping from Seattle to San Diego today. Schooner Ecola, lumber laden from Portland for Japan in distress was taken in tow by two steamers but the lines parted.

PARLIAMENT OPENED TODAY.

King George Reads Speech From the Throne Asking for Spirit of Conciliation

LONDON, Feb. 3.—"I am well aware of the difficulties inherent in the world situation but the interests of the nation are paramount and I appeal to all parties to face the future in a spirit of conciliation and fellowship and to avoid action which would again postpone the return of good trade prosperity for which we have so long hoped," declared the King in the speech from the throne at the opening of the second session of parliament today.

The speech announced that the report of the coal commission would be published shortly.

The opening was accompanied by the usual pomp and ceremony.

SUDDEN DEATH OF OLD TIMER

Duncan McMillan Expired in Hospital Last Night After Collapse

After a collapse about 10 o'clock last night in the Knox Hotel where he resided, Duncan Thomas McMillan, well known pioneer resident of the city, expired suddenly about midnight in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. A heart attack was apparently the cause.

The late Mr. McMillan, who was about 47 years of age, was a native of Wales. He came to Canada about forty years ago and was located for many years at Vancouver before coming to Prince Rupert in 1909. His occupation was that of a cook and, in that capacity, he worked during railway construction days along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and also in the Cariboo country. He was engaged with a brother in the early days prospecting in the vicinity of Britannia long before that now famous camp was established.

For some years the late Mr. McMillan conducted a restaurant on Second Avenue with J. B. Robertson. He relinquished his interest in that establishment last October and went south, having returned to the city only about two weeks ago.

Two sisters of deceased survive—Mrs. W. F. Findlay of Vancouver and Mrs V. Haslam of Harrison Hot Springs.

Deceased was widely known in the city and district and his death will be a matter for regret amid a wide circle of friends.

Pending receipt of advice from his sisters in the south, funeral arrangements, which are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers', are not yet definitely announced.

Town of Stewart Had Narrow Escape when Northern Rooms Destroyed by Fire Monday

Fire threatened to wipe out the town of Stewart on Monday, according to visitors from that town who came here on the Cardena yesterday. As it was, damage to the extent of $5,000 was done there and it was only the strenuous efforts of the citizens that prevented the blaze from spreading and possibly consuming the whole town. The fire apparatus failed at the critical time and the townspeople were forced to form a bucket brigade to throw water on buildings to prevent them igniting from the intense heat.

The building that was destroyed was that known as the Northern Rooms, occupied by Mrs. Kelly and with the Good Eats restaurant below. The place was being overhauled and new people were about to take over the restaurant. In connection with the work, a tub of tar was being heated on the range and this caugh tfire and very soon the whole place was a mass of roaring flames.

It was at once realized that the building could not be saved so efforts were centred on preventing the spread of the fire to the liquor vendor's store close by and to the buildings across the street. Had either of these caught, it is said that the whole town would have been wiped out of existence.

The fire took place shortly after noon on Monday.

Mrs. Kelly suffered a loss amounting to about $2,000 and the building and other furnishings would be worth at least another $3,000.

MAYOR WILL ATTEND WESTERN CONFERENCE

Appointed Delegate to Represent City at Meeting to be Held in Vancouver Shortly

Mayor Newton was appointed delegate by the city council last night to represent Prince Rupert at the convention of the Western Canada Unity League which will be held in Vancouver on February 17, 18 and 19. The convention, which will be similar to that held in Edmonton last year, will take up the Peace River question, freight rates, immigration and other matters. An invitation for this city to be represented was sent by Mayor L. D. Taylor of Vancouver.

PUBLICITY FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Board of Trade Secretary Has to Answer Inquiries From Many Students

Among the various classes of publicity undertaken by the local board of trade is that of answering inquiries in regard to the city and district from students, mostly those who are preparing essays. As an example the mail this morning brought an inquiry from a pupil in the Salt Lake city schools and another from a student at the University of Washington, the latter in regard to the grain facilities and prospects at this port. These inquiries have to be answered as they provide good publicity, yet the work takes time. It is part of the publicity for which the city and board of trade pay.

A good complexion on the face is worth two in the beauty shop.

U.S. DIVORCE IS NOT LEGAL THIS COUNTRY

VANCOUVER, Feb. 3.—"Canadians cannot step over the border and invoke the law of the United States in order to shed their responsibilities," said Mr. Justice Denis Murphy today in granting the petition of Mrs. Elsie Mercer for dissolution of her marriage in Hazelton in 1924 to Sanford Mercer, a New Westminster grocer. In sustaining Mrs. Mercer's contention that the divorce obtained in California by the husband in 1924 was illegal because he was then domiciled in British Columbia, Mr. Justice Murphy ruled that the latter's marriage to Flossie Waltham in Seattle last year was illegal. So Mercer must pay the costs of his first wife's British Columbia divorce and re-marry his present spouse.

TORY MOTIONS ARE REJECTED

Two Divisions at Ottawa During the Night, Government Getting the Best of Both

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Motion for adjournment of the debate on the government's resolution to suspend the sitting of the House of Commons for six weeks was defeated last night by a majority of ten, the vote being 114 for and 124 against. The motion was moved by E. M. Sutherland, Conservative member for North Oxford.

At 3.30 this morning the House again divided on a similar motion for the adjournment of the debate which was defeated by one vote. The division was 119 to 118.

C.P.R. LINER IN COLLISION

ANTWERP, Feb. 3—The C.P.R. liner Marloch collided with the British steamer Whimbrel off Flushing yesterday, the latter vessel sinking. The crew was saved.

NOTICE TO SOJOURNING BRETHREN.

The Annual Ball of the Tsimpsean and Tyee Lodges will be held on Friday evening, February 5, in the Auditorium.

A cordial invitation is extended.