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MOST OF WESTERN GRAIN GOES TO ORIENT

AMUNDSEN THINKS THERE IS NO CONTINENT IN NORTH POLAR REGIONS

Pole is Surrounded by Million Square Miles of Water and Ice Fields Declares Raoult Amundsen

Fears for success of Wilkins Expedition but thinks his own flight from Spitzbergen will succeed

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—"My experience has taught me that the north pole is surrounded by a million square miles of water and enormous ice fields," stated Raoult Amundsen, the Arctic explorer, in an interview here. He said he regretted that the Wilkins expedition had decided to use airplanes and he said he feared for the safety and success of the expedition on that account. He said he was satisfied that airplanes were useless for polar work at that time of year.

Amundsen expressed confidence that he would be able to fly over the pole from Spitzbergen next May. "Of course I will make it," he said in answer to a question. He said he would be flying in the polar regions at a time when atmospheric conditions would be ideal. He was not only confident of passing over the pole but expects to go from Spitzbergen to Point Barrow in two days and from there proceed on to Nome. From the Alaskan city he proposes to come south to Seattle by steamer.

LAW CLERK IS ARRESTED FOR CARRYING DRUG

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—George Savage Clark, a young Vancouver law clerk is held here in ten thousand dollars bail charged with the smuggling of narcotics. Clark is an innocent victim. Leaving for Vancouver for a visit he was asked by his employers a prominent lawyer, to carry a package to a well known Seattle lawyer. The package contained two vials, each with 1,000 heroin tablets for the relief of the Seattle lawyer's son who is suffering from a long illness.

When Clark stepped off the boat he was arrested but he stoutly denied knowledge of the contents of the package.

FILMS STOLEN WORTH MILLION

Carried Away on Truck With Thousands of People Passing at Time

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Forty-three films, estimated at the exhibiting value of \$1,000,000 were stolen yesterday afternoon from the motion picture exchange, Broadway and 48th Street, the looters carrying them away on a truck while thousands of people were passing.

As the pictures were registered, the owners said, they cannot be shown without leading to the detection of the thieves.

NEW PRAIRIE HOCKEY BODY

League Already Includes Four Important Cities and Will Probably Have Three More

REGINA, Feb. 25.—A new prairie professional hockey league comprising Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Brandon and Regina was formed here yesterday with the prospect that Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton will also join. The new league will be in operation next winter but no announcement has been made as to the signing on of players.

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PREMIER OLIVER HAD NOT HEARD OF NEW MINISTER

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—"The first I have heard of it," said Premier Oliver yesterday when shown the Vancouver report that Ian Mackenzie would be elevated to cabinet rank.

REPORTED SALE SPILLERS PLANT

British and Canadian Syndicate Said to Have Taken Over Vancouver Elevators

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—Reports of the sale of Spiller's and the Alberta Grain Company's elevators to a British and Canadian syndicate is current here but no confirmation is available. The circumstance giving substance to the rumor is the fact that R. H. Gale, a prominent shareholder in Spiller's plant here is at present in London.

James Calvin, well known Alice Arm prospector, after having spent a couple of days in the city, returned north on the Prince Rupert last night.

WILLIAM HENDERSON BIRTHDAY TOMORROW

One of Oldest Masons in British Columbia Reaches Ninetieth Year

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—William Henderson, one of the oldest masons in the province, will celebrate his ninetieth birthday tomorrow. He has been a mason for 58 years and has held the post of grand master now occupied by the attorney general. Until recently he was actively engaged in his profession as Dominion government architect and head of the public works department of the federal government in this province. He is known well throughout B.C. Stuart Henderson, the lawyer, who is also well known, is his son.

Orient Takes Most of Grain Shipped from Vancouver This Season Says Report Just Issued

Over Forty Million Bushels Sent Out by Western Route so Far This Year Against Sixteen Last Crop

WINNIPEG, Feb. 25.—Of the 1925 crop of western Canada that had been moved to ocean ports up to February 19 practically 40,000,000 bushels went to the port of Vancouver, according to figures issued by the Canadian National Railways here. Of this amount 35,000,000 bushels had been shipped at that date, 44 per cent to the Orient and 56 per cent to Europe via the Panama Canal.

These figures are interesting when compared with those of the previous season which at the same date showed a total of 16,483,930 bushels exported from Vancouver. The destination of this was, however, 16 per cent to the Orient and 84 per cent to Europe.

Bookings at Vancouver between February 19 and March 31 amounted to 2,142,000 bushels for the Orient and 5,099,000 bushels for European ports, which will bring a total grain shipped and booked during the present season up to the end of March to 17,648,671 bushels for the Orient and 21,224,127 bushels for Europe. The same date for the previous season was 3,013,137 against 15,207,785 bushels, showing the tremendous increase in grain exports from the western Canadian port particularly to Oriental countries.

The movement through the port of Vancouver is practically all wheat.

SHIPPING TIED UP BY STORM

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MAYOR NEWTON NEW PRESIDENT

Succeeds John Dybhavn as Head of Pioneers' Association

An executive meeting of the Prince Rupert Pioneers' Association took place last night in the office of the president, John Dybhavn. The meeting was called for the purpose of accepting the resignation of the president who was compelled to relinquish the office owing to stress of business. Mayor Newton was elected to succeed Mr. Dybhavn.

The matter of the annual banquet was discussed and will be finally decided upon at a meeting of the executive to be held two weeks hence on the return of Mayor Newton from his trip south on which he leaves tomorrow.

HOW THIS CITY GOT ITS NAME

Interesting Item in "Twenty Years Ago" Column of Vancouver Province

The following item of local interest appeared in the "Twenty Years Ago" column of the Vancouver Province on February 22: "Prince Rupert will be the name of the city to be created at the Pacific terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Miss E. MacDonald of Winnipeg, a niece of Sir Daniel McMillan, lieutenant governor of Manitoba, suggested the title."



FRENCH POLICE IN LONDON—M. Farolier, prefect of the Paris gendarmérie, delivering his address after laying the wreath on the Cenotaph. Sir W. Norwood, commissioner of police, is shown on the extreme left. The Parisians were in London for the Athletic meet.

RESIGNS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

P. W. Anderson, Road Foreman For Many Years, Will Re-enter Contracting Business Here

P. W. Anderson, who has been general road foreman for this district with the provincial department of public works for the past nine years, has resigned his position effective the end of this month. The reason for Mr. Anderson's resignation was that the requirements of the district were such that he was unable to give it the supervision demanded.

Mr. Anderson intends to re-enter the general contracting business which he successfully carried on before entering the government service since his first arrival in the city in 1906.

The government service loses in Mr. Anderson an official who has been popular and energetic during his long tenure of office and his many friends will wish him success now that he is re-entering business for himself.

J. E. Milne, who was formerly located on the Queen Charlotte Islands, has been appointed assistant district engineer with headquarters in Prince Rupert and will take over Mr. Anderson's duties.

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United States Will Probe the Firing on Eastwood if Asked to do so by State Department

Owner of Vessel Takes Patriotic Ground For Protest Against Treating Union Jack as Joke When at Mast Head

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—If the British embassy seeks information through the state department about the alleged bombardment of the Eastwood, 21 miles off Long Island, the facts will be probed, officials of the treasury department under which the coastguard operates, said yesterday afternoon.

LUNENBURG, Feb. 25.—"I will surely make a formal request to the government at Ottawa," said B. B. Gann, owner of the Eastwood. "I intend to fight this case to the very last, not because of damage to my vessel or expense to myself but because I am a Canadian and will not stand idle and allow any country to treat the Union Jack as a joke when it is hoisted on the mast of a British merchant ship."

NO HALIBUT WAS OFFERED TODAY

American Schooner Ivanhoe Arrived Yesterday Afternoon and Sold for Seattle Delivery

No halibut was offered at the Fish Exchange this morning. The only arrival since yesterday was the American schooner Ivanhoe which got in during the afternoon with 35,000 pounds and, receiving an attractive offer from Seattle for delivery there at a specified date, cleared later in the day for the south.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS ARE ASKED OF UNITED CONGREGATIONS

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—At a conference of Vancouver Island Presbyterian churches yesterday it was learned that many church documents of historical value were taken over by the United Church congregations. Delegates decided to send a formal request for the return of records to United Church headquarters.

BASEBALL STAR DIED YESTERDAY

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Feb. 25.—Eddie Plank, 51 years of age, one of the most noted baseball stars of his day, died yesterday afternoon a victim of paralysis.

TO CHOOSE PREMIER.

REGINA, Feb. 25.—A convention of Liberals will tonight select a successor to Premier Dunning who has resigned to enter the federal cabinet. The names of Hon. C. M. Hamilton, minister of agriculture and municipal affairs, and Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of highways, immigration and labor, are prominently mentioned.

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SWASTIKA WRECKAGE FOUND BUT NO TRACE OF BODIES OF CREW

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—Wreckage of the launch Swastika has been found by searchers near Entrance Island but there is no trace of the bodies of the two Varley brothers comprising the crew. Unfavorable weather has caused abandonment of the search along the beaches.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—After hearing the appeal of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan for further reduction in grain rates, the board of railway commissioners yesterday reserved judgment.