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FISHERMAN DROWNED IN HECATE STRAIT

MINISTER OF FINANCE ANNOUNCES INCOME TAX WILL BE REDUCED SOON

Isaac Lear Drowned at Sea from Own Fishing Boat the Cape Spear

Tragic circumstances surrounded attempt to save well known fisherman by relatives who were aboard boat

Under circumstances most tragic and unexpected, Isaac Lear, one of the best known and most highly respected halibut boat owners and masters of this port, came to his death while in the active pursuit of his calling aboard his schooner, Cape Spear, aat 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The late Capt. Lear fell overboard from the vessel and, being unable to swim and with circumstances mitigating against his rescue, he was drowned in Squally Channel, 90 miles southwest of this port in Hecate Straits.

The tragedy occurred when Mr. Lear was working on the pulling up of 225 fathoms of buoy line. It was a new skate of gear and was greasy and tarry. Capt. Lear was at the roller on the side of the vessel, steering the boat and in control of the engine, and his brother, Harry Lear, was at the gurdy. The gear slipped from the gurdy and, apparently trying to hold it, deceased went headfirst overboard. In the meantime, he had thrown in the engine clutch and, as he fell, the boat was going ahead. The weather was calm and the water smooth and Capt. Lear came to the surface about 50 feet from the point to which the boat had moved. Buoy kegs were thrown to him, a dory was launched and the boat was put into reverse. It seemed almost fateful that, when the boat was being backed up toward the drowning man, the engine flooded and stopped. Had it not been for this, a rescue would very probably have been effected. Unable to swim and handicapped with heavy fishing clothes, deceased put up a tremendous struggle almost within grasp of one of the buoy kegs but, when one stroke might have saved his life, he sank to a watery grave before the eyes of his companions, all relatives, who were feverishly endeavoring to rescue him. The body was not recovered.

Joe Baker Arrived

Soon after the tragedy, the schooner Joe Baker hove alongside but it was too late for the members of its crew to lend any assistance in saving Capt. Lear's life. The gear was hauled in and it was hoped that the body might have been entangled in it and recovered but it was not. By this time, it was dark and the Cape Clear proceeded to anchorage for the night, leaving at 6 o'clock yesterday morning and arriving here with its sad news at 7 o'clock last evening.

The late Capt. Lear was the master and owner of the Cape Spear. Other members of the crew were his brother, Harry Lear; cousin, W. J. Marshall, and nephew, Nathanial Mugford.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss a widow, who was formerly Miss Eva Sherk of this city, and four young children, Harley, 8 years; Hazel, 4 years, and Gwenny and Della, 1-½ year old twins. Prostrated with grief at their home in the Williams house on Borden Street, the deepest sympathy of the community will be extended to the well known and highly respected family in their hour of deep sorrow.

Beside his brother here, deceased is survived by another

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EMPRESS GETS NEW ENGINES

Speed of Australia to be Increased by Installation of Ordinary Turbines

COST MILLION AND HALF

Job on Former German Ship will be Done in Scotland at Fairfield Shipyards

VANCOUVER, March 13—Cable advices from Glasgow and confirmed by local officials state that the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Australia, will be taken to Scotland next year and have a new set of ordinary turbine engines installed in place of the special geared turbines now in the ship in order to increase her speed from 16.5 to 18.5 knots.

The Fairfield Shipbuilding Company has secured the contract for the installation at a cost of a million and a half dollars.

The liner was formerly a German ship which was seized at the conclusion of the war.

GRAIN MOVING PACIFIC COAST

Bulk of Week's Loadings Were For Vancouver Canadian National Reports Show

A large percentage of the 1925 grain crop that remains unmarketed is steadily moving to the Pacific coast, the C.N.R. report for the week ending March 11 showing that 771 of the 962 cars loaded during the week by that company went to Vancouver. This brings the total deliveries to that point for the crop season up to 17,163 cars.

Marketings for the week totalled 1,622,000 bushels at Canadian National prairie points, Alberta leading with 490,000 bushels.

THIRTY DEATHS ITALIAN SHIP

BUENOS AYRES, March 13. — Measles, pneumonia and peritonitis caused thirty deaths, mostly emigrants aboard the Italian liner Belvedere since her departure from Trieste, it was learned upon arrival here yesterday. The dead were buried at sea.

BOXER TO DOCK MONDAY MORN

Will be Examined and Probably Repaired Here Before Proceeding to Seward

OTHER VESSELS HERE.

Shipyard Busy on Work for Government Merchant Marine and the Marfish

The U.S. steamer Boxer, which was ashore at Whitecliff Island and which arrived here yesterday, will go on the drydock Monday morning for examination and probably for repair. The forefoot is slightly damaged but it is not thought there is anything else wrong with her. However it was thought best to have her examined before proceeding to Seward.

The steamer Prince George came off the drydock today after being out of the water for the past ten days getting a new liner for the propeller shaft. She will go on the run Friday in place of the Prince Rupert which will then be overhauled.

A good deal of work is being done on the fisheries boat Marfish at the drydock.

Work on the Canadian Coaster is proceeding with despatch.

COMPEL ALL TO PAY DUE TAXES

Consultation of Collectors and Assessors Has Been Proceeding During Week in Victoria

VICTORIA, March 13. — Tax collectors and assessors from all over the province have been gathered here during the week discussing tax collection matters with Hon. J. D. MacLean, minister of finance.

One of the important matters before the group was an effort to work out a more equitable method of assessing personal property than that at present in vogue.

The finance department is planning to tighten up tax collecting in the province, with a view to seeing that none who are liable to pay shall escape.

SCHOONERS ARE SAID MISSING

Twin Pearls of the Pacific Fail to Arrive at Panama Canal in Three Months

MIAMI, Fla., March 13.—Two famous schooners, Alvena and Irene, staging a race from Aberdeen, Washington, to Miami with lumber are listed as missing. Each had a crew of nine officers and men.

The vessels which were known as the "Twin Pearls of the Pacific" sailed from Aberdeen a few hours apart on December 11. Thirty days moderate sailing was allowed for both to reach the Panama Canal but no word from either craft has been received.

Passengers sailing this afternoon for the south on the Princess Beatrice included J. Slade Stevens, E. Brand and W. Silversides for Ocean Falls; J. Claremon and Corbett for Swanson Bay, and W. Arnold and M. O. Muskolm for Vancouver.

VICTORIA TIES SASKATOON IN ROUGH HOCKEY

Will Meet Again at Victoria Tuesday to Decide Which Plays Edmonton for Championship

SASKATOON, March 13. — In one of the roughest games ever seen here, the Victoria Cougars and Saskatoon Shicks played a three goal to three tie in the first game of the Western Hockey League playoff last night. The result of the tie is that the teams will meet on even terms at Victoria Tuesday to decide which team meets the Edmonton Eskimos for the league championship and the right to go east to enter the contest for the Stanley Cup.

JURY DISAGREE IN FRUIT CASE

Were Locked up All Night But This Morning Had Reached No Verdict

VANCOUVER, March 13.—The jury in the fruit combine case reported at 11.20 this morning that they were unable to reach an agreement after 23 hours' deliberation. On instructions from Mr. Justice McDonald they retired again in an endeavor to reach a verdict.

At the completion of the judge's charge yesterday in the case against the eleven individuals and forty-two fruit firms the jury retired at 12.30 and at eight o'clock last evening reported that they were unable to reach a verdict. The judge then ordered them locked up to report again this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO GIVES B.C. FIRST RIGHT TO PROSECUTE MILO EGGERS

SEATTLE, March 13—Instructions to turn Milo Eggers over to the authorities of British Columbia where he is wanted as a suspect in a hi-jacking shooting case, were received today from San Francisco where the man is also wanted.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.53¾	
C. P. R.	156.00	
B.C. Silver	1.82	1.90
Dunwell	2.15	2.25
Gladstone	.37	.39
Hazelton	.01½	
L. & L.	.14	.18
Marmot	.07	.10
Premier	2.50	2.55
Porter Idaho	.10	.11
Silver Crest	.13¼	.15
Surf Inlet	.07	.09

IMMIGRANTS ARE COMING

Special Train Brings Europeans to Prairies Today: Rush Next Week

WINNIPEG, March 13. — The second Canadian National immigration "specia" this season arrived this morning with 235 stalwart Europeans for work on prairie farms. Czecho-Slovakians, formed the largest group on the train with 99 practically all young men. Thirteen Lithuanians, single, of from twenty to thirty years, presented a fine appearance and in a few words of broken English explained that they were farmers come to work on Canadian farms for a while and then get land of their own in this country. Other nationalities in this party from the ss. Lithuania included Ukranians, Hebrews and Poles. Among the latter was a family group composed of the mother, who lost her husband during the war and later had her land confiscated by the Russian government, with her three sons, who refused to leave their old mother in Poland while they came to Canada to start life anew. The family, having some means of their own are being assisted by the C.N.R. colonization department at Warsaw and the government to eventually have a farm of their own once more.

Distribution of those not booked direct to farming districts is taking place this morning.

Next week will see the real rush of immigration to western Canada, half a dozen trains being due to arrive over Canadian National lines from the seaboard.

FISH PRICES HIGHER HERE

Highest Boat Got 17.80 Today on Exchange and Lowest 16.10c and 6c

Prices were higher today on the fish exchange. American boats got high prices, the high boat bringing 17.80 and 8 while the highest Canadian sold for 16.30 and 6 and the lowest 16.10 and 6. Following were the catches:

American:

Lincoln 12,000 to Cold Storage.
Sentinel 18,000 to Cold Storage.
Star 7,000 to Booth Fisheries.

Canadian

Prosperity A 19,000 to Royal Fish Co.
Inez H. 5,500 to Atlin Fisheries at 16.10 and 6.
Dolphin 7,500 to Atlin Fisheries at 16.30 and 6.
Nautilus 7,000 to Atlin Fisheries.
Cape Spear 7,000 to Booth Fisheries.
Cape Spear, 7,000 to Booth Fisheries.
R.W. 5,000 to Booth Fisheries.

Japanese Destroyers Fired on by Chinese National Army Troops at Pei River Entrance Yesterday

TIEN TSIN, March 13.—Two Japanese destroyers which were crossing the bar at the entrance to Pei River yesterday were subjected to considerable rifle fire from shore trenches occupied by Chinese National army troops.

The destroyers, after replying to the fire, turned back and anchored outside the bar.

Three sailors were wounded, one seriously.

Income Tax will be Reduced as Finances Permit Announced the Minister of Finance Yesterday

OTTAWA, March 13.—Hon. James Robb, minister of finance, told a delegation representing the retail trade bureau of Canada yesterday afternoon that the government hoped to make reductions in the income tax as finances permitted.

The delegation asked that the present Dominion tax be abolished on the ground that it is not only confiscating capital required to extend our industries but that it is frightening capital out of industry and preventing new investments being made.

Mr. Robb said the government had decreased the income tax already by enlarging the exemptions. He hoped this process would be continued. He thought the delegates would agree that those who served during the war should be relieved of taxation first.

FLYING OFFICER HULL IS TRANSFERRED EAST

Will Become Instructor at Camp Borden — Flight Lieutenant MacLeod is Remaining on This Coast

Flying Officer Allan R. Hull, stationed at Prince Rupert during the past two years in connection with the aerial fisheries patrol, is to be transferred shortly from the Jericho Beach station of the Royal Canadian Air Force to Camp Borden where he will become an instructor. He and Mrs. Hull and family will leave Vancouver in the near future for Ontario.

Flight Lieutenant Earl MacLeod, who was in charge of the Air Force detachment here during the past three seasons and who was to have gone to Ottawa to take charge of the station there, it still in Vancouver and it is expected that he will come here again this year.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I.

Birmingham 1, Newcastle U. 1.
Blackburn Rovers 6, Burnley 3.
Bury 0, Leeds United 2.
Cardiff City 2, Aston Villa 0.
Everton 2, Arsenal 3.
Huddersfield 5, Manchester U. 0.
Manchester C. 2, Westham U. 0.
Sheffield U. 3, Notts County 0.
Sunderland 3, Liverpool 2.
Tottenham Hotspurs 1, Leicester City 0.
West Bromwich 0, Bolton W. 3.

Division II.

Barnsley 1, The Wednesday 1.
Blackpool 1, South Shields 0.
Bradford City 1, Wolverhampton W. 2.
Chelsea 3, Oldham 0.
Clapton 4, Stoke 0.
Darlington 1, Fulham 2.
Derby County 0, Portsmouth 2.
Hull City 4, Stockport 0.
Notts Forest 1, Middlesboro 0.
Port Vale 3, Swansea 0.
Southampton 2, Preston N. E. 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I.

Aberdeen 1, Motherwell 0.
Airdrieonians 1, Queen's Park 1.
Clydebank 0, Hibernians 1.
Cowdenbeath 1, Kilmarnock 0.
Dundee-Celtic not played.
Hamilton 1, Falkirk 1.
Hearts 6, Morton 1.
Raith Rovers 1, St. Mirren 3.
St. Johnston 2, Partick Thistles 2

With a light rain falling the thermometer at Terrace stood at 35 this morning and Telegraph Creek and Burns Lake were the only places in northern B.C. where it was freezing. The latter had only two degrees of frost according to the Government telegraphic report.

CAUGHT WITH WHISKEY BOUND UNITED STATES

Driver of Car and Companion Arrested and Charged With Being in Possession

VANCOUVER, March 13. — Whiskey valued at $2,500 was seized in Burnaby yesterday aboard an automobile suspected to have been bound for the international boundary. Documents found on Peter Lorette, the driver of the car, indicated that the consignment was going to Portland.

Lorette and Bert Ward, his companion, were arrested and charged with being in possession of unsealed liquor and were remanded.

GRAIN SHIPPED AT VANCOUVER

Vessels Leaving With Cargoes for Various Ports of World During Week

VANCOUVER, March 13.—The following cargoes of grain have been shipped during the week from the port of Vancouver:

Ryufuku Maru for Shanghai 274,133 bushels.

Philoctetes for Yokohama, 99,999 bushels.

Carlton to Colon for orders 300,600 bushels.

San Francisco for Avonmouth 52,183 bushels.

Queenswood for Hull 235,197 bushels.

Wayfarer for Liverpool 158,913 bushels.

Canadian Winner for Antwerp 74,666 bushels.

Nevada for Antwerp 74,666 bushels and to Havre for orders 68,955 bushels.

Drechtdyk for Liverpool 74,666 bushels, for London 74,666 bushels.

Waiheimo for Wellington 8,814 bushels.

CANNERS FORM NEW COMBINE

Company Capitalized at Million Dollars to Operate Five Concerns

VANCOUVER, March 13.— Announcement was made today that the National Canners Ltd. of Vancouver, Beach Eakins Ltd., of Victoria, the Kamloops Cannery Ltd., the Kamloops Pacific Berry Growers of Haney and the Okanagan Packers of Kelowna have amalgamated with a combined capital of a million dollars.

The head office of the new concern is at Vancouver. All five plants are continuing operation on the basis of specialized production.