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SEARCH BEING MADE FOR AVIATORS

McGEER DISCUSSES B.C. METHODS IN GOING AFTER NEEDS

No News Yet of Airmen Who Left France Sunday to Fly Across Atlantic

BOSTON, May 11.—Naval coastguard vessels after 24 hours intensive search from Boston to Newfoundland sent no word of any trace being found of the French trans-Atlantic flyers, Nungesser and Coli or of their plane the "Whitebird," which left France for New York Sunday morning. Overnight there was an ominous silence as radio operators at the navy yard here listened for some messages from navy tugs which had sped northward on the quest yesterday.

OTTAWA, May 11.—The Canadian government is co-operating to the fullest possible extent in the search for the missing airmen Nungesser and Coli. Instructions have been issued to radio and coastguard stations and to patrol vessels on the Atlantic coast to help with every facility at their command.

HAVRE, May 11.—The liner France sailing tonight from New York has been ordered to follow the route Nungesser and Coli are supposed to have taken in the hope of rescuing the aviators.

LOGGING AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

DISTRICT TO END OF APRIL ABOUT NINE MILLION FEET TO GOOD

The report of the Government scalers to the end of April for this forestry district shows that the total logs measured to that time was 28,321,679 board feet as against 19,288,727 board feet to the end of April last year. The cut for April amounted to 10,944,784 as against 6,797,313 for April 1926, made up as follows:

Douglas Fir	129,467
Red Cedar	2,455,356
Coast Spruce	5,251,857
Interior Spruce	189,140
Hemlock	2,556,527
Balsam	349,499
Jackpine	283
Birch	6,819
Cottonwood	5,836

In addition to the logs which are measured in board feet there were railway ties numbering 33,764 and 100 cords of wood.

FEDERALSHIP BACK IN B.C.

OWNERS WILL BRING ACTION AGAINST UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IT IS UNDERSTOOD

VANCOUVER, May 11.—With her million dollar cargo untouched the steamer Federalship arrived in quarantine late yesterday and reached Vancouver early this morning. It is understood that legal action will follow against the United States Government for unlawful seizure and detention of the cargo and crew.

The Federalship returned here so that the cargo might be rechecked and restowed.

PEACE RIVER COMMISSION

VICTORIA, May 11.—Arrangements are under way for the opening of the Royal Commission on the Peace River Block at the end of the month. Mr. Justice Martin of Saskatchewan Supreme Court will commence investigations into the provincial claims for the return of the northern area to provincial control.

Premier Oliver, before he left for his holidays, left all the data with Attorney General Manson so that the hearing might not be delayed unduly.

BUILD ADDITION TO CHATEAU LAURIER FIRST CONTRACT LET

WINNIPEG, May 11. — The contract for the excavation work of the new Chateau Laurie extension at Ottawa has been let to the Foundation Company of Canada, it was announced today at the headquarters of the Canadian National Railways at Montreal. Work on the excavation will begin immediately.

LOOKING OVER POLE SITUATION LOCALLY VIEW TO BUYING

With a view to buying poles extensively in this district or instituting separate operations, E. V. Judson, representing large United States timber interests, is at present looking over the situation in this vicinity. He has travelled extensively in the interior and is now on the Queen Charlotte Islands. M. Dahlquist, formerly of the Hanson Timber & Lumber Co., is accompanying him.

LONDON VESSEL IS COMING FOR WHEAT

Steamer Queenmoor, Due Here at End of Week, is 405 Feet Long With Tonnage of 4,862

The British steamer Queenmoor, coming here at the end of the week to load a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom or continent, is a steel ship of 4,862 registered tonnage. She is owned by the Moor Line Ltd. of London, England, and was built at South Shields in 1924 by J. Readhead and Sons. She is 405' 6" long with beam of 53' 6". London is her port of registry.

A wireless message was received by the Wheat Pool from the Queenmoor last night giving her position as 1500 miles off Cape Flattery and stating she would arrive here on Saturday. The vessel is already lined and will start loading Monday morning for the United Kingdom or continent.

WIRELESS REPORT.

8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Cloudy, fresh S.E. wind; barometer, 29.69; temperature, 46; heavy swell; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Griffco, Prince Rupert for Anyox, 75 miles from Anyox.

BULL HARBOR.—Raining, strong S.E. wind; barometer, 29.76; temperature, 42; sea rough; 8 p.m. spoke tug Cape Scott, hove to in Hecate Straits; 8 p.m. spoke tug Lorne, abeam Egg Island, towing barge Bingamon, southbound; 10 p.m. spoke steamer Canadian Observer, Skidegate for Powell River, 128 miles from Ocean Falls; 6 p.m. spoke steamer Cordova, Ketchikan for Seattle, 386 miles from Seattle; 11 p.m. spoke steamer Prince Rupert in Milbank Sound northbound; 8 a.m. spoke tug St. Faith, abeam Green Island, bound for Powell River; 8 a.m. spoke steamer Catala abeam Ivory Island at 7:40 a.m. southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Raining, strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.50; temperature, 46; sea rough.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND.—Cloudy, strong S.E. wind; barometer, 29.70; temperature, 50; sea rough; 10 a.m. in steamer Prince Rupert northbound.

BULL HARBOR.—Part cloudy, S.E. gale; barometer, 29.76; temperature 45; sea rough.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Overcast, fresh S.E. wind; barometer 29.46; temperature 51; sea rough.

CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION ON PRAIRIES

HOUSE LEADER ASKS THAT ATTENTION BE GIVEN THAT PART OF COUNTRY BY PARTY

OTTAWA, May 11—Conservative house leader Guthrie at the annual meeting of the Ottawa Conservative Association advocated party reorganization in the prairie provinces. "We need," said he "intensive organization and newspapers supporting us must pay greatest attention to western problems."

NEW MENNONITES WISH TO BECOME CANADIAN CITIZENS

WINNIPEG, May 11.— Four hundred Mennonites left southern Manitoba recently. The farms vacated by them are already taken over by newcomers from southern Russia. These newcomers come from districts which have been separated from the main Mennonite colony for fifty years. They have more advanced ideas, and one of the first things they did on arrival here was to investigate the educational facilities for their children. They wish to become Canadianised as soon as possible, but their predecessors were in Canada fifty years, and left without becoming Canadians.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

Boston 6, Cleveland 6.
Philadelphia 6, Detroit 3.
New York 8, St. Louis 7.
Washington 3, Chicago 4.

National League

Chicago 6, Philadelphia 2.
Others rain.

LEAGUE STANDING

National	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	13	7	.650
New York	14	8	.636
Chicago	11	9	.550
Philadelphia	9	8	.529
Pittsburg	10	9	.526
Boston	9	11	.450
Brooklyn	8	15	.346
Cincinnati	7	14	.333
American			
New York	15	8	.652
Detroit	12	9	.571
Chicago	14	11	.560
Philadelphia	12	10	.545
Washington	11	11	.500
Cleveland	11	13	.478
St. Louis	9	10	.474
Boston	5	17	.227

SEALER YOUNGHARP THOUGHT TO BE LOST

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., May 11. — Sealer Youngharp left Port Union early in April for the icefields and failed to return. It is feared that she is lost with her captain and crew of more than 20 men.

HAZELTON LAD AT THE HEAD DRUGGIST EXAM

VANCOUVER, May 11.—In a minor examination the pharmaceutical board announced today Horace Wrinch of Hazelton headed the list with 407 marks.

VICTORIA TAX RATE

VICTORIA, May 11. — Victoria has dropped her tax rate one mill from last year and now it is set finally at 38 mills on the dollar. Collections are improving here.

DIED FROM INJURIES

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 11. — Thomas Flynn, 66 years of age, who was struck by an interurban tram, died of the injuries received last night.

BIRTH.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Linstead, 345 Ninth Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C., on May 10. Mrs. Wynes, nurse in attendance.

MME. JOURDAN, a much decorated war nurse, recently received the most coveted decoration of all, "Knight of the Legion d'Honneur," at the hands of General Gouraud at a Prise d'Armes at the Invalides, Paris.

McGeer Tells British Columbia Her Political Methods Wrong in Matter of Representation

Alberta Standing Shoulder to Shoulder With This Province in Struggle for Removal of Mountain Scale

VANCOUVER, May 11.—"British Columbia may well take a lesson from the manner in which the maritime and prairie provinces have obtained satisfaction in their transportation claims at Ottawa," declared G. G. McGeer on his return to Vancouver yesterday.

"British Columbia," Mr. McGeer said, "with her mountain scale of rates still unremoved, carrying singlehanded the huge burden of the P.G.E. Railway, with no move in sight to provide a transportation outlet for the great Peace River district which would justify the existence of the P.G.E., with C.N.R. uncompleted, and no hotel built here in spite of the fact that an agreement for these things was made and paid for years ago, has much to learn from these other provinces in the matter of her representation at Ottawa."

Mr. McGeer said he was unable to forecast when the judgment of the Railway Board on the general rates case would be given but he deplored the criticism of the time taken and the extent of the evidence, saying that the issues were of the utmost importance to the whole of Canada and had to be inquired into thoroughly. He said that the outstanding feature was the point of view of British Columbia and the fact that for the first time in 25 years this province stood shoulder to shoulder with Alberta in every phase of the struggle for the removing of the mountain scale.

CALL BOY WINNER NEWMARKET STAKES

NEWMARKET, Eng., May 11.— Frank Curzon's Call Boy which was the favorite for the Derby won the Newmarket stakes of a thousand pounds here today.

CHICAGO MOVES UP IN BASEBALL LEAGUES AT EXPENSE EASTERN TEAMS

NEW YORK, May 11.—Making a concrete bid the baseball representatives of Chicago were in second and third places in the American and National leagues respectively after moving up at the expense of the eastern teams.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HOPS FOR AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA, May 11.—The Department of Agriculture is here making inquiries regarding the possibilities of selling British Columbia hops in Australia, believing that a large market for them exists there.

IRISH FREE STATE LOSES ALSO VALERA

NEW YORK JUDGE RULES AGAINST BOTH AND ORDERS PARTY FUNDS RETURNED

NEW YORK, May 11.—Mr. Justice Peters of the Supreme Court dismissed the suit of the Irish Free State claiming to be the successor of the Irish Republic and entitled to bonds valued at two and a half million dollars subscribed for in the United States for the Republican cause.

The court also denied the claim of De Valera and his co-trustees to the bonds and ruled that the bonds be sold and the proceeds revert to the original subscribers.

SNOW IS MELTING IN INTERIOR OF PROVINCE

VICTORIA, May 11.—Snow in the mountains is beginning to melt and the spring run-off through the river systems is expected at any time. The next few weeks will decide whether the abnormally heavy winter snows will create a serious flood menace. It is reported from Quesnel that the Fraser River is rising rapidly.

MOTORSHIP ISKUM AT DUTCH HARBOR

TACOMA, May 11.—Word that the motorship Iskum has returned safe to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, has been received here with considerable amazement after hearing that she was so badly damaged as to be a total loss when she went ashore on the rocks at Unmak off Dutch Harbor.

Reorganization in Customs Services Adding to Revenue; Changes Just Now Announced

OTTAWA, May 11.—For the first four months of the present year the customs revenue was $52,000,000 compared with $43,000,000 for the same period in 1926, according to a statement issued by the department.

The statement further declares "the present indications point to a general upward trend in customs revenue for the fiscal year now entered upon. This is due largely to the placing of the customs service on an efficient, businesslike basis."

Powers of customs officers are considerably increased by a new provision in the Customs Act. In future, any customs officer or person having powers of a customs officer, may arrest without warrant anyone found committing or who is suspected of having committed any offence declared by the Customs Act to be an indictable offence. In the event of a customs officer having reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an indictable offence has been committed, whether it has or not, he is justified in arresting the offending person without a warrant.

NEW PROVISIONS

Several new provisions with regard to cargoes of ships and single shipments have been introduced to protect the Customs in levying duty. Delay or non-payment by owners of post entry for duty on shipments coming into Canada will henceforth give the Customs Department power to exercise a lien on any subsequent shipments or goods imported by that owner. In cases where a sight entry is given for goods where the invoice for description of the goods is not abailable, the owner will be subject to a penalty in the event of his not producing the original invoice within the proper time allowed.

Under the amendment, all property of passengers and crew with the exception of wearing apparel must now be shown on the report of the master of an inward-bound vessel.

Vessels carrying in transitu liquor shipments, putting into Canadian ports en route to a destination outside the country, will now have to furnish a bond for duty through a guarantee company even if their cargoes are not landed on Canadian soil, according to the amendment of the Customs Act of Canada enacted at the recent session of the Federal Parliament.

CARGO TRANSFERS

It was previously possible for vessels carrying liquor billed via a Canadian port to land their cargoes for transfer to another vessel. In future, when this is done, or even in the event of a ship with liquor putting into a Canadian port for shelter, provisions, repairs or any other reason, ship owners must require a certified guarantee company to put up bond for double the amount of duty which would be levied on the liquor cargo. The bond may only be redeemed upon presentation of a certificate showing the cargo has been landed at its port of destination.

The status of liquor ships alleged to have the intention of smuggling liquor into a United States port, and putting into Canadian ports, will be considerably altered under the new provision. It will be practically impossible for such vessel to call at a Canadian port and then land its cargo in the United States at any great amount of profit. Those unable to produce foreign landing certificates, will probably lose money on the transaction.

WON DECISION FROM AUSTRALIAN FIGHTER

LOS ANGELES, May 11. — Doc Snell, Tacoma welterweight, last night won a ten round decision from Billy Grimes, holder of the Australian featherweight, lightweight and welterweight titles.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid	Asked
Wheat	1.52⅞	
Coast Copper	9.00	9.50
Glacier	.09½	.11
Dunwell	1.40	1.45
Gladstone	.24¼	.26½
Independence	.09½	.11
Indian	.07¾	.08½
L. & L.	.11	.11½
Premier	2.07	2.09
Porter Idaho	.17	.17¼
Silver Crest	.07	.07¼
Surf Inlet	.01½	.02¼

SCHOONER GOT LARGE CATCH

ALTEN BROUGHT IN 70,000 POUNDS HALIBUT RESULT OF TEN DAYS FISHING

Schooner, Alten, one of the fleet of American boats plying to this port, this morning sold her catch of 70,000 pounds of halibut to the Cold Storage Company at 12.50c and 7c, and as a result her skipper, Dave Hansel, and his crew will have a few dollars to spend. They were out ten days and cleared for this port from Cape Clear on the Alaskan coast. Other boats selling here today were:

Arctic, 41,000, at 13c and 7c to Booth Fisheries.

National, 28,000, at 13.10c and 7c, to Atlin Fisheries.

Tahoma, 8,000, at 13.50c and 7c to Royal Fish Co.

No Canadian boats reported today.

CROSS CANADA JUNE FLIGHT

JUBILEE MESSAGE TO BE SENT FROM VICTORIA TO GOVERNOR GENERAL WILLINGDON

VANCOUVER, May 11.—Plans for delivery by airplane of a letter from Lieut.-Governor Bruce to Governor General Willingdon in connection with the jubilee celebration are being prepared, it is learned here. The message, according to the information obtained at the Pacific Airways Company's office, will be carried from Victoria to Kamloops on June 1, taken across the Rockies either to Calgary or Edmonton by a machine from the R.C.A.F. station at High River, Alberta, and will be relayed to Ottawa by the first Canadian airmail planes to operate in western Canada.

DEATH LIST INCREASING

MANY LOST LIVES AS RESULT OF SERIES OF TORNADOES IN MIDDLE WEST

KANSAS CITY, May 11.—Prospects for a steadily increasing death list in the huge checker board scoured out of the middle west by a series of tornadoes and storms in which at least 228 persons perished and more than nine hundred were injured today added to the trials of relief workers.

While the casualty lists is Texas, Illinois, Kansas and Louisiana showed little change, the debris razed communities in Missouri and Arkansas yield more bodies and last night several of the injured died in hospital.

NEW WESTMINSTER GIRL WAS WINNER ORATORY CONTEST

Miss Jean Cameron of New Westminster won the B.C. Oratorical Contest in Vancouver last night according to word received at the Prince Rupert High School. A student named Horan of Vancouver was second and Earl Van of Vancouver third, and Allan Kirkby, a special award. All other contestants, including Bruce Stevens of this city, won prizes.