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RUM RUNNERS TO CHANGE REGISTRY

VANCOUVER CITY HALL SUSTAINS $30,000 FIRE DAMAGE

B.C. Liquor Exporters Devise Means to Evade Customs Investigation

Changing of flags seized upon as plan to keep booze traders still in business---one boat already converted

VANCOUVER, January 12.—To save British Columbia liquor exporters from prosecution following recent disclosures at the Vancouver session of the customs commission, it has been decided to operate under a flag other than British. "This action," says the Vancouver Province, "has been suggested as a result of a decision taken by the owners of the motorship Principio, well known liquor carrying vessel, whose registry has been transferred from Canada to Gautemala. It is rumored that the British Columbia exporters are convinced that they will have a better opportunity to continue operations if they use vessels flying the flags of non-treaty nations. A general transfer of the register of vessels on "Rum Row" may follow it is said.

Canada and Britain are the only nations which have agreed to assist United States in enforcing the prohibition amendment it is pointed out and wide powers are possessed by the Canadian department of customs to check up on vessels flying either the British or Canadian flag it was found during the customs enquiry. If the customs department doubts that return clearances shown by Canadian or British ships are bona-fide, it can take steps to tie up the vessel involved it is declared. On the other hand, if the ship flying a foreign flag returns it has to be proven that the papers were forged and, even if a forgery is proven, the penalty is only a fine of $400.

USK CONCERN REORGANIZED

NEW CAPITAL AND NEW MANAGEMENT WILL BE INJECTED INTO AFFAIRS OF SKEENA LUMBER CO.

TO RE-OPEN MILL

PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AND RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES SUBMITTED AT MEETING TODAY

A re-organization scheme in connection with the affairs of the Skeena Lumber Co. Ltd., which operates a mill at Usk, was today submitted to the creditors and other interested parties whereby all claims against the company will be settled and the company reorganized under new management. The deal will involve a bond issue of $250,000 which will be taken care of by a financial house of Minneapolis. It is the intention of the organizers to start up the mill at Usk as soon as financial arrangement is completed.

In the negotiations, W. E. Fisher and J. G. Bjornstad represent the new company; W. O. Fulton, the lien holders; and Milton Gonzales and George Rorie, C.A., the creditors generally.

BALL PLAYERS EXONERATED

COMMISSIONER LANDIS RULES THAT DETROIT PLAYERS DID NOT PLAY "FIXED" GAMES

CHICAGO, Jan. 12. — All baseball players involved in the alleged scandal between Chicago White Sox and Detroit in 1917 were exonerated by Commissioner Landis today. The commissioner ruled that the fund raised by the White Sox was not collected or paid to Detroit players for sloughing the series to Chicago but paid because of Detroit's achievement of beating Boston and further that there was no sloughing of games in 1917 or 1919 except possibly by Risberg and Gandil who accused the other players of having played fixed games.

INQUIRES ABOUT P.G.E. RAILWAY

OPPOSITION LEADER WANTS ALL CORRESPONDENCE DEALING WITH PROPOSED SALE BROUGHT OUT IN LEGISLATURE

VICTORIA, Jan. 12.—Notice of motion designed to bring out all the correspondence passing between the Premier or other ministers of the crown with any person or corporations dealing with any proposal for the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was filed in the Legislature yesterday by R. H. Pooley, Conservative House leader.

DIGBY ISLAND LAND NOW OPEN FOR SALE

Regarding the subdivision of lands on Digby Island, word has recently been received by the government agent from the department of lands, Victoria, to the effect that applications for the purchase of the lands in question will now be considered by the department.

TWENTY-SIX MEXICAN REBELS ARE KILLED

Three Towns in Jalisco State Have Been Captured by Federal Troops

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12.—Twenty-six rebels were killed when federal troops captured the town of Coculan, Arandas, and Ocotlan in the state of Jalisco according to special despatches from Guadalajara.

WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert. — Clear, light N.E. wind; temperature 28.
Terrace.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 18.
Rosswood.—Cloudy, windy, temp. 16.
Alyansh.—Clear, calm, temp. 10.
Alice Arm.—Clear, calm, temp. 19.
Anyox.—Clear, north wind, temp. 22.
Stewart.—Clear, north wind, temp. 23.
Hazelton.—Clear, north wind, temp. 14.
Telegraph Creek.—Clear, north wind, temp. 8 below.
Smithers.—Part cloudy, temp 2 below.
Nahlin.—Clear, temp. 40 below.
Burns Lake.—Clear, calm, temp 5 below.
Whitehorse.—Clear, calm, 30 below.
Dawson.—Foggy, south wind, 37 below.
Minimum 42 below at Carmacks.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.35¼	
B.C. Silver	1.40	1.45
Dunwell	1.29	1.30
Glacier	.08⅞	.09⅛
Gladstone	.28¼	.30
Indian	.04	.05½
Marmot	.11	.14
Premier	1.91	1.95
Porter Idaho	.14¼	.15
Victoria	.12	
Richmond	.11½	.12¾

FLU AFFECTS LEGISLATURE

SEVERAL MEMBERS AWAY FROM SEATS ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS—COVENTRY AND BRUHN SPEAK

VICTORIA, Jan. 12.—A number of the members of the Legislature are out of their places owing to the epidemic of influenza and the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne is progressing somewhat slowly.

T. G. Coventry, Conservative, Saanich, expressed the opinion that members of the House had not been properly treated when the government on the opening day of the legislature in the speech of His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, indicated there were no matters of importance although on the same day a newspaper announced the fact that there would be a loan for six million dollars for road construction in the province.

R. W. Bruhn, Conservative, Salmon Arm, suggested there might be some caution taken in connection with the Minimum Wage Act as it would be unwise to have sawmills closed in consequence and thus work hardship on labor men who were to have been benefitted by the Act. Mr. Bruhn wanted the fullest attention given the preservation of the forests from fire.

EDDIE MANN IS NEW GYRO HEAD

1927 OFFICERS OF SERVICE CLUB WERE ELECTED AT MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING TODAY

Eddie Mann was elected 1927 president of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at the club's monthly business meeting in the Commodore Cafe this afternoon. Other officers elected were as follows:
Secretary—Bill Cruickshank.
Treasurer—Mort McLachlan.
Directors—Bill Nelson, Bill Tobey.

WOULD RETALIATE ON CHINA'S EMIGRANTS

VICTORIA, Jan. 12. — As a counter measure to the confiscation of British property in China and driving out the British subjects there, confiscation of all property owned by Chinese in Canada and driving out all Chinese in Canada at a given notice was advocated in a resolution that Britannia post of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, will submit to the Dominion convention this month, with a request that recommendations be made to Ottawa.

CECIL RUTHERFORD GETS SIX MONTHS

This Man, Who Has Been Several Times in Trouble, Once Received a Two Year Sentence at Prince Rupert

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 12.—Cecil Rutherford, who recently completed a sentence at Okalla as a result of breaking parole at Kelowna and previously served a two-year term imposed at Prince Rupert, was yesterday sentenced by Judge F. W. Howay to six months at Okalla for obtaining money under false pretences.

NORTHWESTERN HIT ROCK IN SEYMOUR NARROWS SUNDAY

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 12.—A day late after striking with her bow early Sunday morning in Seymour Narrows, the steamer Northwestern arrived yesterday from the south and left for Juneau whence she will proceed without passengers to Seattle.

HOCKEY SCORES

Boston 6, Chicago 3.
Americans 0, Detroit 1.
Rangers 3, Maroons 2.
Ottawa 4, Toronto 1.

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STANLEY AYRES, the ten-year-old son of a London delivery carman, adopted by Dame Clara Butt as her musical protege. The boy gave a demonstration of his musical ability at an "at home" given at Dame Butt's Hampstead home.

Old Age Pension Bill Again to be Submitted at Ottawa; Other Matters Are Discussed

OTTAWA, January 12.—Premier King told a delegation of Railway Brotherhood representatives that an old age pensions bill would be introduced this session. The delegation was not anxious that the bill be changed too much but suggested that the provincial governments might be given a larger share of the cost by using part of the profits from the government sale of liquor for the purpose.

The Premier remarked that it was "an interesting suggestion."

Several members of the cabinet were present and Hon. Peter Heenan, minister of labor, assured the delegates that there had been a great improvement in the administration of the Asiatic immigration law.

Oriental students, admitted to Canada for the purpose of attending universities, had been checked up and it was found that some were finding their way into lumber and mining camps the delegates said.

Hon. Charles Dunning, minister of railways, thought that some of the students might be working during their vacations but were still students.

Some matters, affecting railway operations, including the consideration of a uniform pension scheme for Canadian National employees, were left for the consideration of the minister of railways and his staff.

BARON BYNG SENDS HIS CONDOLENCES

Expresses Sympathy for Sufferers and Bereaved in Montreal Fire—President Cosgrove Also Sends Message

OTTAWA, January 12.—The Governor-General has received a message of sympathy for the sufferers and those bereaved in Sunday's theatre panic at Montreal from Baron Byng, former Governor-General. President Cosgrove of the Irish Free State also sent a message.

KING JAMES COMING HERE

BIG BRITISH MOTORSHIP TO LOAD GRAIN—FIRST CARGO TO ORIENT DESPATCHED

Having on board the first cargo of grain ever loaded at Prince Rupert for the Orient, the Ocean Transport Co.'s freighter, Ryoka Maru, cleared at 6.30 Tuesday evening for Shanghai. The vessel's cargo consisted of 265,302 bushels, and forty pounds, which was loaded in record time at the Wheat Pool's local elevator.

In addition to the Seine Maru, due on January 20 to load for the Orient, and the British ship Innerton, coming on January 25 to load for the United Kingdom or continent, the chartering of the big motorship King James for this port was announced here this morning. This vessel, which is due on February 1, will load for the United Kingdom or continent.

Here is a good slogan for candidates. "Bar the jingo and let the gin go."

Canada Again Urged by Australian Premier to Invoke Defence Measure

VANCOUVER, January 12.—Canada's duty in the matter of defence in view of the equal status occupied by all overseas Dominions as nations with the British Empire was discussed by Premier Bruce of Australia before the Canadian Club here last night. He said that he did not wish the impression to get abroad that he presumed to dictate what Canada's policy should be but, taking the view that "we are all members of the one great family, I take a relative's right to give you my point of view."

No country could dispense with defence, Premier Bruce declared. Even the League of Nations had not progressed far enough to warrant that. Having a status of equality within the Empire obliged every nation to do its share toward self-protection. As for those of Canada who said Canada needed no defence, Premier Bruce said: "Either they take shelter behind their membership in the British Empire or behind the United States' Monroe Doctrine. He added that no nation with any pride could occupy such a position.

Regarding the Australian trade treaty, Premier Bruce regretted that it was proving lop-sided. It was more to the advantage of Canada than United States he said. Efforts would be made by Australia to put it on a more equal basis he declared. He urged that a sentiment favorable to inter-Empire trade be fostered and said that, if necessary, Australia would establish a trade commissioner in Canada to promote trade with this country.

Civic Employees Must Shiver in Unheated Rooms for Time; Plan for New Edifice Revived

VANCOUVER, January 12.—Fire which broke out in the furnace room of the city hall yesterday caused damage to the building estimated at $30,000 before it was extinguished. As a result, civic employees of all departments, including those whose offices were not damaged in the blaze, face the prospect of shivering in unheated rooms until new heating facilities are arranged.

Shortly after the fire, Mayor Taylor announced last night that he would press for the immediate submission to the electors of a $300,000 money bylaw to provide for the erection of an office building adjacent to the City Hall to serve as civic headquarters until civic centre plans are ready.

The City Hall here is an antique building which has long past outlived its usefulness. Despite the fact that it is the poorest municipal edifice that any city in Canada the size of Vancouver boasts, many past attempts to provide more suitable quarters have for various reasons failed.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

QUEBEC, Jan. 12. — While Alexander Dugas and his wife were doing chores in the barn of their farm in the Gaspe district, three of the children, ranging in age from three years to three months, were burned to death when their residence was destroyed by fire.

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN ISLAND SERVICE

Prince Charles to be Taken off Run for Annual Overhaul Here — Special Sailings From Rupert Arranged

So that the Prince Charles may go off the run and enter dry dock here for annual overhaul and the Prince John take up her service, the regular schedule of the Canadian National Coast Steamships to Queen Charlotte Island ports is to be temporarily diverted from next week.

The Prince Charles, due here from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands on Thursday on regular schedule, will sail at 8 p.m. Saturday night (January 15) for Massett Inlet ports only, returning here from there on Monday to be withdrawn from service.

The Prince John, which has been tied up here for the past month or more, will be recommissioned and will leave here on Tuesday evening (January 18) for Skidegate Inlet and other ports of call on the south end of the Queen Charlotte Island ports on the afternoon of Saturday, January 22.

AIMEE CAN'T HELP BUT GET IN PRINT

Considerable Excitement at Pasadena When Her Train Backed Into Crowd of People Seeing Her Off

PASADENA, Jan. 12.—Several persons narrowly escaped injury yesterday afternoon when the train on which Mrs. Aimee McPherson was leaving for an evangelical tour of the eastern, middle and western states backed into a crowd gathered around the observation platform to wish her Godspeed.

WIRELESS REPORT.

8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.— Clear, light N.E. wind; barometer 30.10; temperature 28; sea, smooth.

BULL HARBOR.Overcast, light S.E. wind; barometer, 29.82; temperature, 36; sea, moderate; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Canadian Ranger bound from Union Bay for Prince Rupert crossing Queen Charlotte Sound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer 29.64; temperature, 28.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, light north wind; barometer, 30.16; temperature 28; sea smooth.

BULL HARBOR.—Clear, light S.E. wind; barometer 29.74; temperature 40; sea moderate.

DEAD TREE POINT. — Barometer 29.64; temperature, 30.

RAILWAY BOARD WASTING TIME?

DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER VIEN BECOMES TIRED OF STATISTICAL EVIDENCE IN ALBERTA CASE

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—A. Chard, Alberta freight rate expert, was on the witness stand all day yesterday before the Railway Commission in the general freight revision case. Late in the afternoon, counsel and commission had become deeply involved in statistics being analyzed when Deputy Chief Commissioner Vien interrupted to say that "we have spent three weeks listening to the examination of some witnesses often wondering whether it was worth while. We have listened patiently for counsel to show us where their calculations were valuable.

Acting Chief Commissioner McLean said he understood Chard's statistical statements to be "part of a critical attack on transcontinental rates."

C.P.R. ORDERS NEW STEAMER

VESSEL FOR WHICH CONTRACT IS LET TO OCCUPY VANCOUVER-NANAIMO RUN

VICTORIA, Jan. 12. — Messrs. John Brown and Co. Ltd., of Clydebank, Scotland, will build the new ferry steamer ordered by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., for the British Columbia coast service, to be operated on the Vancouver-Nanaimo route.

The vessel will be 290.9 feet long, by 40 feet broad, and 16 feet deep, as compared with the dimensions of the Princess Patricia, of 270 feet long, 32 feet board and 11 feet deep. The vessel will have about the same tonnage as the Princess Adelaide . She will be capable of steaming 17 knots on one boiler, or 18 knots on both boilers, and will be designed for oil-geared turbines with triple screws, using Yarrow boilers. There will be a double bottom the length of the ship.

The period expected for construction will be about a year from date. The famous Clydebank firm also will build one of the C.P.R. cargo steamers for the Atlantic trade.

RECEIVERS FOR CHAS. CHAPLIN

TAKE POSSESSION OF FILM COMEDIAN'S PROPERTY PENDING OUTCOME OF DIVORCE SUIT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12. — Superior Court Judge Wood has appointed two receivers to handle the properties of Charles Chaplin, the film comedian, pending the outcome of the divorce suit brought against him by his estranged wife, Lita Gray Chaplin. The receivership applies to the community and separate property of Chaplin. The former is valued at $10,000,000 by Mrs. Chaplin and the latter is estimated at an additional $6,000,000.

CANADIAN RAILWAYMEN GET WAGE INCREASE

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.— Settlement of the wage dispute of 35,000 maintenance men on the Canadian railways on a basis of an increase of two cents hourly is announced.