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BIG RAILWAY PROJECT AT STEWART

GIVE GROUNDHOG AND PEACE RIVER OUTLET TO PACIFIC

American Capital Backs Scheme for Opening Up Coalfields and Mighty Farming Area of North

Huge timber tracts on Bear and Marmot Rivers have been taken over as well as old Portland Canal road

WILL FOLLOW OUT ORIGINAL PLAN OF MACKENZIE & MANN

Important announcement is made in Victoria by B. E. Erickson for Seattle and Chicago interests

VICTORIA, January 24.—With the underlying object of ultimately getting into the enormous coal areas of the Groundhog country and thence to the western end of the Peace River valley, plans have been completed by a syndicate headed by the Chicago Bank & Trust Co. with Seattle to take over and rehabilitate the Portland Canal Railway and institute during the coming season extensive lumber operations in the Stewart district it was announced here on Saturday by B. O. Erickson, Seattle capitalist, and one of the pioneer mining explorers of the region referred to. Several hundred million feet of timber in the Bear River valley have been acquired by the concern as well as large stands on the Marmot River.

Mr. Erickson stated that, in taking over the Portland Canal Railway, it was the intention to follow up the general plan laid out by Mackenzie & Mann, who started the railway over a decade ago with the expectation that development of timber lands and mining properties on the Bear River would provide paying traffic for the road.

Plans for the extension of the road, which includes a Dominion land grant, will involve the construction of two hundred and fifty miles of railway, making Stewart the outlet port, where a mill would be constructed, of the entire Peace River empire. Stewart is closer to Pouce Coupe than Edmonton and the use of the port, it is said, would give low cost water haul to any part of the world for agricultural and mineral production.

NEW ZEALAND FROM ENGLAND IN SEVEN DAYS

Day and Night Flying Considered by Captain Courtney in Attempt at Most Ambitious Long Distance Proposed

LONDON, Jan. 24.— (By Canadian Press).—Captain F. T. Courtney, famous test polit, is trying the most ambitious long-distance flight yet proposed— an aerial voyage from this country to New Zealand by flying boat in about seven days.

He intends to fly day and night over stages of about 1,500 miles each, stopping only long enough at the end of each stage to re-fuel. The machine to be used for the flight would be probably a large twin-engine British flying boat, built to carry a heavy load, with a cruising speed of between 90 and 100 miles an hour. The route will be about 14,000 miles.

Captain Courtney won the Aerial Derby in 1920, and the King's Air Cup in 1923. He is best known in the flying world as a cool and resourceful test pilot.

VANCOUVER OLD TIMER IS DEAD

SAMUEL GINTSBURGER CAME TO COAST FORTY YEARS AGO—WAS SWISS CONSUL FOR MANY YEARS

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24.—Samuel Gintzburger, who arrived in Vancouver forty years ago, died this morning. For many years he acted as Swiss consul. He was in the sealing business years ago. He resided at 1075 Harwood Street.

OLD BASEBALL CHIEF QUITS

BAN JOHNSON RESIGNS PRESIDENCY OF AMERICAN LEAGUE ON ACCOUNT OF ILL-HEALTH

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Ban Johnson is no longer president of the American Baseball League, the organiation which he founded twenty-seven years ago. The league's chief executive, long Big League baseball's stormy petrel, has been removed on the plea that he is suffering from ill-health.

JIMMY ADAM IS NAMED MANAGER SOCCER TEAM

WINNIPEG, Jan. 24. — Ald. James Adam of Victoria has been appointed manager of the Canadian soccer team which will shortly tour New Zealand. Adam, who was a pioneer Vancouver Island football organizer, managed the Canadian team which went to New Zealand a few years ago.

SOUTHERN TOWN HAD FIRE TODAY

Thirty-five Thousand Dollars Damage Done From Blaze Breaking Out in Garage at Mission

MISSION, Jan. 24.—Fire starting in Zelmer & Green's garage this morning destroyed five buildings and caused a loss of $35,000.

WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert.—Cloudy, fresh S.E. wind; temperature, 40.
Hazelton.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 24.
Telegraph Creek.—Cloudy, N.E. wind, temp. 10.
Smithers.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 21.
Burns Lake. — Part cloudy, windy, temp. 31.
Terrace.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 35.
Rosswood.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 36.
Alyansh.—Snowing, calm, temp. 24.
Alice Arm.—Snowing, calm, temp. 29.
Anyox.—Snowing, calm, temp. 33.
Stewart.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 29.
Whitehorse.—Clear, south wind, temp. 4.
Dawson.—Clear, calm, temp. 18 below.
Stewart River.—30 below.

PLANE PATROL IS NOT DECIDED

THREE COMPANIES TENDERING FOR WORK, MAJOR MOTHERWELL, CHIEF FISHERIES INSPECTOR, STATES

INTENSIVE FISHING

MARKET CONDITIONS GOOD AND CANNERIES WILL WANT LARGE PACKS—TWO NEW PLANTS

The fisheries department has not yet decided as to whether sea planes will be used as part of the patrol system in District No. 2 this year according to Major J. A. Motherwell, chief inspector of fisheries, who is in the city on departmental business. The department has received offers from three private companies who are in a position to undertake this work but the matter is still under review.

In view of the intensive fishing in this district for the past few seasons, it will be necessary that every precaution be exerted to protect the industry. In 1920 there were 150 purse seine licenses in operation in District No. 2, whereas last year this number had increased to 420, which required a very extensive and vigilant patrol to see that sufficient numbers of the fish were permitted to go through to the spawning grounds. When it was realized that at the mouths of between 350 and 400 small streams in this district there were potential fishing grounds it was readily seen the difficulty the department faced in having the industry protected.

According to Mr. Motherwell, there will probably be this year very keen efforts on the part of the canneries to secure large packs as prices for the past season's pack have been good and stocks have been pretty well disposed of. Two new canneries it is expected will be in operation in this district before the season is over—one at Klemtu which is being constructed by R. G. Johnston and associates and one at Thompson Sound near Ocean Falls being built by the B.C. Fishing and Packing Company. These canneries, it is expected, will rely principally on the fall fishing and the cheaper grades of fish for which there has been a very good market during the past year.

LONDON BANK BLOCK BURNS

YOUNG GIRL LOSES LIFE AS RESULT OF DISASTROUS BLAZE IN ONTARIO CITY

LONDON, Ontario, Jan. 24. — Helen Drake, aged 15, is dead and six others are in hospital in a more or less serious condition from injuries and burns sustained when fire swept the Peoples Loan & Savings Building here late Sunday night. Thirteen young people were compelled to leap from windows into nets held by firemen four storeys below while the whole building behind them was an inferno of flames and smoke. Miss Drake died from burns.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.39⅛	
B.C. Silver	1.55	1.65
Dunwell	1.48	1.52
Glacier	10.12½	12.00
Gladstone	.27½	.30
Granby	32.00	34.00
Howe Sound	38.00	41.00
Independence	.11½	.13
Indian	.05	.06
Marmot	.11	.14
Premier	1.95	2.00
Porter Idaho	.15	.16
Silver Crest	.07	.08
Richmond	.13	.15½

NEWSPAPERS GOT NICE DONATIONS

VANCOUVER WORLD RECEIVED $17,000 FROM CONSOLIDATED EXPORTERS—PROVINCE AND SUN ALSO PAID

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24. —"Donations" amounting to many thousands of dollars were made by the Consolidated Exporters Corporation to Vancouver newspapers according to the evidence of Russell Whitlaw, Consolidated director, before the customs commission this morning. Over a period of two years, $17,000 was given the Vancouver World which was absorbed by the Vancouver Sun in March, 1924.

"Why did you give this donation?" asked N. W. Rowell, K.C., commission counsel.

"For no purpose at all," replied Whitlaw, "they asked for it and got it."

Whitlaw stated that other Vancouver papers which had received money from the company were the Vancouver Province and Sun.

Prisoners eat and grow fat on six cent meals in the Carleton county jail at Ottawa. Couldn't something be done toward providing meals in jails for all of us?

SITUATION IN CHINA TENSE

MOB VIOLENCE IS RENEWED AND STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS—TROOPS ORDERED TO HANKOW

LONDON, Jan. 24.— Renewed mob violence, endangering the life of Sir Francis Allen, inspector general of maritime customs in China, broke out at Hankow on Friday. The Foreign Office sums up the general situation in China as "no better and no worse." British troops are being sent from Hong Kong and England.

Japan and Britain are working together for the protection of foreigners in China. The Japanese have ordered further naval units to Chinese waters while the British have sent three companies of Punjab troops from Hong Kong to Shanghai.

Four battalions of infantry and a thousand marines are under orders to start immediately for the Far East and a fifth armored car company has been ordered to prepare to leave Scarborough at a few hours' notice.

One Grain Boat is Loading, Another Due Tomorrow with Two More Expected in Week

The British ship Innerton, the first vessel to come here direct from England to load grain, is due in port tomorrow. This freighter is coming via the outside passage and will be met tomorrow morning and piloted in by Capt. Larry Thomson of the Federal Pilots of British Columbia. The ship, which is about the average grain boat size, is owned by Carmichael & Son of Glasgow. She will load full for the United Kingdom or continent.

The Ocean Transport Co.'s freighter, Yogen Maru, originally due here tomorrow from the Orient, is now expected to arrive about Friday afternoon. She will load some 6,000 tons of wheat here and will then move down to Vancouver to complete cargo with other commodities for the Orient.

The British motorship King James, owned by the King Line of London, is due here on February 1 from the Orient to load grain for the United Kingdom or continent.

The Suzuki Line freighter Seine Maru, having completed lining at the ocean dock, moved down to the elevator today to start loading a full cargo of some 9,000 tons of wheat for the Orient.

BIG CROWD WATCHES NEW YORK HOCKEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The New York Rangers last night defeated the New York Americans in the presence of eighteen thousand hockey fans, the largest crowd ever recorded for the game here.

WASHINGTON BEATS U.B.C.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24.—In a speedy basketball game here on Saturday night, the University of Washington Huskies defeated the University of B.C. Lions by a score of 37 to 21.

AUTOMOBILE FOR EVERY 7.5 PEOPLE IN THIS PROVINCE

VICTORIA, Jan. 24.—For every 7.5 people in British Columbia there is one automobile, according to statistics given out by the provincial government. This shows an increase of nearly 20 per cent. over the number of cars registered for 1925.

There will be 80,000 automobiles in use in British Columbia this year, and officials would not be surprised if the number reached the 100,000 mark at the beginning of the 1928 season.

The current figures show a remarkable increase over those of all previous years. Last year there were 67,000 registered motor vehicles and ten years ago the number was only 8,596.

Approximately 105,000 persons are entitled to drive automobiles in the province, this number having registered and obtained licenses, which are compulsory.

What with the rainy danys and all, and the ladies going out without umbrellas, water on the knee is becoming very common.

Driven from Wilderness by Heavy Snows, Cougars Visit Southern B.C. Settlements

VANCOUVER, January 24.—Cougars, driven from the wilderness by heavy snowfall in Southern British Columbia last week, made inroads into at least two settlements over the week-end.

"Cougar" Smith, well known as a hunter, shot and killed one of the big mountain cats on the road on which it was approaching Cumberland, Vancouver Island, while reports from Pender Harbor, up the coast a short way, told of a large cougar jumping into the midst of a group of boys playing in the school yard there. The animal was apparently frightened when it crashed through the ice on a frozen-over pond on which it landed. The terrified boys, screaming, fled into adjacent bushes. Later it is said to have followed one of the boys along the road to his home. A party is now searching the district for the cougar.

HOCKEY.

Saturday's Games

Canadiens 4, Toronto 0.
Ottawa 1, Maroons 0.
Pittsburg 1, Detroit 0.
Chicago 2, Boston 2.

Farewell Message of Premier Coates Given in Vancouver Address

Urges British Dominions to take advantage of heritage and meet responsibilities--- speaks of trade

VANCOUVER, January 24.—"We have an extraordinary heritage and tremendous possibilities. We should make the best of it and value the freedom that is ours after centuries of struggle. If we are loyal to ourselves, we will be loyal to the Empire, which means equal opportunities, safety and security for all who live in it."

This was the farewell message of Premier Coates of New Zealand to the Canadian people delivered at the conclusion of an address before the Canadian Club here Saturday night prior to his departure on Sunday for San Francisco whence he sails for home this week.

Referring to New Zealand's adverse trade balance with Canada, Premier Coates said: "Don't think for a moment that I think Canada is to blame. Perhaps, our own business is at fault and, if we can map out a way in which better business relations can be established, we will try to do so. On our present trip, we met with most sympathetic consideration at Ottawa and your government has shown its willingness to give practical assistance. We are returning to New Zealand with the desire to make a definite move in this direction. Everyone can help. We know that the Canadians want to buy Canadian products. That is a natural healthy desire but, if you have got to go outside, then remember us."

POWERS INVITED TO NEGOTIATE TREATIES

HANKOW, Jan. 24. — In a manifesto issued here today, the Nationalist government proclaimed its ability to enforce its will on Nationalist China. The powers are invited to join it in negotiating treaties on the basis of economic and territorial integrity.

WIRELESS REPORT.

8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Cloudy, fresh S.E. wind; barometer, 29.94; temperature 40; sea smooth.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, [illegible].

BULL HARBOR.—Raining, fresh S.E. wind; barometer, 29.93; temperature, 38; sea moderate; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Anyox, James Island for Anyox, 330 miles from Anyox; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Amur, Anyox for Seattle, 410 miles from eattle.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND. — Overcast, strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.90; temperature, 40; sea moderate; 11 a.m. spoke steamer Princess Mary off the Skeena River northbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, 37.

BULL HARBOR. — Overcast, strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.86; temperature, 38; sea rough.

AGED MAN GASSED IN VICTORIA ROOM

William Scott, Aged 79, Lost Life When Flame Was Extinguished, Unnoticed By Him

VICTORIA, Jan. 24.—William Scott, aged 79, was found dead in a gas-filled room on Pandora Street. The flame from a gas stove had evidently become extinguished, unnoticed by Scott.

LEO LOMSKI WINS OVER FLOWERS IN LOS ANGELES BOUT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Leo Lomski of Aberdeen, Washington, won a decision over the negro, Tiger Flowers, in ten rounds here on Saturday night.

IS DROWNED AT POWELL RIVER

ALBERT GERHART RESCUED TWO SKATERS FROM CRANBERRY LAKE BUT LOST HIS OWN LIFE

POWELL RIVER, Jan. 24.—After rescuing two skaters who had crashed through thin ice on Cranberry Lake near here, Albert Gerhart, aged 28, was himself drowned when he went to the assistance of a third person who had fallen through but later succeeded in reaching safety. Gerhart himself, unable to swim, could not be reached. His last words to his would-be rescuers as he stood on the cracking ice were the warning: "Keep away from here."

ROYAL PARTY IS OFF FOR PANAMA

DUKE OF YORK LAID FOUNDATION STONE FOR MEMORIAL TOWER ON SATURDAY AND PLACED WREATH ON CENOTAPH

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 24.— The battleship Renown, with the Duke and Duchess of York aboard on their way to Australia, sailed on Sunday for the Panama Canal. On Saturday, the Duke laid the foundation stone of the clock memorial tower to replace the one destroyed in the earthquake of 1907. He also laid a wreath on the cenotaph erected to honor the memory of Jamaicans who lost their lives in the Great War.

SAFETY DEPOSIT IN BANK OPENED

LARGE SUM OF MONEY FOUND THEREIN ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PLACED THERE BY SCOLLARD

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24.—Two safety deposit boxes in the main office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce were opened this morning and yielded $269,000 in bonds believed to have been placed there by George Francis Scollard and alleged to be the property of his wife who charges he made away from Seattle with $800,000 in cash and securities belonging to her.

THREE ROBBERS LOOT MIAMI, FLORIDA, STORE

Blew Safe After Overpowering Watchman and Escaped With $3,500 Cash and $50,000 Jewellery

MIAMI, Florida, Jan. 24.—Three robbers overpowered a watchman in a department store here last night, blew the safe and escaped with $3,500 cash and $50,000 worth of diamonds, watches and jewellery.

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