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EDITORIAL

THE CATALA FIASCO

If the steamer Catala did not sink last night it was not because the people of Prince Rupert wished otherwise. In fact dozens of Prince Rupert people were praying earnestly that she would go to the bottom of the harbor and remain there.

The vessel is clearly unfit to make the trip to Vancouver and it is doubtful if she should be allowed to go. In any event she goes with the hearty curses of Prince Rupert following her.

It looks as if a deliberate attempt has been made to take business away from this port. There are all sorts of wild rumors afloat as to the manner in which the contract was let. Prince Rupert people have always given the owners of the vessel good support in the matter of business but whether they will continue to do so after this is for them to say.

The repair of the Catala should have been carried out at the Prince Rupert dry dock and the people here are feeling very indignant that the work has been taken away. They think it is up to the management of the dry dock to make a statement in order to clear itself in the matter.

RAW SILK IS STOLEN FROM TRAIN IN U.S.

LANGHORNE, Penn., Dec. 13.—Raw silk, valued at \$50,000, was stolen today when the Reading Company freight train was held up near Nessaminy Falls here by a band of fifteen men. One of the bandits is believed to have been wounded in the exchange of shot with the train crew.

Several thieves are believed to have concealed themselves in the train and they applied the air brakes at the appointed place. The silk was taken away in autos.

TRANSFERRED TO ALERT BAY

Lieut. R. P. Ponder to be Succeeded in Command of R.C.N.V.R.

by Lieut. W. Hume

Lieut. R. P. Ponder, officer commanding the local detachment of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, who is being transferred from Prince Rupert to Alert Bay in the service of the provincial police, will be succeeded in command of the detachment by Lieut. Walter Hume.

Lieut. Ponder, who will leave for the south to take up his new post next Tuesday, has been on police duty in the north for the past eight years—four years at Massett and four years at divisional headquarters in Prince Rupert. He was the first man to enlist for active service in the Great War from the north, leaving on August 4, 1914, for Esquimalt to report for duty with the navy in which he served throughout the duration of the conflict. In 1924 he was responsible for the organization of the local naval unit.

THERMOMETER AGAIN STANDS AT 17 ABOVE

With Barometer High and Steady and Wind in North, Continuation of Fine Cold Spell Expected

The thermometer at the Digby Island meteorological station descended again this morning at 8 o'clock to 17 degrees above zero—the lowest mark recorded so far this season. With barometer fairly high and steady and wind light from the north, a continuation of the cold snap is anticipated.

PROSPECTOR FOUND IN POOL OF BLOOD IN A LODGING HOUSE

MERRITT, Dec. 13.—Emmett (Lucky) Todd, a grizzled prospector, of Nicola and Similkameen valleys, who discovered Iron Mountain silver-lead vein last spring, was found in a pool of his own blood at a lodging house here. Foul play is suspected.

The room was in disorder, indicating that there had been a fight.

New Post Office Urged by City Council Last Night at Its Meeting

Alderman Linzey Urges the Need of Improvement and Board of Trade is to be Asked to Co-operate in Move

The matter being brought up by Ald. P. H. Linzey, the city council last night passed a resolution urging upon the Dominion government the necessity of providing in its estimates at the next parliamentary session an appropriation for a new and adequate post office building in Prince Rupert.

Introducing the subject, Ald. Linzey expressed his belief that the time had now arrived when the city should make strong and urgent representations to the government with a view to obtaining a post office building that would cope with the business here and at the same time would be a credit to the city and the Dominion. In this matter, Prince Rupert had been very patient and long suffering. He thought the time was ripe for the city to make its claim with a view to having provision made for the building in the estimates at the forthcoming session of Parliament.

Ald. Linzey referred in some detail to the inadequacy of the existing premises. On Sunday for instance five hundred sacks of mail had arrived all of which had to be stacked up in a very small space awaiting sorting. The city was the distributing point for mail to and from all parts of Northern and central British Columbia. Its position being very important. Nevertheless, it was far from being adequately equipped to handle the volume of work. Lack of room in the present quarters was an important factor in making the petition. The building was inadequate not only from the point of view of the postal employees but also in the accommodation of the public. In busy times, the small lobby became a jam of bustling and jostling people. It was all very unsatisfactory and "an abomination to the town especially in bad weather." The present building was one of the oldest in the city and had anything but a presentable appearance. It was "a disgrace to the city and the government under which we are."

Thousands of tourists who came to the city annually sought the post office said the alderman, and it was with a blushing face and humility that a citizen of Prince Rupert was compelled to point it out and say "There it is." Cities like Trail and Kamloops for example had fine permanent structures. Prince Rupert was a far more important center than either of these. Ald. Linzey also referred to other offices of the government housed in the present building. The telegraph office was little better than a good-sized kitchen and there was congestion among the other departments upstairs in their small partitioned-off-V-jointed rooms. He held that it was high time that the city protested and to that protest he felt that the government would not be slow in responding. He moved that the government be urged to make provision at the next session for a new and permanent post-office building in Prince Rupert.

Communist outbreaks are reported from various parts along the Yangtze River.

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Major Newton agreed that there was no doubt that the city had waited long and patiently enough. When so much money had already been put into a site, it indeed seemed a pity that better results could not be obtained.

The resolution was unanimously carried. It was also decided to seek co-operation of the Board of Trade in making the representations.

NEW GOVERNOR FOR THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Henry L. Stimson of New York was nominated today by President Coolidge to be president of the Philippines.

BIRTH.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lipsin of Graham Avenue, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid	Asked
No. 1. Northern	144%	
B.C. Silver	1.54	1.60
Coast Copper	13.75	
Cork Province	.09%	.10
George Copper	1.75	2.25
Gladstone	.15	.16
Independence	.06%	.07
Indian	.06%	.07%
L. and L.	.09%	.09%
Leadsmit	.04%	.05
Lucky Jim	.26	.27%
Marmot Metals	.06	.10
Premier	2.34	2.35
Porter Idaho	.37	.37%
Richmond	.13	.13%
Silversmith	.23	.23%
Surf Inlet	.01%	

Late to the division and further delayed on account of exceptionally cold weather conditions throughout the central interior, today's train from the East, due at 3:30 this afternoon, is reported to be four-and-a-half hours late. This would bring her in at 8 o'clock tonight.

Immediately following the conference last night with district salmon fishermen, W. A. Found, director of fisheries for the Dominion government with headquarters in Ottawa, and Major J. A. Motherwell, inspector of fisheries for British Columbia, sailed aboard C.G.S. Malaspina for Alert Bay where the next meeting is to be held tomorrow afternoon.

PASSENGERS OF NORTHWESTERN TAKEN NORTH

Difficult Work Taking Off the Women and Children From Wrecked Steamer

VANCOUVER, Dec. 13.—Steamer Lameda from Seattle took the passengers and crew of the stranded Northwestern on board at Campbell River yesterday and continued north to Alaska. Captain Livingstone remained aboard the Northwestern to aid in salvage operations.

The crew of the salvage tugs removed some of the luggage and divers are to try making an examination to ascertain the extent of the damage. From amidships to stern the hull is badly punctured, the rear half of the vessel resting on the rocks and the fore half on the gravel. The hope is expressed that he will be salvaged.

The rescue vessel Explorer was compelled to use the ship mattresses as buffers to avoid being buried to destruction against the sides of the Northwestern and only after several attempts of Captain Hansen was he able to get his boat alongside. A Jacob's ladder was thrown over and women and children descended followed by the men and crew and were taken to Campbell River where every comfort was given and hospitality extended to them.

ISLAND OF TRINIDAD SUBJECT OF SPEECH

Miss Hirsay Delivers Interesting Paper Before United Church Young People Last Night

The United Church Young People's Society heard an interesting paper at its meeting last night by Miss Hirsay whose subject was "Trinidad." A description was given of the geographical features of the island, the origin of its people, the main industries and the work of the United Church among the East Indians, its schools, colleges and churches with special reference to the founder of the mission—Dr. Grant. The meeting was presided over by W. Vandewater.

A new feature was introduced in the recreational period which followed, the volleyball being put to use for the first time.

U.S. TAKING HAND CANTON

Field Guns Landed From Warship Sacramento to Protect Foreigners

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13.—The United States gunboat Sacramento has landed field guns at Canton to protect foreigners. The American forces also aided in the evacuation of foreigners from the Chinese section of the city, which is controlled by communists who ousted the last Canton dictator, General Chang Fa-kwei.

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HON. JANET AITKEN MARRIED YESTERDAY

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Hon. Janet Aitken, daughter of Lord Beaverbrook, was married yesterday to Ian Douglas Campbell, heir to the dukedom of Argyll. The wedding was very quiet owing to the recent death of the bride's mother.

BRITISH OFFICER IS RELEASED BY CHINESE PIRATES

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Captain Lalor of the British steamer Shantung, who has been a prisoner with Chinese pirates since the first of the month, has been released, the admiralty announces.

BURY ONCE MORE IS MAYOR OF EDMONTON

EDMONTON, Dec. 13.—A. U. Bury was again elected mayor of Edmonton with a majority of approximately 2,700.

TRAIN LATE TODAY.

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Review of Mining Development Metallurgical Features and Future Prospects of Industry

The current year has been marked by the amount of development work throughout the province equal to or greater than that in any previous year, says a provincial mining report just published under authority of Hon. Wm. Sloan. The two most active areas have been the Portland Canal division and the Slocan district, but in the aggregate a large amount of exploratory work has been done in varied and widely separated parts of the province.

Mr. Sloan points to the aggressive policy of the Consolidated

Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, in acquiring new properties as a noteworthy feature of the year, is anticipating taking as important a position in coast mining as it has long done in the Kootenay district.

In the Slocan and Windermere districts the development plans commenced

a few years ago by R. H. Stewart, on behalf of the Victoria syndicate and other interests, are approaching completion, and as a result four concentrators are being constructed—at the Lucky Jim, Ruth Hope and Hewitt mines in the Old Sport mine, which is being vigorously developed with satisfactory results and also the Sunloch. The efforts being made to secure other properties would indicate that the company

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ASHCROFT IS UP IN ARMS

Objection Taken to Method of Marketing Potatoes and Putting on Restrictions

ASHCROFT, Dec. 13.—Unless all restrictions affecting the potato crop are lifted, the growers will not put in a crop next spring, according to a resolution passed last night by the Ashcroft and District Board of Trade following a discussion of marketing control operations.

The resolution will be sent to the premier and the market control committee, the latter being requested to lift the restrictions affecting the potato crop. Unless this is done at once positively no crop will be put in next spring resulting in the present cultivated irrigated lands becoming wild and many growers irretrievably ruined.

It is argued that immediate effective action be taken so that the present crop may be salvaged as far as possible.

CHOKED TO DEATH ON A BEEFSTEAK AT SEATTLE YESTERDAY

Seattle, Dec. 13.—A beefsteak party of convivial friends ended abruptly last night when one of their number choked to death with a mouthful of meat.

The feast had scarcely begun when Patrick Clements, 47 years of age, an old Alaskan, who started his companions with his avidity burst into a fit of coughing and dropped dead.

DE VALERA LEAVES FOR THE STATES

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—Eamon De Valera, leader of the opposition in the Irish Free State, sails on the Leviathan tomorrow to confer with his political friends in the United States on a mission in connection with the details of the Flanna Fail. The mission is mainly economic, including the financing of a projected daily newspaper, it was stated.

FREIGHTER MISSING ON LAKE SUPERIOR

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 13.—The Canadian Steamship packet freighter Kamloops is missing with a crew of 22 including two women cooks and is feared lost. She was last heard of a week ago off White Fish. Search for her by various ships has proved fruitless so far.

BODY OF MAN FOUND IN C.P.R. APPLE CAR

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 13.—The dead body of H. Johnson of Vancouver was found in a C.P.R. apple car reaching here Sunday from Penticton. Death by charcoal poisoning is suggested as the man apparently crawled into the car to be near the heater.

CAR PLUNGED OVER AN EMBANKMENT AND ONE MAN WAS KILLED

PEOPLES COUNCIL AT CANTON IS FORMED

HONG KONG, Dec. 13.—A people's council has been established at Canton modelled on Soviet lines. Reuter's agency learns. Cantonese refugees are pouring into Hong Kong.

KOOTENAY PIONEER DIES

MERRITT, Dec. 13.—E. Michaelson in charge of a section of the government road between Merritt and Spence's Bridge was killed and Fred Mallory badly bruised when their car plunged over the embankment near Claperton.

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Took Part in Political and Agricultural Life of British Columbia

MISSION CITY, Dec. 13.—William Maxwell Smith, aged 68, farmer of Deroche, was found dead in his bed last evening. He had been nominated as a candidate for Dewdney riding in September.

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