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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.

The vessel is clearly unfit to make the trip to Vancouver and it is doubtful if she should be allowed to go.

It looks as if a deliberate attempt has been made to take business away from this port.

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.

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 Nesaminy Park near here by a band of fifteen men.

Several thieves are believed to have concealed themselves in the train and they applied the air brakes at the appointed place.

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.

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.

PROSPECTOR FOUND IN POOL OF BLOOD IN A LODGING HOUSE

MERRITT, Dec. 13.—Emett (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.

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.

Ald. Linzey referred in some detail to the inadequacy of the existing premises. On Sunday for instance five hundred sacks of mail had arrived at the city which had to be stacked up in a very small space awaiting sorting.

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 Fakwei.

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 Siangtan, 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

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-one-half hours late.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, and various exchange rates for commodities like Northern, B.C. Silver, Coast Copper, etc.

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.

The crew of the salvage tugs removed one of the luggage and divers are today 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 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.

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.

CATALA PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR VANCOUVER

The steamer Catala, which has been temporarily patched here for the purpose of taking her to Vancouver, is reported to have nearly sunk last night when she took a bad list on the port side.

FROZEN BODY FOUND IN A STRAW STACK

LETHBRIDGE, Dec. 13.—The frozen body of Johnny Huculak, seven years of age, was found in a strawstack at the farm of George Bower. He was a victim of last week's blizzard in the Coalhurst district.

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.

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.

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.

In the Slokan 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 Slokan and the Paradise mine in Windermere.

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 irremediably ruined.

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 startled 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

PORT ARTHUR, 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.

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Fishermen Ask For More Time to Discuss Proposals Regard to Conservation of the Salmon

No decision was arrived at last night in regard to proposals made by the canners for a new method of conserving the salmon fisheries. The inquiry in regard thereto was opened by W. A. Found, director of fisheries for the Dominion, who called the meeting last night in the Moose Hall over which he presided.

Prior to the big meeting there was a smaller meeting of fishermen and canners in the city hall at which the whole question was discussed at length and at which R. J. Gase and C. Thomas on behalf of the canners explained the situation. While the meeting was somewhat in favor of the fishing areas and the automatic regulation of hours of fishing they objected to many cases to being compelled to sell their fish in that area only.

The question now was not who was at fault but what was the remedy. It was necessary to restrict the time of fishing and if the present conditions obtained the action of the department would be more and more drastic even if it was found that thereby no one was prospered.

MAXWELL SMITH DIED YESTERDAY

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 liberal candidate for Dewdney riding last September.

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LOUGHRAN IS NOW CHAMPION

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia won recognition as light heavyweight champion of the world last night by whipping Jimmy Slattery of Buffalo in a fifteen round match to a decision.

LINDBERG OFF MEXICO FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Colonel Charles Lindberg started a two thousand mile non-stop flight to Mexico City at 12.29 this afternoon. As he started over the Patmac River he seemed to be having difficulty in gaining altitude but as he disappeared to the southward he was getting better results.

OHIO MARU, SIXTH GRAIN SHIP, WILL ARRIVE SATURDAY

Prince Rupert's sixth grain ship of the season, the Japanese freighter Ohio Maru, is now expected to arrive from the Orient on Saturday of this week.

CAR PLUNGED OVER AN EMBANKMENT AND ONE MAN WAS KILLED

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

PEOPLE'S 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

VICTORIA, Dec. 13.—James M. Kellie, a pioneer member of the Legislature for Kootenay, died suddenly this morning at his home on the Gorge Road.