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MYSTERIOUS SIGNALS HEARD MONDAY

WILD ORGIE AT WINNIPEG ENDS IN DEATHS IN HOSPITAL

Signals Were Heard at Newfoundland Wireless Station Monday Last

Clergyman Reports Having Heard Plane Over Newfoundland Sunday but Vessels Unable to Discover Trace Missing "Dawn"

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, December 28. — The Western Union operator at Hearts Content picked up signals Monday reading "Where are we, can you locate us?" The signals were strong and it is thought they may have been from the seaplane "Dawn" which left New York Friday for Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, and failed to arrive. To many they indicate that there is still hope for the safety of the crew.

Rev. Edward Bishop reports from Pouch Cove, twenty miles north of here, hearing a plane passing Sunday.

The destroyer Sturtevant off Sable Island, a naval and coastguard vessel and also other vessels report that they had found no trace of the missing plane up to this morning.

The "Dawn," which hopped off from New York at five o'clock Friday evening ,was seen off the Maine coast. After that she disappeared. She carried Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson, a pilot, navigator and mechanic. If she had made a direct flight without incident she should have arrived at the Newfoundland port at seven o'clock Saturday morning. She was equipped with pontoons designed to stand a good deal of sea.

FORCE RAILWAY PEACE RIVER TO PACIFIC COAST

(Portland Canal News)

The geographical relationship of the Northern British Columbia coast and the Peace River district has been ignored and various railway schemes have been put forward, schemes in which the protection and extension of vested interests have been first considered, and which are at varience with natural geographical and economic conditions.

The time has gone past when these adverse conditions can much longer previal. Realization of actualities is gradually forcing changes which will ultimately lead to the establishment of economic railway communications between Peace River and the Northern British Columbia coast, and when these communications have been established the unrestricted flow of commerce will add not only to the prosperity of the people directly involved but to Canada as a whole.

CLOSE CONTESTS HOCKEY BATTLES

Canadiens Tie With Ottawa and Americans Tie With Detroit in Hard Fought Games

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—Canadiens and Ottawa staged a titanic battle to a scoreless tie last night, both goalies turning aside savage thrusts of opposing teams when they reached the nets. By withstanding the attacks of the Ottawas the Canadiens retained a four game lead in the league.

Boston climbed to within one point of the lead in the American section by beating the New York Rangers.

The most scoring this season was seen in a four-four tie of New York Americans and Detroit. Three times Detroit led, only to be equalized. Scores follow:

Canadiens 0, Ottawa 0.
New York Rangers 0, Boston 2.
Detroit 4, New York Americans 4.

ONE DROWNED TWO RESCUED

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—H. Williamson, 20 years of age, an apprentice aboard the steamship Trevanion, awaiting grain cargo here, was drowned yesterday when a small boat which he and two seamen from another ship were using to join their vessel after spending Christmas on shore leave, filled and capsized in the tide rip.

The two men were rescued by the steamer Griffco and are now in the hospital.

SOLDIERS FROZEN.

BELGRADE, Dec. 28.—The bodies of seventeen soldiers frozen in the cold wave a week ago were discovered when the snow melted along the railway to Nish.

PRIESTS AND NUNS RESCUED IN CHINA FROM COMMUNISTS

HONG KONG, Dec. 28.—Arrested December 22 for preaching and practicing Christianity and held captive for nearly a week near Salbue, 60 miles from here, a party of ten Italian and Chinese priests and nuns were rescued from the communists by the British destroyer Seraph.

FOURTH COLD SNAP OF PRESENT WINTER

Thermometer Dropped to Seventeen Deroes Above Zero at Digby Island Station This Morning

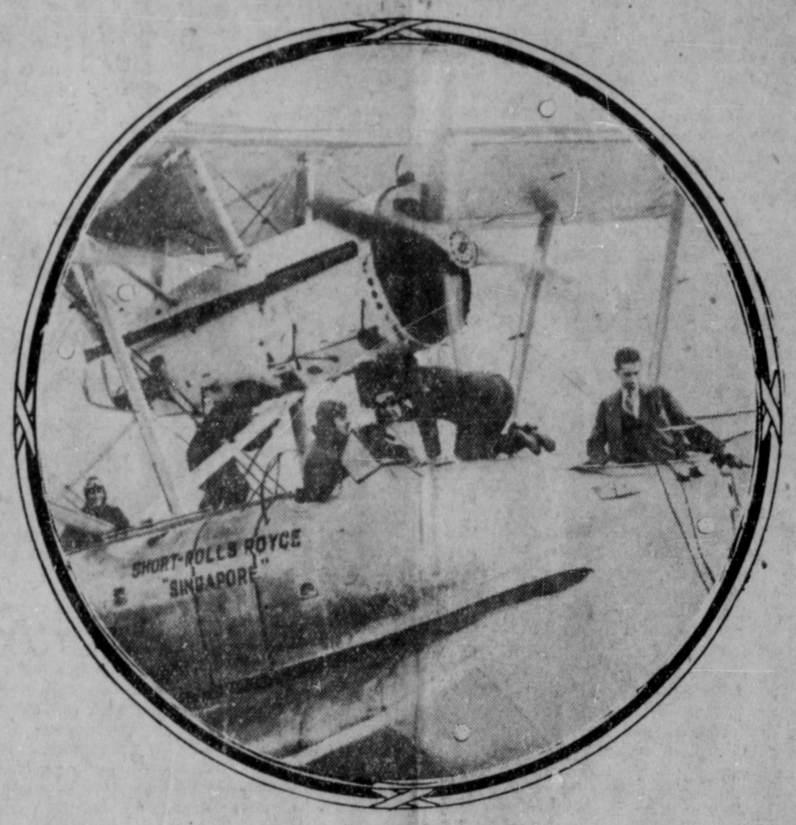
Ushering in the fourth cold snap of a rather unusual winter in Prince Rupert, the thermometer at the Digby Island meteorological station dropped between 5 and 6 this morning to 17 degrees above zero, just one point above the lowest mark recorded so far this season. The wind in the north and barometer rising steadily, the outlook this morning was for a continuation for a few days at least of clear, cold weather.

WEATHER REPORT.

Prince Rupert.—Clear, light north wind; temperature, 20.
Port Simpson.—North wind, temp. 18.
Haysport.—Clear, light wind, temp. 18.
Anyox.—Clear, temp 5.
Alice Arm.—Clear, north wind, temp. 4.
Alyansh.—Clear, calm, 14 below.
Rosswood.—Clear, calm, 4 below.
Terrace.—Clear, north wind, temp. 4.
Hazelton.—Clear, calm, 10 below.
Smithers.—Clear, calm, 3 below.
Burns Lake.—Clear, calm, 17 below.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.45	
B.C. Silver	1.25	1.60
Big Missouri	.26½	.27½
Coast Copper	34.50	36.00
Cork Province	.11¾	.12
Dunwell	.20	.21
George Copper	2.40	2.55
Gladstone		.16
Independence	.08⅝	.09
Indian	.06	.07
L. and L.	.11¼	.11½
Leadsmith		.05⅜
Lucky Jim	.29	.29¼
Marmot Metals	.06	.10
Premier	2.29	2.31
Porter Idaho	.35	.38
Richmond	.13¾	.15
Silvercrest	.05¼	.06
Silversmith	.20	.23½
Surf Inlet	.00½	.00¾
Sunloch	1.20	1.40



SIR ALAN COBHAM AND LADY COBHAM saying their final farewells before starting their 30,000-mile flight around the coast of Africa in the giant, five-crewed airplane Singapore. Sir Alan is making a government survey on behalf of the British Air Ministry

MOUNTIE HEAD TRANSFERRED

Inspector S. T. Wood, in Command of R.C.M.P. Here for Two Years, Going to Edmonton

Inspector S. T. Wood, who has been in command of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police garrison of Northern and Central British Columbia with headquarters in Prince Rupert for the past couple of years, is being transferred to Edmonton and, while his successor here is not yet definitely known, it is understood that it will be either Inspector Tupper or Inspector T. V. Sandys-Wunsch, the last mentioned of whom has been relieving here recently. With the arrival here of a new inspector, it is also reported that the R. C. M. P. offices will be moved from the Besner apartments to the residence on Fourth Avenue recently occupied by Inspector and Mrs. Wood.

Inspector Wood has been ill for several months and is at present in Portland, Oregon, recuperating. Mrs. Wood and son will leave for that point in a few days to join him before proceeding to the new post in Edmonton.

COL. LINDBERGH AT GUATEMALA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. — Colonel Lindbergh arrived at Guatemala City this afternoon after taking off from Mexico City this morning.

Mrs. Lindbergh, who saw him take off, arrived at Brownsville, Texas, on her return to Detroit.

ROYAL BANK MAKES RECORD

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—The annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada constitutes a new record in Canadian banking. The profits are $5,370,145, deposits $722,636,000, an increase of nearly $110,000,000, and assets $894,663,903 an increase of more than $128,000,000.

BIRTH.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Teng, 947 First Avenue, this morning, December 28 at the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Deaths Followed Wild Orgie in Winnipeg Chinatown Victims Expiring in Agony at Hospital

WINNIPEG, December 28.—Poisonous alcohol took toll of seven lives in Winnipeg last night.

Of seven deaths reported from drinking wood alcohol, canned heat and other deadly poisons, five succumbed to "liquor" consumed at a party in Coronation Block located in Chinatown where evidences of a wild orgy were found by the police, the victims being in the throes of agony and they died within two hours of their admission to the hospital.

The sixth victim was found dead in his home after partaking of drink while a seventh man was found dead on the street at the north end of the city.

EXPRESS RATES ARE TO BE REDUCED SOON

OTTAWA, Dec. 28. — The Canadian Express companies announce reduced rates for shipment of packages up to fifteen pounds weight. The new schedule has been filed with the board of railday commissioners by the Express Traffic Association.

VANCOUVER-CALGARY TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO BE ESTABLISHED

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—A direct all-Canadian telephone communication will be established between Vancouver and Calgary next spring by the B.C. Telephone Company in collaboration with the Alebrta Government system.

DIVIDEND FOR PREMIER MINE

A dividend of $400,000 has been declared by the Premier Gold Mining Co., according to an announcement from H. A. Guess, vice president and manager, New York. Payment will be made on January 4, to stockholders of record on December 15. It will be at the rate of eight cents a share on the issue of five million shares. The forthcoming disbursement will bring the grand total of payments to $11,750,947.

In 1926 Premier mined 230,987 dry tons, having a value of $3,782,652, or $16.44 a ton. It is stated on good authority that more than two million shares are held in British Columbia.

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England Had Heavy Snow and Cold Weather During Holidays While Gales Swept the Coast

LONDON, December 28.—England returned to work after Christmas and Boxing Day holidays which were marked by unprecedented cold weather and heavy snows.

Yesterday thousands were isolated in country districts, automobiles, busses and other vehicles being snowed under while railroads had a strenuous time maintaining anything like regular schedules.

Heavy snow at Croydon made airplane landings impossible.

The cold was accentuated by heavy gales which swept the English Channel and the French coast.

Halibut Fishermen Again Elect Captain Morrison as Agent and Favor Changes Fishing Season

Closing of Banks at Massett, Cape Addington and Timber Island Favored Here and in Ketchikan by Big Majority

As a result of voting yesterday at Prince Rupert, Ketchikan and Seattle, P. B. Gill, secretary of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union at Seattle, and the present agents—J. M. Morrison, Prince Rupert; Frank Semers, Ketchikan; and Roderick McDonald, Seattle—were re-elected by substantial majorities over their opponents. The fishermen also voted on the changing of the close season from November 1 to February 1 instead of from November 15 to February 15 as at present, and on the closing of the Massett, Cape Addington and Timber Island banks which are known as chicken grounds. With returns for Seattle not yet in, both Prince Rupert and Ketchikan voted decisively in favor of both suggestions.

P. B. Gill of Seattle was re-elected secretary by acclamation as he had no opponent for office.

Voting for the agents was as follows:

	P.R.	Seattle	Ketch.	Ttls.
SEATTLE				
McDonald	68	49	81	198
P. Swanson	19	19	13	51
PRINCE RUPERT				
Morrison	63	81	64	208
J. H. Meagher	43	37	31	111
KETCHIKAN				
Semers	43	82	77	202
A. Teal	29	27	20	76
O. Wanabo	20	9	3	32

Prince Rupert voted 69 for the change in the dates of the close season and 16 against. Ketchikan voted 60 for and 25 against.

Prince Rupert voted 49 for the closing of Massett, Cape Addington and Timber Island banks and 8 against. The vote at Ketchikan was 49 for and 8 against.

MRS. SKOOKUM JIM DIED IN JUNEAU YESTERDAY AGED 115

JUNEAU, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Skookum Jim, known as the oldest Indian woman in Southeastern Alaska, died Tuesday. Members of the family said she was 115 years old.

NEW MOTOR LICENSE PLATES MAY BE USED

VICTORIA, Dec. 28. — Motor license plates for 1928 may be used after Thursday morning. Previously the regulations did not permit of their use before January 1.

FOLEY GETS DECISION SEATTLE SIX ROUNDS

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Vic Foley of Vancouver, was awarded the decision over Sailor Willy Gordon in a six-round boxing card last night.

MORGAN CHAIRMAN OF UNITED STEEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—J. P. Morgan was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Steel corporation yesterday.

WIRELESS REPORT.

8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, light north wind; barometer, 29.88; temperature, 20; sea smooth; 6:30 p.m. spoke steamer Camosun, left Prince Rupert at 5 p.m. southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT. — Clear, calm; barometer, 29.82; temperature, 21; sea smooth.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.00; temperature, 24; sea smooth; 11:50 a.m. in steamer Prince Rupert northbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.82; temperature, 28; sea smooth.

Waiting over Christmas Day, C.N.R. steamer Prince John, Capt. E. Mabbs, was late in leaving Vancouver this trip, not getting away from there until midnight Sunday. The vessel is expected to arrive on Friday via the Queen Charlotte Islands.

ROAD WORK IS CLOSED DOWN

Bad Weather Makes Stoppage of Operations on Planking Necessary

About a mile of planking and some three miles of paving, remains to be done on the Kaien Island Highway before the road is completed to Galloway Rapids. Meantime, on account of snow and ice and generally unfavorable weather conditions, work is closed down until such time as there is an improvement. It will take three months time to complete the road. Before the highway can be extended for use, the bridge will have to be built across Galloway Rapids to the mainland.

On the completion of the road to Galloway, it will extend about eight miles from the centre of the city—two or three miles to the city limits and about five miles beyond.

NINTH WHEAT BOAT COMING

Ohio Maru to Sail This Afternoon With Full Cargo for U.K.-Continent—Start Loading Sydland

PrinceR upert's seventh grain ship of the season, the Japanese freighter Ohio Maru, completed the loading of a full cargo for the United Kingdom or Continent at the elevator this morning and will sail this afternoon.

It is expected that the Swedish vessel Sydland will start loading within a day or so.

The elevator management is advised that the ninth vessel of the season is due about January 3. Her name and particulars are not yet available, however.

Owing to trouble on the railway, there has been slight delay in deliveries during the past twenty-four hours. A trainload of wheat is expected this afternoon.

SHIP SURGEON IS ARRESTED

Charged With Dispensing Narcotics Without a License at Juneau, Alaska

JUNEAU, Dec. 288.—After two weeks' investigation Dr. G. A. Surie, ship's surgeon, on the U.S. coast guard cutter Unalga, was arrested here by Federal officers charged with dispensing narcotics without a license.

Mrs. Hazel McKeown, a nurse, was arrested at the same time on a charge of being addicted to the use of narcotics.

Lurie at the preliminary hearing Tuesday was released on a thousand dollar bond.

SCIENTIFIC FLIGHT OVER NORTH LANDS

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—A scientific flight over Canada's northern islands will be undertaken during the summer of 1928 by General Nobile, the Italian explorer. Details are not available.