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FOUR GRAIN SHIPS HERE TOMORROW

GOVERNMENT MOVES TO INVESTIGATE CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Seine Maru About to Sail, Innerton Will Start Loading Wheat

British motorship King James due this afternoon and Japanese steamer Yogen Maru tomorrow---will be speeding up in handling

Tomorrow may see four grain ships in Prince Rupert harbor. This will be a new record and, consequently there will be some speeding up in their handling locally.

The Suzuki Line vessel, Seine Maru, now loading at the elevator, is nearing completion and will probably get away some time tomorrow. In the meantime, the British steamer Innerton is anchored in the harbor, already lined, awaiting to take her berth at the grain plant.

The next vessel, King James, a big British motorship, belonging to the King Line of London, is due in from the Orient about 6 o'clock this evening. This ship was off Graham Island yesterday afternoon and Capt. Larry Thomson, local pilot, went out today to Triple Island to pick her up and bring her in. She is already lined having sailed from Nagasaki, Japan, on January 7.

STEADY GROWTH SASKATCHEWAN

INCREASE TAKEN IN JUNE LAST SHOWS ITS POPULATION AT 821,942, A GREAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE BEING ON FARMS

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—The population of the province of Saskatchewan is 821,942 according to the census taken on June 1 last it was announced yesterday afternoon by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in a preliminary statement. The result shows an increase of more than 63,000 over the census of 1921, there being increases both in the rural and urban populations. In this last census the rural population is placed at 578,476 and the urban at 242,566.

GEN. MACBRIEN HAS RESIGNED

CHIEF OF CANADIAN GENERAL STAFF QUITS BUT DOES NOT CARE TO GIVE HIS REASONS JUST NOW

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—Major General MacBrien, chief of the general staff of the Canadian Army, has resigned, the resignation to take place immediately, it is learned here yesterday afternoon. In an interview, General MacBrien said he had definite plans.

"Do you care to give any reason for your resignation?" he was asked.

"There are reasons," he replied, "but I don't care to give them just now."

MORE PEOPLE ASPHYXIATED

THREE DEATHS REPORTED YESTERDAY THROUGH GAS LEAKING — ALL ARE MEN

VANCOUVER, Jan. 27.—Three deaths since yesterday are reported through asphyxiation.

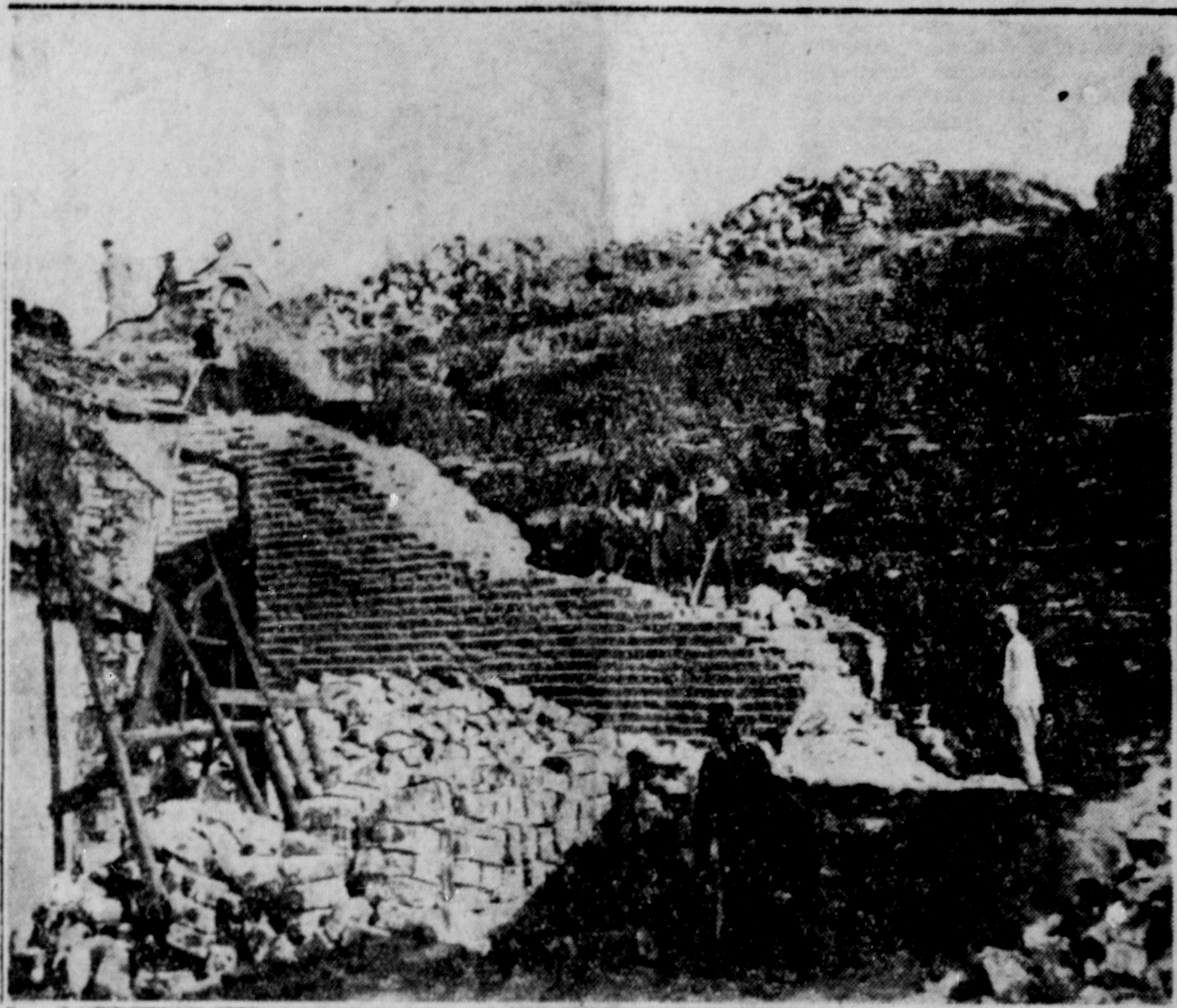
The body of John Ashurst, a longshoreman, who had apparently been dead three days, was found last evening in his room, the gas jets still burning.

J. McMeekin and an unidentified companion, were found dead this morning in a rooming house, two gas jets being light with all windows and all doors closed.

GAS TANK EXPLODES AND THREE KILLED

Six Also Injured in Accident Aboard Tanker at New Orleans Last Night

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27.—Three were killed and six injured last evening when a gasoline tank exploded in the pump-room of the tanker, O. T. Waring.



CHINESE WORKERS demolishing a part of the ancient city wall at Wuchang, which is over 2,000 years old, to make way for modern improvements.

ST. GODDARD HAS BIG LEAD

WITH TWENTY MINUTES TO GOOD FOR FIRST TWO LAPS, SHOULD WIN THE PAS DERBY

THE PAS, Manitoba, Jan. 27.—Emil St. Goddard repeated his performance of Tuesday by finishing the second thirty-mile lap of The Pas dog derby yesterday at the head of the field. His time was three hours and fifty-eight minutes, Earl Brydes being second, nine minutes behind with Leo St. Goddard, H. Olenky and Shorty Russick trailing. St. Goddard now has a lead of twenty minutes over Brydes for the eighty miles covered, his chances being excellent to be declared the winner at the conclusion of the third and final fifty-mile lap today.

FARMING AREA IS OPENED UP NEAR LADNER ON FRASER

VANCOUVER, Jan. 27.—Between 150 and 200 families will participate in a "back to the land" movement near Ladner, B.C., at the mouth of the Fraser River, as a result of the opening up of a large area of land there.

The land is being split up into five-acre tracts and poultry raising will be the principal means of livelihood for those taking advantage of the scheme. Provision is being made for telephone, electric light, water and other services and paved roads will be built to serve the new community. An expert poultryman will be engaged to give free advice to the settlers.

PROSECUTIONS MOTOR VEHICLE ACT ARE TREBLED IN SOUTH

VANCOUVER, Jan. 27.—Prosecutions under the Motor Act and city traffic by-laws virtually trebled during 1926 in Vancouver, when 6973 cases were heard in the special automobile court presided over by Magistrate J. A. Findlay. In 1925 the number of cases was 2979.

Last year fines aggregating \$23,521 were paid by motorists who were convicted of minor violations of the Motor Act, while 199 drivers were convicted of driving in the common danger and contributed an additional amount of \$5,680.

"What's the use of a royal flush," ponders the king of Italy, "when Mussolini holds seven portfolios?"

Attorney General Would Have Committee Take Up Matter; Pooley Opposes

VICTORIA, January 27.—The question of campaign funds from the liquor interests occupied the attention of the legislature for the greater part of yesterday's session, both Premier Oliver and Attorney General Manson, in turn, reviewing the whole matter. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Manson moved that a transcript of the evidence taken before the Royal Commission investigating the customs and excise department be obtained and tabled in the House and that a select committee composed of Gen. V. W. Odium (Vancouver), D. McPherson (Grand Forks-Greenwood), Dr. H. C. Wrinch (Skeena), Liberals, W. A. McKenzie (Similkameen), Conservative, and R. H. Neelands (South Vancouver), Labor, be appointed to examine the evidence with power to swear witnesses and make such recommendations as they might see fit. If, in the opinion of the committee, legislation should be passed to deal with the matter, the government would be ready to provide such, said Mr. Manson. Mr. Manson's motion was in the form of an amendment to the motion of F. A. Brownie, Labor member for Burnaby, which calls for an investigation into campaign funds.

EXPLOSION IN MORMON HALL

SIX DEAD AT TURNER, IDAHO, AND A SCORE INJURED AS RESULT OF ACETYLENE BLOW-UP

TURNER, Idaho, Jan. 27.—Six are dead and nearly a score are injured, twelve seriously, as a result of the explosion when acetylene gas wrecked the Mormon chapel recreation hall here last night while a basketball game was in progress.

Startled at the passing of a flivver squad, a Chicago gunman dropped the bomb he was carrying and so was completely obliterated. The police should remember that gunmen have nerves just like anyone else, and be careful not to intrude without due warning.

Thousand Mile Mash Through Alaskan Wastes Will Finish His Death Trip to Michigan

NENANA, Alaska, January 27.—Accompanied only by his three-year old daughter and a dog team, D. L. McDonald yesterday began a thousand mile mash to his lonely home at Candle, 150 miles northwest of Nome, on his return from Michigan where he went to bury his wife in accordance with her dying wish. The first leg of the journey, Nenana to Ungakleet, will be along the mail trail made famous by the race to Nome with diphtheria serum two years ago. McDonald will then be obliged to break his own trail northward along the bleak shores of Bering Strait whence Gunnar Kasson fought his way through to Nome. The little girl, dressed as an Eskimo, is bundled in furs on the dog sled. The journey, it is expected, will take two months.

According to an estimate there are 1,300 nuts in an automobile. And when there is an additional one at the steering wheel trouble is sure to follow.

United States Government Gives Long Deferred Statement of Its Attitude on Chinese Situation

WASHINGTON, January 27.—The United States government is ready to negotiate new treaties with China acting independently of other countries if need be but it cannot abrogate the existing treaties until new ones have been signed and ratified by the Senate. Meantime, it is holding naval forces available in Chinese waters to protect American life and property should the Chinese fail to accord such protection. Such was the substance of the long deferred expression of policy in connection with China which was made public last night by Frank Kellogg, secretary of state.

WAS INSPECTOR INDIAN DEP'T.

GEORGE MARKLE OF THIS CITY IS SECOND COUSIN OF JOHN MARKLE, WHO DIED IN VANCOUVER YESTERDAY

VANCOUVER, Jan. 27.—John Markle, who was inspector for the Department of Indian Affairs in Alberta for ten years before he retired in 1920 and came to Vancouver to reside, died here yesterday at the age of 75.

Deceased was a second cousin of George Markle, 1426 Second Avenue, of the B.C. Butchers & Grocers staff, who was informed this morning by the Daily News of the death of his father's cousin.

JUDGMENT FOR OWEN M'FADDEN

Judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$865 was given by Judge Robertson in the County Court, yesterday afternoon in the case of Owen M'Fadden vs. the Porter-Idaho Mining Co. Ltd. The claim was for \$915 under an ore packing contract which defendant at first claimed was paid in full but later admitted with a slight reduction. L. W. Patmore appeared for the plaintiff and S. W. Taylor for the defendant.

WAGE DISPUTE ON RAILWAYS SETTLED

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—The wage dispute between thirty thousand shopmen and the Canadian railway companies was settled last night on the basis of a four cent per hour increase. The men demanded a ten cent increase.

COBB AND SPEAKER CLEAR OF CHARGES

Judge Landis Exonerates Them and Gives Permission to Return to Reserve Lists of Their Teams

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Judge K. M. Landis, commissioner of organized baseball, has cleared Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker of all charges made against them recently and has given them permission to return to the reserve lists of the Detroit Tigers and the Cleveland Indians respectively.

ONTARIO HAS EXTREME COLD

FIFTY BELOW ZERO THERMOMETER READINGS REPORTED FROM VARIOUS NORTHERN POINTS

TORONTO, Jan. 27.—Extreme cold was reported yesterday from Northern Ontario, Hornepayne recording the lowest reading of 56 below zero. At Armstrong, it was 52 below and at White River, 54 below.

NANAIMO MINER IS INSTANTLY KILLED

Leon Carels, Aged 40, Lost Life Yesterday in No. 1 Mine Under Fall of Coal

NANAIMO, Jan. 27.—Leon Carels, aged 40, a coal digger, was instantly killed under a coal fall in No. 1 Mine of the Canadian Western Fuel Corporation yesterday afternoon.

BIG NARCOTIC HAUL MADE IN TACOMA AND BROTHERS ARRESTED

TACOMA, Jan. 27.—Narcotics, valued at \$100,000 was seized and Primo and John Rosellini, brothers and well known local restaurant men, were arrested here yesterday on charges of violation of the Federal Narcotic Act.

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