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HUDSON STRAITS TO BE EXAMINED

GOVERNMENT SHIPS TO PLY TRADE AGREEMENT ROUTE

Hydroplanes and Navy May be Utilized for Survey of New Route

Federal minister of railways makes recommendation to government for intensive study relating to Bay railway

WINNIPEG, February 3.—The Manitoba Free Press carried the following Ottawa special yesterday:
"Intensive study of Hudson Straits in 1927 by a fleet of hydroplanes is being strongly recommended on the government by Hon. Charles Dunning, minister of railways. If his recommendation is accepted, the Royal Canadian Air Force, in co-operation with the Canadian navy, will carry out an extensive examination of the straits. The government departments concerned have prepared an estimate of \$900,000 to cover the cost of such an examination which would be undertaken for the purpose of determining whether further work on the Hudson Bay Railway is warranted."

KING JAMES IS DONE LOADING

BRITISH MOTORSHIP WILL GET AWAY
THIS EVENING FOR U.K. OR CON-
TINENT—YOGEN MARU GOES
ON BERTH

OTHER BOATS COMING

Loading of the British motorship King James with 8,450 long tons of grain was completed this afternoon and the vessel should clear this evening for the United Kingdom or continent. Loading of the forward hold with sacked grain is being finished today.
With the King James away, the Japanese steamer Yogen Maru will go on berth to load 7,000 tons of wheat at this elevator. She will then proceed to Vancouver to complete with other motorships for the Orient.
Two more vessels have been chartered to Prince Rupert and are due to arrive within the next couple of weeks. The elevator up to this afternoon had not been advised of the names of these boats.

MINISTER FOR CANADA NAMED

WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS, PRESENT AM-
BASSADOR TO BELGIUM, WILL BE
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO DO-
MINION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—William H. Phillips, present ambassador to Belgium and former under secretary of state, has been selected as the first American minister to Canada. As soon as the necessary arrangements are completed, he will take up his office at Ottawa.
Born at Beverly, Massachusetts, May 30, 1878, Mr. Phillips graduated from Harvard University and Harvard Law School and has had long experience in the diplomatic service, mostly abroad although he was assistant secretary of state on two occasions. He has been ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg since 1920.

\$750,000 TRAM ROAD, ALASKA

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND SENT ON TO SENATE—LOCAL CONTROL DE-
PARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A resolution to authorize the construction of a \$750,000 tram road on Seward Peninsula between Skelton and Candie Creek was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday and sent on to the Senate.
The House also passed to the Senate a bill authorizing the secretary of interior and the secretary of agriculture to appoint resident representatives having complete supervision over departmental activities in Alaska.

BELLA COOLA ASKS HIGHWAY

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT URGED
TO GIVE DOWN COAST VALLEY
CONNECTION WITH CARL-
BOO ROAD

BELLA COOLA, Feb. 3.—At the annual meeting of the Bella Coola Farmers' Institute here it was decided that the Provincial Government should be urged to continue the Mackenzie highway to connect with the Cariboo highway. This, it was pointed out, would give the farmers a market for their products.

The Bella Coola Valley is noted for the good quality of its produce, especially potatoes, apples, rhubarb and practically all popular vegetables. The only reason no progress is being made is the lack of a market. If the road were extended it would mean not only a market but the influx of new settlers to this place and no doubt in a short time a good portion of the 20,000 acres of the fine agricultural land which at the present time lies vacant, would be put under a state of cultivation. In addition a large tract of land situated between Anaham Lake and Chilcotin comprising some 40,000 acres, would be available for settlement. This land is particularly adapted to sheep, cattle and horses, which are able to find their living the year around without feed from the ranch. It is hoped that the government will see the benefit of the road and work toward its completion.

DOMINION LAND SURVEY ASS'N.

INFORMATIVE ADDRESSES ON AERIAL
AND GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECTS
OF DOMINION WILL BE
HEARD

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 3.—The twentieth annual general meeting of the Dominion Land Surveyors' Association brings to Ottawa today experts from various parts of the dominion, for informative and interesting discussion. Many of the addresses are of public interest, notably those of Canada's progress in aerial work, by J. A. Wilson, secretary of the air board, and A. M. Narraway, chief aerial surveys engineer today.

J. A. Pounder, chief engineer of the International Boundary Commission today will speak on Developments in Survey Methods in 150 years, and J. B. Harkins, commissioner of Canadian National Parks, will tell of the national parks. The relation of the surveyor to earthquakes is the subject of an address by E. A. Hodgson, seismologist of the Dominion Observatory. Also Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior; J. D. Craig, director-general of surveys, and F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission, are speakers.
F. D. Henderson is president of the association.

HUDSON BAY CO.'S RIGHT DISPUTED

DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL GOV-
ERNMENTS HOLD IT IS NOT
ENTITLED TO PRECIOUS
METALS FROM EARLY
OWNERSHIP

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Argument was finished yesterday and judgment reserved by the Supreme Court of Canada in the reference brought by the Dominion government to test the right of the Hudson Bay Co. to claim ownership of precious metals in the lands they acquired in Western Canada in pioneer days. The provinces of Manitoba and Alberta were represented in the case, argument of which lasted two days.

Blonde hairs are finest, the barbers' supply convention announced, but they look like the Atlantic cable when attached to a blue serge suit.
Ah, well; perhaps a Russian had rather be murdered by a "comrade" than a czar.



MONITOR, or lace lizard (Varanus indiens) found extensively in Australia where it is known as the iguana. Specimens over 5 feet long are often found. Note the snake-like head which is common to the Komodo Dragons that Sir Alan Cobham saw in his flight

C.G.M.M. to Continue Service Between West Indies and Dominion

OTTAWA, February 3.—The government subsidized Canada-West Indies steamship service will be continued by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine it is announced. The contract under which the Canadian and West Indies governments helped to provide passenger, freight and mail service between Canada and the islands had expired and tenders therefore were twice called by Hon. James Malcolm, minister of trade and commerce, who now announces that the government is convinced that the service can be performed most advantageously and economically by the C.N.R. management and that the services will be put into operation as nearly as possible within the time stipulated in the recent trade agreement.

FORMER LOCAL TUG SINKS AT VANCOUVER

Chieftain Goes Down Without Warning
at Ballantyne Pier and Now is 18
Feet Below Water

The tugboat Chieftain, which many years ago used to ply between Prince Rupert and Port Essington, moored at the Ballantyne Pier, Vancouver, sank without warning early last Friday morning and now lies under eighteen feet of water at low tide.

There was no one aboard and it is believed a seacock may have broken, flooding the hull.

The Chieftain, now owned by the Pacific (Coyle) Towing Company, was built in Victoria twenty-five years ago.

EMMELINE PANKHURST GIVEN NOMINATION IN ENGLISH CONSTITUENCY

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, one time militant suffragette leader, was unanimously nominated Conservative candidate for Whitechapel and St. George division of Stepney for the next parliamentary elections.

RELEASING OF LIQUOR BOAT

STIFF PAYMENTS WILL HAVE TO
BE MET IF CHRIST MOELLER
TO BE FREED

VICTORIA, Feb. 3.—Upon the payment of double duty bonds and an expense in connection with the seizure of the schooner Chris Moeller with her liquor cargo (totaling approximately \$200,000 in value, the Manitoba Refineries Ltd. owners of the vessel, may secure her release, according to instructions received by Collector of Customs Davey from Ottawa.

BIG WINNIPEG UNION MAN DIED TODAY IN SARATOGA, FLORIDA

SARATOGA, Florida, Feb. 3.—Ashmore W. Kennedy, aged 74, assistant grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, died here today. He came from Winnipeg.

Budget Criticized by Tories; Jones of Okanagan Sees in It Forecast of Election Shortly

VICTORIA, February 3.—"There must be an election coming," commented J. W. Jones, Conservative member for South Okanagan in the legislature yesterday in replying to Hon. J. D. McLean's budget speech announcing reductions in provincial taxation.

Mr. Jones was the only speaker in the budget debate and Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, whose policy toward irrigation districts he criticized, will reply today. Mr. Jones contended that the Liberal government had doubled several taxes and invented other new ones during its ten years of office, the first signs of reductions coming only in 1924. He also criticized the statement of the minister of finance in regard to provincial assets and charged lack of constructive genius on the part of the government in having to hand the Pacific Great Eastern Railway over to a group of Vancouver business men to tell them what to do with it. Although the minister of finance claimed increases in revenue, Mr. Jones said the government had not used those to

Log Carrying Barge Drumrock Total Loss After Stranding at Takush Harbor Down Coast

VICTORIA, February 3.—The big log carrying barge Drumrock, driven ashore in Takush Harbor, Smith's Inlet, while carrying a million or more feet of logs in tow of the tug Cape Scott, has broken up and will be a total loss according to word received by the Pacific Salvage Co. The tugs Cape Scott and Pacific Monarch were standing by the Drumrock but could not save her from destruction. The Salvage King was rushing to the scene but was too late. It is expected that most of the logs will be saved.

The Drumrock, formerly a British sailing ship, was acquired about three years ago by the Hecate Straits Towing Co. and converted into a log carrier. She has been in Prince Rupert harbor and has loaded logs at Alice Arm and Queen Charlotte Island points. Latterly she belonged to the Pacific (Coyle) Navigation Co. which absorbed the Hecate Straits towing company and other towing concerns.

The Drumrock, of steel construction, was built as a sailing ship by Ramage & Ferguson at Leith, Scotland, in 1895. She was originally named the Drumrock but, changing ownership, was renamed the Persimmon. Then she came into German hands and was again renamed the Helwig-Vinnen. She was interned off the coast of Chile during the war and about three years ago was acquired by the Hecate Strait Towing Co. and converted into a barge, reverting to her original name of Drumrock.

The vessel was of 3,100 tons gross, 329 feet long, 45 feet wide and 25 feet 7 inches draft. She is valued at about \$100,000 and is understood to have been at least partially covered by insurance.

IS COMMERCIAL SPIRIT DETRIMENTAL TO PROGRESS ARTS

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—(By Canadian Press)—"Resolved that the commercial spirit existing today in Canada and the United States is detrimental to the development of the arts," is the subject chosen for the annual debating series of the Women's Intercollegiate Debating Union, which will take place on February 5, with teams competing from the University of Toronto, Queen's University and McGill University and debating simultaneously.

CONSCIENCE MONEY OF \$65 SENT TO C.P.R.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 3.—The following letter from Long Beach, California, together with three twenty dollar bills and one five was received by the passenger department of the Canadian Pacific Railway today. "Enclosed you will find \$65.00 for a fare of a six-year-old boy I took over the Canadian Pacific road with out a ticket from Moosejaw, Canada, to Long Beach, California, three years ago, this includes interest, over the coast route. I take this time to beg your forgiveness."

KINDNESS TO CATS WINS SOCIETY A GIFT OF \$90,000

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Because the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago gave care to eight cats that she owned, Miss Anna Wells of Chicago bequeathed \$90,000 to the society, according to her will, which was probated here.
Mr. H. J. Streibert, superintendent of the society, said that several years ago he took care of the cats from time to time when Miss Wells took them to its offices and that later the felines were brought to the society for a permanent home.

CANADIAN PACIFIC TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOTEL IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Feb. 3.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has purchased the Queen's Hotel. The famous old hostelry will be demolished and a new hotel of one thousand rooms constructed. The site is in the business section and is not far from the C.P.R. station.

GLADSTONE GETS LIBEL VERDICT

FORMER BRITISH PREMIER IS COMPLETELY VINDICATED FROM
CHARGES OF CAPT. PETER
WRIGHT

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Verdict for Lord Gladstone with costs was returned today in the libel suit with Capt. Peter Wright who, in a recent book, cast aspersions on the moral character of W. E. Gladstone, the great Victorian prime minister and the plaintiff's father. The verdict included a rider to the effect that the elder Gladstone had been completely vindicated. Gladstone termed Wright "a liar, coward and foul fellow" for the reflection upon his father.

POLICE LOST LARGE PRIZE

D'AUTREMONT BROTHERS SLIPPED
AWAY FROM FRASER VALLEY
WHILE IDENTIFICATION WAS
BEING ESTABLISHED

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 3.—How rewards totalling approximately \$16,000 offered for the capture of the notorious D'Autremont brothers, wanted in connection with an Oregon mail car hold-up in 1925, slipped through the fingers of the provincial police last November was learned at headquarters here. It is said that the trio disappeared while the authorities were securing sufficient evidence of their identification to warrant them being taken into custody at Fraser Valley lumber camps where they were discovered.

NEW EFFORT TO BREAK DEADLOCK

FRESH INSTRUCTIONS CABLED BY
BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE OF
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AT
HANKOW

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The British government cabled last night fresh instructions to British Charge D'Affaires O'Malley at Hankow in an effort to break the deadlock which developed in Anglo-Chinese negotiations there when Cantonese Foreign Minister Chen questioned the right of Great Britain to despatch a Shanghai defence force to the Far East.

USED GASOLINE FOR FIRE, DEAD

AUDLEY R. HAWKINS, FARM PUPIL
OF LORD RODNEY'S FARM NEAR
EDMONTON, KILLED

EDMONTON, Feb. 3.—Audley R. Hawkins, 22-year old country farm pupil who was training on Lord Rodney's farm at Fort Saskatchewan, was burned to death last night when he used gasoline in the attempt to start a fire.

'QUAKE AT SHANGHAI
SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.—The city was alarmed by a fairly severe earthquake this morning. No damage is reported.

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