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FIERCE BATTLE ON YANGSTE RIVER GRAIN TRAFFIC HERE IS NOW NEARING CLOSE OF SEASON

Nanking Vicinity Becomes Avenue of Fire as Canton and Northern Forces Fight

**Bombardment lasted hours and two thousand
Pekin soldiers are reported to have lost
lives in engagement**

SHANGHAI, April 26.—The Yangste River vicinity is virtually an avenue of fire. One of the fiercest battles in months was fought between five warcraft of the Cantonese and batteries at Pukow, across the river, which were in the hands of the northern forces. The firing lasted for hours.

Two thousand Northern soldiers are reported to have been killed when shells from the Cantonese batteries at Nanking sank the boats on the Yangste River. Two launches, towing a dozen loads of Northerners, attempted to reach the southern shore of Yangste last night according to reports. A searchlight revealed their approach and all the boats were sunk with eighty shells fired from the Cantonese.

DEFINITE SITE OF GYMNASIUM

**ENGINEER ASKED TO MAKE
REPORT ON WHICH TO BASE
ACTION**

The city engineer will be asked to definitely select a site for the proposed gymnasium and swimming tank and report to the city council at the next meeting.

After a letter had been read at the council meeting last night from the secretary of the public gymnasium committee, intimating that the committee was unanimously in favor of a site on Fraser street, the council decided that the engineer had better select the site so that they might know what portion was referred to.

Speaking on the subject, Ald. Tinsley said that the committee wished to have some definite site before attempting to raise money, as it would be possible to raise the amount without having the site in view. The council plan was to secure a site and proceed with the collecting of the money and, if enough money could not be secured for the class of building which would be required, then the site would not be used.

The whole matter will come again before the council at the next meeting in the report of the city engineer is submitted.

COOLIDGE SEES GOOD IN CANTONESE REPLY

NEW YORK, April 26.—In a speech which he devoted to an outline of United States foreign policy, President Coolidge, before a United Press dinner last night, described Cantonese Foreign Minister Eugene Chen's recent reply to the powers' protest at the Nanking affair as "conciliatory in tone and to a certain degree responsive, leaving final disposition of the matter at issue for further consideration of our government."

FIRST STEP TAKEN IN WHALEN ACTION

**Defunct Company Ordered Restored to
Registry by Mr. Justice Murphy**

VANCOUVER, April 26.—So that the defunct Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd. might be cited as defendant in an action brought against it by the original owners for the purpose of annulling the sale of its assets for \$4,000,000 on the ground of fraud, Mr. Justice Murphy in Supreme Court yesterday ordered the company restored to the provincial registry from which it had been struck off.

WIRELESS REPORT.

DIGBY ISLAND—Cloudy, calm; barometer 29.87; temperature, 40; sea smooth; 6 p.m. spoke steamer Alameda, 7 miles from Hunter's Bay, bound for Lake Bay; 9 p.m. steamer Mogul, passed out, bound for Anyox; 5 p.m. freighter Sedgpool passed out for Panama; 12:30 a.m. spoke steamer Kofuku Maru, 1280 miles from Prince Rupert, inbound.

DEAD TREE POINT—Rain, light S.E. wind; barometer, 29.68; temperature, 42; light swell; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Anyox, Seattle for Stewart, 394 miles from Stewart; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Gray, Ross Harbor for Nanaimo, 350 miles from Nanaimo; 8 p.m. spoke motorship Norco, Seattle for Ketchikan, 312 miles from Seattle; 10:25 p.m. spoke steamer Catala at Stewart, southbound; 8 p.m. spoke motorship Apex, Ketchikan for Anacortes, 280 miles from Anacortes.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND—Overcast, light east wind; barometer 29.78; temperature 47; sea smooth; 11:15 a.m. steamer Catala passed in, southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT—Overcast, calm; barometer 29.44; temperature 48; sea smooth.

BULL HARBOR—Overcast, light S.E. wind; barometer 29.56; temperature 40; light swell; 8:40 a.m. spoke steamer Prince Charles, in Heate Straits, southbound; 8:30 a.m. spoke steamer Anyox, in Milbank Sound, northbound.

FAMOUS MINER PASSES AWAY

"DUTCH JAKE" GOETZ, ONE OF ORIGINAL OWNERS OF BUNKER HILL MINE, DEAD IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, April 26.—"Dutch Jake" Goetz, one of the four original owners of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan, the world's largest silver-lead mine, is dead. Deceased and his partner, Harry Baer, the only living member of the quartette, which took part in the strangest and most eventful events in the history of Idaho mining, were in partnership for 46 years. Forty-two years ago, Goetz and Baer discovered the mine, which was named after the Bunker Hill, who was prospecting with Phil O'Rourke when a burro tumbled over a rock and uncovered a vein of the mine that has now paid more than \$36,000,000 in dividends.

BULLET IN HEAD FINNISH LABORER

Anderson Dies in Victoria Hospital as Result of Injury

VICTORIA, April 26.—The police last night called at a rooming house at the foot of Head Street and found a Finnish laborer, with a bullet wound in his head temple. He died in hospital later.

ST. LOUIS IN FIRST PLACE

**NEW YORK YANKEES DROP IN
AMERICAN LEAGUE BY LOSING
TO SENATORS**

NEW YORK, April 25.—The St. Louis Cardinals topped the National League yesterday when Jess Haines outpitched Ray Kremer of Pittsburgh, allowing but three scattered hits. South's homer won the game for the Cardinals.

Five consecutive singles with none down enabled Cincinnati to score seven runs in the eighth inning and defeat Chicago after the Cubs had scored five runs in their half of the frame. Eight pitchers, four on each side, were batted out of the box.

New York Yankees and Washington Senators hitched up in a batting duel and a homer by "Goose" Goslin, in the seventh, netted the Senators three runs. The Yanks thereafter failed to hit in the pitches, having thirteen men left on bases.

The day's scores were as follows:

American League
Boston-Philadelphia, called.
St. Louis 1, Cleveland 9.
Washington 5, New York 4.
Detroit 6, Chicago 7.

National League
Boston 4, Philadelphia 12.
Chicago 9, Cincinnati 11.
Pittsburgh 0, St. Louis 1.

LEAGUE STANDING

National		W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	7	3	.700	
New York	7	3	.700	
Pittsburgh	7	4	.636	
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	
Boston	7	6	.538	
Chicago	4	6	.400	
Cincinnati	3	9	.250	
Brooklyn	2	10	.167	
American		W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	5	3	.625	
New York	8	5	.615	
Washington	7	5	.583	
Detroit	4	3	.571	
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	
Cleveland	5	6	.455	
Chicago	5	7	.417	
Boston	3	8	.273	

MISSISSIPPI FLOODED YET

**NEW AREA IS OVERFLOWN TODAY
AND IT IS SAID DEATH LIST
MAY TOTAL 500**

MEMPHIS, April 26.—The Mississippi River and its tributaries today flooded a new territory in the states of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, rendering additional thousands homeless. The known death list has already reached one hundred while reports indicate that it may possibly total five hundred in the entire stricken area. The number of homeless is now placed at 150,000.

MR. BRADY RETURNS.

J. C. Brady, M.P. for Skeena returned to the city on this afternoon's train after attending the session of the house of parliament at Ottawa since the first of February.

Passengers arriving in the city today on the Catala from the north included W. A. Wilson and James Calvin from Alice Arm; T. Henricks, L. Fox, A. A. Caswell, Miss Edith Heath, C. L. Burlich and W. Goldbloom from Anyox; Miss Pitt, A. M. Whiteside, S. J. Parkinson, E. Pollard, J. DeKergonneaux, W. C. Lynham, J. H. McNab, Mrs. Geo. McIlmoyle, C. H. Fogg, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross, A. Knight, and Mr. McMillan from Stewart, and H. Anderson from Maple Bay.



SIGNOR MUSSOLINI attends the maneuvers at the Fubara aviation camp in Rome, a feature of which was an aerial bombardment display. He is accompanied by Signor Balbo, minister of aviation

NOTED FLYERS ARE KILLED IN CRASH

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 26.—Commander Noel Davis and Lieut. Wooster, his alternate, both noted United States aviators, were killed today when the giant airplane American Legion, in which they planned a New York-Paris flight crashed near here.

MOTHER KILLS FOUR SLEEPING CHILDREN

Mrs. Humma Thomas of Ford City, Ontario, butchered youngsters with knife

WINDSOR, Ont., April 26.—Mrs. Humma Thomas, aged 45, of Ford City, killed her four children by slashing their throats with a butcher knife when they slept. She attempted to kill herself but physicians say she will recover.

DUFF STUART HEADS 1921 BISLEY TEAM

Vancouver General, Long Identified with Target Shooting, Will Lead Trip to England this Year

OTTAWA, April 26.—The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association has selected Brigadier General J. Duff Stuart of Vancouver to command the Canadian Bisley team this year. General Stuart for many years has been active with military target shooting in Canada.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Askd.
Wheat	1.46½	
B.C. Silver	1.80	1.87
Coast Copper	13.75	14.00
Gladstone	.25½	.26
Howe Sound	38.25	40.00
Independence	.07½	.08
Indian	.06¾	.07½
L. & L.	.11¾	.11½
Marmot	.12½	
Porter Idaho	.13½	.15
Richmond	.15½	.15½
Silver Crest	.06	.07
Surf Inlet	.01¼	.02½

The rum-rummers seem to have beaten the scientists to the discovery of the best method of extracting gold from the ocean.

STIFF DENIAL BY PATTULLO

CHARACTERIZED CARLOW STATEMENT AS ABSOLUTE UNFOUNDED AND UNTRUE

VICTORIA, April 26.—Before Mr. Justice Morrison's royal commission investigating the charges of Frank Carlow, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, yesterday characterized as absolutely unfounded and untrue the statement by Carlow that he (Mr. Pattullo) had told him to split a commission of \$5,000, allegedly secured in a foreshore deal put through for L. G. Thomas of Vancouver, with M. B. Jackson, K.C.

Mr. Jackson corroborated the minister and denied that he had received or asked for any part of the commission.

Henry C. Hall, former M.L.A., denied he had entered into any agreement or bargain with Carlow whereby commissions Carlow secured as liquor agent were to be applied toward the organization expense of the Liberal party.

Col. Winslow, former member of the Liquor Control Board, testified that neither he nor any members of the board had knowledge of the appointment of persons to positions with the board on the understanding that they were required to "give their services free, playing in the Liberal orchestra."

SHIP ABLAZE AT SAN PEDRO

**CONFLAGRATION LAST NIGHT ON
FREIGHTER SAGADOBHO NEARLY
COST LIVES OF TWO FIREMEN**

SAN PEDRO, April 26.—Fire which had been smouldering for four days in one of the forward holds of the freighter Sagadobho, which arrived on Monday from New York, burst into flames last night and nearly cost the lives of two firemen before it was extinguished. A fire boat and eight land companies quelled the blaze by filling the hold with water and wetting down the bulkheads.

Already a long, hard winter is being predicted. There is nothing like getting on the job early.

Local Elevator Will Be Clear of Wheat Before Summer Comes; Several More Shipments Coming

With the Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator now about half full, there are today in the railway yards some 120 carloads of grain awaiting to be taken in and about eighty carloads are on the way here. A train of 24 cars is due to arrive this evening.

It was stated this morning by Joseph Bennett, manager of the elevator, that it was the intention to clean the plant out with shipments abroad before the season closes. It is not expected that any grain will be left in storage here but the elevator will be ready to receive next fall's crop immediately it starts to move.

NEW UNION IS BEING FORMED

HOTEL AND BEER PARLORS EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE

The Hotel and Beer Parlors Union Local was organized here Sunday, the following provisional officers being elected:

President—T. Clough.
Vice-President—A. Evans.
Financial Secretary and Business Agent—D. Milne.
Treasurer—R. Butler.
Recording Secretary—W. Scott.
Executive—Messrs. A. Arnett, Robert McCaffery, C. Olsen, A. L. Lazarotto.

The union takes in hotel and restaurant employees and as soon as the charter is received a drive will be made to unionize the city.

There was a good sized attendance. The elected list of officers and membership will be forwarded to headquarters in Cincinnati, and on receipt of confirmation, a charter will be forwarded.

S. D. Macdonald, president of the Trades and Labor Council, acted as official organizer.

SANKEY DECISION COMING WEDNESDAY

VANCOUVER, April 26.—It was officially announced this afternoon that the British Columbia Court of Appeal would hand down its decision in the Sankey murder case in Victoria on Wednesday. If the application for a new trial is rejected, the Port Simpson Indian will hang on May 25 for the murder of Miss Loretta Chisholm at Port Eslington on May 23 last. Should the court be favorably disposed to the application, he will obtain a new trial which his counsel asks be not held in Prince Rupert.

FISH ARRIVALS

Sales Through Fish Exchange this Morning Totalled 96,900 Pounds

Halibut sales at the Fish Exchange this morning totalled 96,900 pounds, four American vessels selling 92,000 pounds at bids ranging from 14.6c and 8c to 15.4c and 8c while three Canadians sold 4,900 pounds between 13.5c and 7c and 14.2c and 7c.

Arrivals and sales were as follows:

AMERICAN

Helgeland, 35,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 14.6c and 8c.
Havana, 24,000 pounds, Pacific Fisheries, 15.4c and 8c.
National, 18,000 pounds, and Cedric, 20,000 pounds, Booth Fisheries, 15.4c and 8c.

CANADIAN

Bayview, 1,200 pounds, to Royal Fish Co., 14c and 7c.
Iris, 2,500 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 14.2c and 7c.
Westerner, 1,200 pounds, to Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 13.5c and 7c.

WEATHER REPORT.

Prince Rupert.—Cloudy, calm, temperature 40.
Terrace.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 41.
Rosswood.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 42.
Aiyansh.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 40.
Alice Arm.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 42.
Anyox.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 43.
Stewart.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 40.
Haeltzen.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 40.
Telegraph Creek.—Cloudy, north wind temp. 30.
Burns Lake.—Part cloudy, calm, temp. 42.
Whitehorse.—Clear, south wind, temp. 35.
Dawson.—Cloudy, north wind, temp. 28.

The best amplifier for the call of duty is twine.

BOLD ROBBERY LOS ANGELES

BANDIT HELD UP TRISCO MERCHANT AND ESCAPED WITH \$100,000 IN JEWELS

INTERCEPTOR BREAKS BACK

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—A Jeddiss, San Francisco diamond broker, was held up in the lobby of the Lowes Building in the centre of the business section on Monday afternoon and was robbed of uncut diamonds valued at \$100,000. A man pointed a revolver and seized two wallets. As the robber fled, a bystander, Tom Virgin, attempted to intercept him. The bandit tripped Virgin who fell down the stairway, breaking his back.

SIXTY BANDITS KILLED MEXICO

REBELS WHO ATTACKED GUADALAJARA TRAIN ARE SLAIN, WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES

MEXICO CITY, April 26.—Sixty members of the rebel band which attacked a Guadalajara train last Tuesday and massacred many of the passengers were killed in an engagement with federal troops on Saturday, it was announced by the War Department last night.

RELEASE OF FEDERAL SHIP IS EXPECTED

Panama Legation at Washington Anticipates that Vessel Will Soon be Freed

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Panama legation expects the early release of the steamer Federal Ship held at San Francisco as a rum runner following her seizure a month or more ago by the United States coastguard some four hundred miles off the coast of California. The captain and crew have been already released. The Federal Ship was under the Panama flag at the time.