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MONTREAL PICTURE SHOW TRAGEDY

SEVENTY-SIX PERSONS LOSE LIVES AS MOVIE HOUSE BURNS

Mostly Children Dead as Result of Most Terrible Holocaust on Record in History of Dominion

SITUATION IN CHINA IS STILL FAR FROM GOOD

CONDITIONS SOMEWHAT EASIER IN HANKOW BUT GROWING WORSE ALONG YANGTSE RIVER

PEKING, Jan. 10.—Official dispatches reaching here from Hankow said that the anti-foreign conditions, while somewhat easier locally, were growing steadily worse in other cities along the Yangtse-Kiang River. The British were evacuating all missionaries from accessible points in Hupeh. Honan and Szechwan as a precautionary measure and American women were being moved from Ichang, two hundred miles up the river from Hankow.

Although the Cantonese soldiers had left the British concessions at Hankow, they were still in an ugly mood and it was feared they might run amok because they have received no pay for several months. The British withheld fire when the Chinese besieged the concession entrance on January 1 and they are now being called "paper tigers" and the Chinese newspapers are advising the natives to fear them no longer.

FIRE DESTROYS TERRACE HOME

RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. S. F. MILLS BURNED TO GROUND FRIDAY MORNING

TERRACE, Jan. 10.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mills, southwest of town, was burned to the ground with all its contents on Friday morning between 2 and 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Mills was alone at the time. Mr. Mills and Frank being at Reno where they are hauling poles. The fire, which evidently started from an overheated stove, had gained such headway before she awakened that, except for a trunk which she dragged out with her, she was unable to save a thing. As the house was some distance from any neighbors, before an alarm was broadcasted, it was too late for anyone to be of any assistance.

The house which was a one story frame structure, was originally built for Frank Clapp of Prince Rupert who was at one time the owner of the property. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

PIONEER EASTERN NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

C. W. MITCHELL HELPED TO ESTABLISH OTTAWA FREE PRESS AND FOR MANY YEARS WAS ITS SOLE OWNER

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—C. W. Mitchell, aged 84, who helped to establish the Ottawa Free Press in 1869 later becoming its sole proprietor until he sold the paper in 1903 when he retired from journalistic work, died on Sunday.

HOCKEY

Saturday's Scores

Toronto 3, New York Americans 1.
Ottawa 2, Canadiens 0.
Montreal Maroons 3, Boston 0.
Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 0.

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 1, New York Rangers 4.

The Daily News is in receipt of copies of English newspapers published in Japan from Sadao Suga who was a guest for a few days at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo.

Girls and boys crushed so tightly into deadly stairway that walls have to be cut open to extricate bodies

SPACE OF TEN MINUTES ENCOMPASSED DISASTER

Mass of groaning and shrieking juveniles are suffocated to death—proprietor and employees held by police

MONTREAL, January 10.—One of the most terrible holocausts in the history of the city took place when seventy-six lives were lost as the frenzied audience madly rushed for the exits of the Laurier movie theatre in which fire occurred yesterday afternoon. The theatre was filled with eleven hundred persons consisting mainly of children, a number of the dead being juveniles. In addition to the deaths at the scene many who were injured in the hectic scramble for safety may die. The fire started under the floor of a balcony and the cry of a youngster who saw it started the stampede. The flames were soon under control and little damage to the building was done. The dead were crushed and suffocated.

The stairway, which the firemen found jammed with children, was a death trap for the victims. The crush was so tight that, when a rope was placed around the body of one child, twenty men tugged at it in vain. At a turn in the stairs, five feet from the main floor, firemen again tried to remove a human mass but it was found impossible to do so. It was necessary to cut a hole in the outside wall and cut down a wooden stairway to get at the bodies of the victims of the stampede. A time of six minutes encompassed the whole tragedy.

Boys and girls in a vain stampeding mob from the balcony pressed suddenly from the rear and all stumbled and fell. Instant panic then seized the crowd and there was a shoving, scrambling heap of children. In a minute or two the stairway became solid with a suffocating, groaning, shrieking and dying mass. Nearly all those taken out of the stairway were dead. The number of deaths makes it the greatest tragedy of its kind in the history of Canada. Some families lost as many as three children. All the victims were taken to the morgue.

Ameen Lawand, proprietor of the theatre, and three employees are being held by the police for an inquest today. The provincial law prohibits the admittance

of children under sixteen to moving picture theatres unless special permission has been given.

Thirty-five children in city hospitals suffering from injuries sustained in the melee are reported today to be recovering.

Efficiency of Local Elevator Becomes Increasingly Apparent; Two Freighters Rapidly Loaded

The Wheat Pool's elevator at Prince Rupert continues to make very satisfactory loading records and the more the plant is used the more is its efficiency being proven.

Loading of the Smith Line freighter, Welsh City, was completed Saturday night and the vessel left at the elevator dock overnight, moving up to the Imperial Oil Co.'s plant Sunday morning to take on fuel before sailing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the United Kingdom or continent. She took on here a full cargo of 332,640 bushels which was loaded in the very satisfactory total time of 18½ hours. This is about the best time that could be made at an elevator on the coast with a vessel of the Welsh City's size. Incidentally, she took on the largest cargo of wheat ever loaded here.

Soon after the Welsh City had departed from the elevator wharf, the Ocean Transport Co.'s freighter, Ryoka Maru, which had completed lining at the dry dock, took up her berth there on Sunday and immediately started loading. During the afternoon 4,800 tons was placed aboard and the vessel should get away with the first grain cargo shipped from here to the Orient about noon tomorrow.

With the Welsh City and Ryoka Maru

FINIS WRITTEN TO CASE OF "NAUGHTY" AIMEE McPHERSON

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—District Attorney Keyes requested in court today and was granted a dismissal on criminal charges of Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson. He reiterated however, the charge that the evangelist had left here in the company of Kenneth Ormiston, former Angelus Temple radio operator, and not in the hands of kidnapers as she had stated.



Mayor S. M. Newton who received acclamation today to serve his eighth term.

ALLEGATIONS ARE DENIED

HON. J. K. FLEMMING DENIES STATEMENTS OF SENATOR GOULD AT WASHINGTON

FREDERICKTON, Jan. 10.—Hon. J. K. Flemming, former premier of New Brunswick and now member of parliament for Carleton-Victoria, in a statement over the long distance telephone from Juniper where his lumber mills are located, in answer to statements made by Senator Gould of Maine on the witness stand at Washington, said that he found Gould's testimony full of mis-statements and that the charges made against him by Gould were not true. He particularly denied Gould's allegation that he had been paid \$100,000 when premier to allow the construction of a railway to continue.

REV. J. R. FRIZELL HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS PASTOR OF CHURCH

At a meeting of the vacancy committee held last evening it was unanimously decided to nominate Rev. J. R. Frizell, B.A., L.L.B., Vancouver Heights Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, to permanently fill the local Presbyterian pulpit. Mr. Frizell is at present acting as minister temporarily.

A meeting of the congregation will be held during the week beginning January 24 when a vote will be taken for or against Mr. Frizell.

MAYOR NEWTON IS RE-ELECTED

GETS ACCLAMATION TODAY—CONTEST ONLY FOR ALDERMANIC SEATS

No candidates entering the field to oppose him, Mayor S. M. Newton was this afternoon declared elected by acclamation for his eighth term as mayor of Prince Rupert. There was talk of a "dark horse" appearing in the contest; but no rival came forward.

For the three vacancies on the school board, three candidates were elected by acclamation—H. B. Rochester, the present chairman, S. D. Johnstone, also a member of the present board, and William Gilchrist, who will succeed W. O. Fulton, who retires from the board.

For the four vacancies on the council eight candidates were nominated: Aid. George B. Casey, Aid. W. M. Brown, Aid. W. J. Greer, W. H. Montgomery, James Black, G. P. Tinker, P. H. Linzey and J. M. Morrison. Frank Derry, who was to have been a Labor candidate for the council, found he was not qualified.

There were no candidates nominated for the police commission. Should it be decided to revert to the city police system, a by-election will be necessitated to elect two commissioners beside the mayor.

The following were the nominations:

FOR MAYOR
S. M. Newton, proposed by W. E. Fisher and seconded by J. J. Gillis.

FOR ALDERMAN
James Black, proposed by S. D. Macdonald, seconded by Oscar Larsen.
P. H. Linzey, proposed by C. H. Orme, seconded by S. E. Parker.
G. P. Tinker, proposed by Thos. McMeekin and seconded by L. W. Waugh.
W. J. Greer, proposed by J. J. Gillis and seconded by E. A. Mann.
W. M. Brown, proposed by Jas. Campbell and seconded by Rolf Walker.
W. H. Montgomery, proposed by C. R. Anderson, seconded by George B. Casey.
George B. Casey, proposed by Alfred Stork, seconded by W. H. Montgomery.
John M. Morrison, proposed by G. B. Casey, seconded by W. H. Montgomery.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES
H. B. Rochester, proposed by E. F. Jones and seconded by D. J. Matheson.
S. D. Johnstone, proposed by George Rorie and seconded by W. J. Greer.
William Gilchrist, proposed by John Bergman, seconded by H. F. Glassey.

WEATHER REPORT.
Prince Rupert.—Clear, calm, temperature, 30.
 Hazelton.—Cloudy, windy, temp. 20.
 Telegraph Creek.—Clear, calm, 12 below.

Smithers.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 12.
Burns Lake.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 15.
Whitehorse.—Calm, clear, temp. 18.
Dawson.—Clear, calm, 5 below.
Terrace.—Clear, windy, temp. 5.
Rosswood.—Clear, calm, temp. 2.
Aiyansh.—Clear, calm, temp. 2 below.
Alice Arm.—Clear, calm, temp. 20.
Anxox.—Clear, calm, temp. 29.

The Reds are now said to be fomenting a revolution in Central America. Since they failed in the British coal struggle, they must look for new fields to conquer.

Canada and Motherland Connected by Air When Ottawa Greets England

OTTAWA, January 10.—The Empire wireless telephone connected Canada and the Motherland on Sunday over the beam radio system between England and Drummondville, Quebec, to which Ottawa connected with a land wire. Several conversations were successfully conducted between the two countries which are 3,500 miles apart. The tests foreshadow the opening up of direct telephone communication between all parts of the Empire. It is a new and distinct inter-Empire project which it is hoped to carry out through the Marconi beam system. Sunday's talk was with Bridgewater, Somerset, England.

Slight Increase Recorded in Timber Scaling During 1926 by District Forester

The timber scalings in Prince Rupert district during the year 1926 totalled 138,414,945 board feet showing a light increase over the total of 135,327,343 board feet for 1925 according to figures made public by R. E. Allen, district forester. An increase in the scaling from 8,253,841 for the month of December 1925 to 15,047,871 for the month of December 1926 brought the 1926 aggregate to a figure in excess of last year's.

A six hundred per cent increase in the production of Douglas fir is to be noted when the two years are compared. There was an increase in the cutting of red cedar but a more substantial decrease in spruce. There was an increase also in hemlock and balsam. Interior spruce showed a twenty-five per cent decline. Cottonwood increased by four hundred per cent and there were small amounts of cypress, alder and birch.

Following the comparative figures for 1926 and 1925:

	1926	1925
Board ft.		
Douglas Fir	6,968,872	1,132,002
Red Cedar	20,290,697	18,963,163
Spruce (coast)	51,975,106	60,770,419
Spruce (interior)	3,793,347	4,495,627
Hemlock	39,272,658	35,916,950
Balsam	15,625,918	13,221,167
Cypress	27,812	11,277
Jackpine	130,316	93,176
Alder	115	19
Birch	285	
Cottonwood	296,919	723,342

POLES, PILES, ETC.
Decreases are noted for the year 1926 as compared with 1925 in production of poles, piles and ties, the figures being as follows:

	1926	1925
Lineal ft.		
Poles	1,228,948	1,831,441
Spruce Piles	10,611	3,872
Hemlock Piles	221,179	139,473
Cedar Piles	396,082	610,010
Cordwood, cords	5,560	2,717
Shinglebolts, cords	230	317
Ties, Fir, number	3,322	10,889
Spruce Ties		5,261
Hemlock Ties	8,141	45,402
Pine Ties	533,430	744,009
Fence Posts	196	132
Pulpwood, cords	2,658	1,956

DECEMBER FIGURES
Following are the district scaling figures for the month of December:

Douglas Fir, board feet	149,409
Red Cedar	2,004,605
Spruce, coast	3,126,962
Spruce, interior	316,023
Hemlock	4,872,953
Balsam	2,577,030
Jack Pine	583
Birch	23

POLES AND PILES
Poles, lineal feet 236,700
Spruce Piles 866
Hemlock Piles 1,894
Cedar Piles 5,843
Cordwood, cords 6
Shinglebolts, cords 57
Pulpwood 267

BIG FIRE DOING MUCH DAMAGE ON PHILIPPINE ISDS.

MANILA, Jan. 10.—Five thousand are homeless and fifteen hundred houses were destroyed by fire which is sweeping the Tondo district today. The property loss is estimated at \$2,000,000. No casualties are reported.

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PREMIER AND CABINET ARE HEARING CASE

ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN APPEALING AGAINST DECISION OF RAILWAY BOARD ON FREIGHT RATES

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—The stage is set for the hearing today by Premier King and his cabinet of the appeals of Alberta and Saskatchewan from decisions of the Board of Railway Commissioners on several phases of the freight rates issue. The two provinces seek immediate action to remove discrimination alleged to be existing in grain and flour rates to Fort William.

PRINCE GEORGE MILL MAN DIES

LATE J. D. McARTHUR OF WINNIPEG WAS NOTED WESTERN RAILWAY BUILDER—DIED IN PRIVATE RAILWAY CAR

WINNIPEG, Jan. 10.—J. D. McArthur, aged 73, pioneer western railway builder, died aboard his private car at the station here this morning on his return from Battle Creek, Michigan, where he underwent treatment for acute anaemia.

One of the latest ventures of the late Mr. McArthur, among whose notable railway contracts was the construction of the Edmonton-Dunvegan railway line is the erection of a large sawmill at Prince George which is now nearing completion.

MORE PUPILS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MINISTER OF EDUCATION SUBMITS HIS REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

VICTORIA, Jan. 10.—The annual report of the public schools of the province submitted to the legislature by Hon. Dr. J. D. McLean, minister of education, shows an increase in attendance from 98,000 pupils to 100,000. Four thousand teachers are engaged. The total cost to the government for the year was \$3,216,000.

HORSESHOE DRAINAGE ASSOCIATION BEING WOUND UP—TERRACE

TERRACE, Jan. 10.—The annual meeting of the Horseshoe Drainage District was held on Friday in the G.W.V.A. Hall, Terrace, D. A. McKinnon presiding over a very small attendance.

The clerk (H. Halliwell) in his annual report, stated that the total income for the year amounted to \$1,879.89, and the outlay of \$1,648.73 included the total repayment of all loans against the commissioners. The bank balance was \$231.15 with contingent liabilities amounting to \$223.47, leaving a disposable balance of \$7.69.

W. Ross Thomson was re-elected a commissioner and the clerk was empowered to carry out the winding up of the business, only two defaulting lots being reported as unredeemed.

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