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START ON NEW SAWMILL TOMORROW

CHINA MAKES EFFORT UNITE FORCES AGAINST JAPANESE

Ground Will Be Broken Tomorrow for New Lumber Mill at Porpoise Harbor 6 Miles from Prince Rupert

Subsidiary concern to J. R. Morgan Company formed for purpose of milling logs cut by them in this neighborhood

BREAKING of ground will be commenced tomorrow and it is expected to have the new sawmill of the recently formed Billmor Spruce Mills Ltd., six-and-a-half miles along the Canadian National Railway track south of Prince Rupert in operation by the fall of this year. Official announcement of the project was made today by John R. Morgan, pioneer logging operator of this coast, who is one of the principals of the venture. It will be a band mill and not a circular, including a box factory as well as the complete sawmill equipment. One of the features of the plant will be that it will be used for the sawing of fir lumber as well as hemlock and spruce. It will be the first time that fir has been sawn in the territory around Prince Rupert.

In making his announcement of the project, Mr. Morgan stated that it was merely the carrying out of a policy which his company (J. R. Morgan, Ltd.) had had in mind for some eight years when it went into logging in this district on a large scale. The mill will be an adjunct of that business. Logs cut in the mill will be largely produced by the Morgan logging concern.

SITE GOOD ONE

The site for the mill was purchased some time ago. It consists of 16½ acres on the south end of Kaien Island, upon which Prince Rupert is located, in Porpoise Harbor, about a mile-and-a-half from the railway bridge at Zanardi Rapids. Adapted to both rail and water shipment, the site is on the water side of the railway. A spur track will go in immediately, ties having already been ordered from the Hanson Timber & Lumber Co.

J. R. Morgan and W. E. Williams, Vancouver barrister, formerly of Prince Rupert, are the principals and are equally interested in the new Billmor Spruce Mills Ltd, which has just been incorporated with capitalization of $250,000. Also interested in the concern are B. E. Morgan of Minneapolis, Mr. Morgan's brother, who will be located here in direct charge of the plant, and E. H. Palmer and E. J. Palmer, sons-in-law of Mr. Morgan and his associates in the logging business. Construction of the mill will be under the supervision of Joseph Portelance who will be the millwright. All the work will be carried out by the company.

The mill, when completed, will, it is expected, employ about fifty men. It will have a capacity of 50,000 feet per single daily shift. The power will be derived from steam.

Speaking of the cutting of fir, Mr Morgan stated that it was the intention to saw all of this species that the market in the city and interior required. He explained that there were billions of feet of fir timber tributary to Prince Rupert in the Bella Coola valley and South Bentinck Arms, all north of Queen Charlotte Sound and more accessible to Prince Rupert than Vancouver. It is the intention of the company, however, to cater largely to the export market.

To be used in connection with the new mill, a fine diesel power boat "Billmor," just built in Vancouver, has arrived at Prince Rupert. It is fifty-five feet long and is powered with 55 h.p. Union engine.

Mr. Morgan is now conducting his logging operations at Mussell Inlet, some 35 miles south of Swanson Bay He will return there on Saturday.

F. G. Dawson who has gone to Prince George is expected to return home Sunday.

EDUCATION AND CO-OPERATION ARE STRESSED

REPORT OF COMMISSION IN REGARD TO EASTERN FISHERIES FEATURES THIS

OTTAWA, May 9.—Education and co-operation among fishermen if the industry is to recover and thrive was greatly stressed in the report of the Royal Commission on fisheries, which investigated conditions in the maritimes and Quebec, tabled in the House of Commons yesterday by Hon. J. A. Cardin, minister of marine.

The commissioner pointed out that there had been little or no co-operation among the fishermen. The shore fishing industry drifted along in a happy-go-lucky, go-as-you-will manner and the individual shore fisherman worked in his own way, often to his own disadvantage.

MOTORMAN ON CAR KILLED

ANOTHER STREET CAR BACKED INTO THE ONE HE WAS DRIVING IN VICTORIA

VICTORIA, May 9.—James D. Chamberlain, 46 years of age, residing at Parry Street, was fatally injured last night when two street cars collided on Fort Street at an improvised terminus near the Douglas Street intersection.

Chamberlain who was a motorman on one of the cars died three hours later in the hospital.

The car on the Mount Tolmie route was driven backward into the street car on the Uplands run, driven by Chamberlain.

ITALY WINS IN DAVIS TENNIS

ELIMINATES AUSTRALIA AS RESULT OF GAME PLAYED AT GENOA TODAY

GENOA, Italy, May 9.—Australia was eliminated from the Davis Cup Tennis competition today by Italy when Baron de Morpurgo defeated Gerald Patterson 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, giving Italy third and deciding the victory of the series.

Norman Freeman, local representative of the International Fisheries Commission, is on a trip to Ketchikan on official duties.

BODY FOUND STANLEY PARK

VANCOUVER, May 9.—Lying in the brush near the second beach, Stanley Park, the body of a man believed to be W. H. Dawson of Victoria was found last night. The man's throat was slashed and by the side of the body was a blood stained razor.

The police believe the man had been dead a month.

NO FISH SALE.

There were only three fish catches came in this morning and the boats held over until tomorrow. The only Canadian was the Olympia with 3,000 pounds and the two American boats were the Hi Gill and the Venus.

CHINA STOPS HER OWN WAR

Temporary Cessation Declared in View of Critical Situation With Japan

LONDON, May 9.—Chan Tso Lin, northern dictator, sent out a telegram to all civil and military authorities throughout China today, a Reuter despatch from Pekin says, proclaiming a temporary cessation of war between the northerners and southerners because of the critical situation between Japan and China in Shantung.

FIRE LAST NIGHT TOWN OF KEEWATIN

KEEWATIN, Ont., May 9.— Fire last night swept a town block, destroyed seven residences, a large ice house and two barns, causing property loss of between thirty and forty thousand dollars. Ten families are homeless.

Surveys Being Made of Kitselas Canyon and Bulkley River Power Possibilities With View to Interesting Capitalists

COMPLYING with an announcement made recently by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, two parties are now being placed in this district to conduct power surveys in the field of the Skeena River. Both parties are under the immediate charge of R. C. Farrow who will carry on work on the Bulkley River with headquarters at Hazelton, W. E. Corry, working under Mr. Farrow, will conduct surveys at Kitselas Canyon and will spend most of his time in the vicinity of Usk. Mr. Farrow is now at Terrace.

F. G. Knewstubb will be in charge of all the field work on these surveys and will outline the nature of the work to be done by the respective surveys after which he will start a survey party which is undertaking work on the Chilco River and Lake near Vanderhoof.

Mr. Farrow and Mr. Corry are already on the ground.

MAJOR BURDE WILL RETIRE

PORT ALBERNI, May 9.—L. Arnold Hanna, mayor of Port Alberni, was nominated by the Liberals of the Alberni riding to contest the seat in the forthcoming provincial election.

R. J. Burde, the sitting member, announced that he was retiring from public life to devote his time to business.

C. H. JACKSON GETS REGISTRATION AS A CERTIFIED CLERK

VICTORIA, May 9.—C. H. Jackson of Prince Rupert is among those passing minor examinations and entitled to registration as a certified clerk in the results of examinations announced by the council of the Pharmaceutical Society today.

ST. MARY'S KIRK IS CHESTER CUP WINNER

CHESTER, England, May 9. — St. Mary's Kirk, owned by Sir Hedwarth Meux, won the Chester Cup today Dakota came second and Gioconda third.

Chief Long Asks to Be Relieved of His Duties During Sitting of Commission of Inquiry, Vancouver

VANCOUVER, May 9.—A special meeting of the city council will be held at five o'clock this afternoon to consider the position of the council following the expressed determination of R. S. Lennie, commissioner appointed by the council to conduct the investigation into police affairs, that he will not proceed further with the inquiry until he receives a vote of confidence from the aldermen.

Another development in the probe came last night when G. H. Cowan, K.C., counsel for Chief Long, announced that the chief had written Mayor Taylor making formal application that he be relieved of his duties for the balance of the inquiry. This was done it was stated in deference to the commissioner and in the hope that the commissioner may continue the investigation.

WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert.—Clear, calm; temperature, 46.

AIR LINER'S SKIPPER: Captain Christiansen, who plans a flight across the Atlantic in a 30-passenger Dornier Wal hydroplane next month. He is a friend of the Bremen fliers. He commanded German naval forces during the war.

INDIAN WOMAN LOST IN FIRE

MARY EDWARDS OF KINCOLITH BURNED TO DEATH NEAR NAAS HARBOR WHEN HOUSE IS CONSUMED

Mary Edwards, an elderly Kincolith native woman, was burned to death last week at Echo Lake, near Naas Harbor, when fire destroyed the house of David Paten, in which she lived, according to advices received yesterday afternoon at local provincial police headquarters from Constable William Smith of Anyox who had charge of the investigation into the fatality. An inquest was held at Kincolith by Coroner R. M. McGusty of Anyox, the verdict being that death had been accidental. The house caught fire from a defective stove pipe and the woman, being sick in bed, was unable to escape. The body was taken to Kincolth where burial took place.

The coroner's jury consisted of Walter E. Walker, foreman, Peter Fotheringham, C. F. Griffin, G. C. Lande, A. Rowan and Rev. Oliver Thorne.

PIONEER BUSINESS MAN, SERIOUSLY ILL RETURNS FROM SOUTH

Suffering from paralysis and his condition such that it was necessary to carry him from the steamer to his home in an ambulance, Frank Clapp, pioneer business man of the city and former alderman, came back from Los Angeles, where he has been residing for the past year or so, on the Prince George this morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Clapp.

Japanese Carried Chip on Shoulder; Chinese Knocked It Off, is Said

Ultimatum of Nipponese Answered by Artillery Fire: Emperor Grants Permission for Troops to Occupy Tsingtao: Foreigners Safe

SHANGHAI, May 9.—With a virtual state of war between Japan and Nationalist China nearly all the British and Americans, in the blood-bathed city of Tsinan are believed to be on their way to safety today, the Japanese consulate at Shanghai announced.

The Nationalists refused to comply with the Japanese ultimatum demanding the withdrawal of Nationalist troops, the punishment of commanders responsible for the recent "murders" of Japanese at Tsinan and the disarmament of southern troops as well as the cessation of hostile preparations.

The Japanese stated that the Chinese opened with heavy artillery fire when the hour of the ultimatum expired yesterday morning and the Japanese replied with small field pieces.

With the Emperor sanctioning today the sending of upwards of 18,000 men to Tsingtao, the total Japanese forces in Shangtung will be about 25,000.

Neutral foreigners arriving at Tsingtao from Tsinan were reluctant to voice an opinion as to how the fighting started. They agreed that there was conspicuous absence of anti-foreign feeling in the attitude of the foreigners. One foreigner said: "The Japanese were carrying a chip on their shoulder and the Chinese knocked it off."

CLAIMS LOWER PASS FOUND TO CONNECT PEACE AND COAST

VICTORIA, May 9—A new pass through the mountains from the coast to Peace River for getting over the Naas and Skeena River watersheds to Finlay Basin, 3,500 feet lower than the original pass mapped out by Sir Donald Mann, has just been located, H. M. Rolston, editor of the Portland Canal News, said here yesterday.

IDENTITY OF KILLER OF ESTHER KILLAS REMAINS UNKNOWN

The investigation into the murder three weeks ago of Mrs. Esther Killas on Comox Avenue is proceeding unabated, the police state. Every resort is being taken to reveal the identity of the killer, but, so far, with no success.

The concensus of opinion now seems to be that revenge or spite was probably responsible for the slaying.

Inspector Forbes Cruikshank, chief of the criminal investigation department of the provincial police, who has been taking a leading part in the investigation and went south two weeks ago, returned from Vancouver on the Prince George this morning. Neither he nor Inspector Spiller had any comment to make on the progress of the search for the murderer.

CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TO WINDSOR, ONT.

U.B.C. TEAM BEATEN IN BOTH GAMES OF SERIES IN SECOND HALF OF EACH GAME

WINDSOR, Ont., May 9.— Windsor Collegiate Alumni last night won the senior basketball championship of the Dominion by defeating the University of British Columbia 35 to 23 in the second of a two game series that went to the bordermen by a grand total of 64 to 46.

In the game last night the visiting B.C. team lead 18 to 16 at half time and, just as in the previous tussle, made a big come-back rally in the second half which carried the U.B.C. men off their feet and landed the victory by a big margin.

CAPE SPEAR IS TOWED TO PORT

CRIPPLED HALIBUT BOAT BROUGHT FROM SELWYN INLET LAST NIGHT BY SALVAGE PRINCESS

Power tug Salvage Princess of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co.'s fleet arrived in port at 10 o'clock last night, having in tow the local halibut boat Cape Spear, Capt. William Parsons, which had broken down. A broken cylinder head was the cause of the Cape Spear's trouble. Before she had started to fish, the vessel became crippled off Skidegate Spit. She was taken to tow by a trolling boat and placed in shelter at Selwyn Inlet. The Salvage Princess brought her from there, making the trip to port in seventeen hours, and delivered the distressed vessel at the dry dock.

The Salvage Princess left Digby Island this morning for Ocean Falls with the 750,000 feet of logs which were bought in yesterday at sheriff's sale by the Pacific Mills.

TEAMS BUNCHED LEAGUE RACE

CHICAGO IN SIXTH PLACE YET ONLY GAME AND HALF FROM LEADERS

NEW YORK, May 9.—Thus far the east and west series bears out the pre-season predictions that the National League would develop into a free for all involving six or more clubs. The Giants and Brooklyn went west with a firm hold on first and second place, chiefly because of the cutthroat competition among western teams. Today the Giants are still in first place but uncomfortably while Brooklyn dropped to fourth. Chicago is in sixth place, only a game and a half from the leaders.

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Yukon Ice at Dawson All Ready to Go; Cannot Hold Much Longer; Rain and Quake Aid Breakup Forces

DAWSON, May 9.—Dawson ice fans are divergent in their opinions regarding the breaking up which is but a matter of hours now. The ice sheet in front of Dawson appears solid but the shore ice is breaking fast.

The Klondike is vomiting a terrific volume across the face of the Yukon which is bound to cut a channel, releasing the main block soon.

The Yukon River broke at Stewart City last evening with a rip and bang. Ogilvie also reports a gruelling jam. It is only a matter of a few hours before the impact of the up-river jams hit the hammer blow necessary to put the Dawson ice out.

Heavy rain fell here last night and a slight earthquake at 5.35 yesterday afternoon add to the breakup forces.

The majority of local bets, representing a fair amount beside the ice pool change hands tonight unless the ice-crack up occurs between now and midnight. Lots of excitement persists as the betters on the movement patrol the waterfront in a stealthy vigil from early morning until late at night.

TODAY'S WHEAT PRICE.

VANCOUVER, May 9.—The price of wheat today was $1.61.