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# ROMANTIC RACE STAKE GOLD MINE RIVAL PARTIES ABOARD VENTURE BOUND FOR KITIMAT

## Race of Miners from Vancouver to Kitimat Arm to Stake Famous Gold Lode First Discovered 1860

### OTTAWA CREEPS ON CANADIENS

Only Six Points Behind as Result  
of Last Night's Games

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Ottawa is at its best behind the Canadiens as a result of last night's games. Detroit played a wonderful game but was shut out by Connell. Montreal played a fast game with twenty evenly divided penalties. The Rangers scored all the goals in the final period, the first scores they have made in more than four straight games. Scores follow:  
Ottawa 6, Detroit 0.  
Montreal 2, Toronto 2.  
Pittsburgh 0, N.Y. Rangers 3.

### BANK TELLERS ARE ARRESTED

Two Charged in Toronto With  
Theft of Large Sums of Bank  
Funds

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—Following the arrest Thursday of Norman Bray, teller of the Standard Bank, charged with theft of \$25,000 from the bank, Cecil Langille, teller of the Capital Trust Co. has also been arrested on an identical charge, the amount involved being \$31,000.  
It is alleged that the two men worked together, covering up defalcations by the interchange of checks between the two institutions.

### QUAKE DAMAGE TO NAZARETH

Government Buildings Damaged  
There and at Jerusalem It is  
Reported

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24.—Nazareth is among the cities which suffered from effects of the earthquake which rocked Palestine Wednesday. Everywhere many houses, including municipal and government buildings, were damaged.  
In Jerusalem the Government House on the Mount of Olives, which suffered in the quake last July, was again damaged.

### CLOSE ALASKA BEAVER TRAPS

JUNEAU, Feb. 24.—The Alaska game commission upon completing a two weeks session asked for a closed season for all next year on beaver. Other recommendations to be submitted to the agricultural department include reduction of the bag limits and certain seasonal closing dates for the several fur districts.

### WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert—Clear, light north-  
west wind, temperature 59.

### ATTENTION! B.P.O.E.

On account of the death  
of Brother Murray Fuller  
all Elks please attend special  
meeting tonight at 8  
o'clock.

R. GRAHAM,  
Exalted Ruler.

### Two parties go aboard S.S. Venture and Power Boat Pachina to meet one of them and take them to supposed wealth

VANCOUVER, February 24.—In an effort to be first to restake the famous gold lode first discovered in 1860 and later lost, prospectors representing two groups of financiers are racing north. The prize for the victor will be the famous old Sacramento Ledge, sought for and fought for in early days, after it had been told of by Indians and finally staked in 1860 by Major William Downie of West Virginia, eminent American mining engineer of that time, and restaked by him at intervals for 25 years after that date, the last time in 1885.

Lately, Downie's old account of his find, including a map locating the lode and records of five assays taken, disclosing an unusually rich deposit of mineral was unearthed after much research by officials of the Cal. Brit. Exploration Co. Ltd., a southern California concern interested in B.C. mining possibilities.

A. R. Edmonds of this city also had learned of the lode.

A dramatic scene reminiscent of early days occurred at the Union Steamship Company's wharf Tuesday night, when Edmonds and two men of the Cal. Brit. Company, rivals in the race to the Sacramento Ledge, met as they boarded the S.S. Venture, the only ship on which one can reach the Kitimat Arm site of the claim for another month. Edmonds, it is understood, at the last minute, secured the financial backing of a group of sporting backers of the Quadra Club of this city.

The Cal. Brit. men, Major Rolley Morgan, R.F.A., and Angus Kerr, C.E., former head sampler at Hollinger Mine in Ontario, both of whom were with General Sutton in his trek through the Cariboo and Peace River, were able to notify their principals that their rival was aboard the ship just before it sailed. Every attempt was made by Cal. Brit. officials to charter an airplane here to overtake the Venture, take Morgan and Kerr aboard and rush them on to Kitimat Arm and up the fjord 50 miles to the site of the claim. They were unsuccessful. In one case the plane owners' insurance protected him only to the north end of Vancouver Island and he refused to go further. In the other the plane was not able to make such a lengthy flight without replenishing fuel.

The commander of the airport at Sand Point near Seattle was communicated with by telephone Wednesday but he replied he had no plane which could be fitted for such a long trip in time to catch the Venture before it arrived off Kitimat Arm, according to its schedule.

So Captain Swanson of Prince Rupert has sent down the coast a power boat to meet the Venture, to pick up Morgan and Kerr and carry them up Kitimat Arm to what they believe is wealth.

A wireless message from the S.S. Venture stated that the Pachena had been requested to pick up Morgan and Kerr at Butedale, 96 miles south of Prince Rupert.

Meanwhile it is said that Edmond's club backers have not been idle but what steps they have taken to speed their man's journey are not known. Mining circles here are watching the race, such a contest as was common here three or four decades ago, with more than usual interest.

Both the Prince Rupert Boat House and the B.C. Towage & Lighterage Co. were requested by telegram and wireless yesterday afternoon to despatch speedboats down the coast to take the rivals to their destination.

The Prince Rupert Boat House sent the Pachena, Capt. Harvey Dumas, to Butedale at 5 p.m.

The B.C. Towage & Lighterage Co. was asked to send a boat to Klemtu but the speedboat Naas River is tied up for the winter at the dry dock and the Salvage Princess was deemed not fast enough to meet the requirements, so this concern decided it was unable to meet the request.

### Automobile With Two Men Sleeping In It Kollid From Deck of Princess Louise Into Waters of Active Pass

VICTORIA, February 24.—Two men are believed to have been lost when the touring car in which they were sleeping aboard the steamer Princess Louise, en route from Vancouver to Victoria, slid off the forward deck early this morning in Active Pass.

Peter Olsen of Cowichan Bay was the registered owner of the car and he was accompanied by John Nicholson of Victoria. It is presumed that tidal currents caused a slight list and the automobile brakes not being set, the car rolled toward the port doors, the fenders of the car going underneath the lock bar which was lifted and permitted the weight of the car to force the doors open.

The steamer could find no trace of the car occupants.



MRS. WILFRED ASHLEY, wife of Col. Ashley, British Minister of Transport, will take care of the manners in British films, and director of home art customs and costumes.

### MEETING OF PARKS BOARD CALLED FOR CITY BEAUTIFICATION

A meeting of the Prince Rupert Parks Board has been called for tonight when the matter of beautification of the city, in the way of garden and window box encouragement and planting of the streets and grounds surrounding municipal property will be discussed. Following suggestion of the acting mayor the question was referred to the Parks Board by the city council this week.

### BRITISH SHIP COMING HERE

From Orient to Load Full Grain  
Cargo for United Kingdom or  
Continent

A British ship, the name of which is not yet revealed, is reported to be on the way from the Orient to Prince Rupert and is expected to arrive here on March 2 or possibly sooner. The vessel, which will be already lined, will load a full cargo for the United Kingdom or Continent.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Sammy Mandell, lightweight champion, defeated Jackie Fields of Los Angeles in a ten round bout. The title was not at stake.

### BUSINESS MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Death Came Under Tragic Circumstances to L. Murray  
Fuller Last Night

Business circles generally in the city and the many friends of deceased and his family were deeply shocked this morning to learn of the death which occurred at 11 o'clock last evening under most tragic and unexpected circumstances of L. Murray Fuller, owner grocer of Prince Rupert and head of the firm known as the B.C. Fishers and Grocers.

Mr. Fuller had been engaged yesterday in moving residence from 416 Green Street to the house adjoining which was formerly the Nurses' Home and which had recently been bought and renovated by J. W. McKinley. He had put in a rather strenuous day and, in the evening, sat down and complained of not feeling very well, stating that he had a severe pain in his chest. However, he was apparently in good spirits and was laughing and joking while hanging pictures as late as 10:15 p.m. Soon after that he retired, the discovery was made by his wife that he had lost consciousness. Friends and medical aid were called out but it was too late and death soon came, evidently as a result of heart trouble.

Mr. Fuller came to Prince Rupert in 1913 from the Kootenay district where he had been managing a store. He was engaged for two years in operating a supply boat on the Skeena River. In 1915 he entered the grocery business here for himself and had ever since been identified with that business. He was the sole owner of the B.C. Fishers and Grocers and the Cash and Carry grocery at the corner of Pulton Street and Sixth Avenue, both of which businesses, it is expected, will be carried on as usual.

The late Mr. Fuller was in his forty-third year and was born at Green River, about twenty miles from Toronto, Ontario, where his mother still resides, his father having died about a year ago. He was the only son of the family but is survived by five sisters, one of whom is Mrs. W. W. Wright of this city. Besides his widow he is survived by a family of five children—William, aged 14, Myrna, 12, Helen, 10, Margaret, 7, and Dorothy, 5. To them will be extended the deepest sympathy of the community.

Only this week, Mr. Fuller completed a term of office as president of the Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association. He was a past exalted ruler of the local lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in which organization he had always taken a great interest. He was also a former superintendent of First Presbyterian Church Sunday School in which he was a class teacher up to the time of death.

Funeral arrangements, which are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers, will be announced later.

### PACIFIC AMERICAN FISHERIES TO OPERATE NUMBER CANNERIES

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 24.—The Pacific American Fisheries will operate eight canneries and employ 1500 men in Alaska this summer with a payroll of \$700,000. Operations will be carried on at Port Moller, Iktana, King Cove, Squaw Harbor, Unakwik, Dering River, Excursion Inlet, and Skeena River.

## Taxes Reduced Two and Half Millions in the Past Five Years Says Manson

Attorney General Defends Government Against Attacks of Opposition and Declares no Politics in Police Department

VICTORIA, February 24.—In the Legislature Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, denied opposition charges against the administration of justice, particularly in connection with the control of provincial police forces. He contended that politics had not been introduced into the affairs of the force. "There may have been mistakes made," said the attorney general, "but they were mistakes of the head and not from the standpoint of political motives."

Before the budget debate concluded, an amendment offered by the opposition charging Liberals in the House with interference with the conduct of provincial affairs and asking that the speaker leave the chair for the purpose of going into committee of supply, was defeated 25 to 17. Two members on each side were paired and one was absent.

Opposition contentions that the government had been over-expending huge amounts and increasing instead of reducing taxation were inaccurate and absurd, Mr. Manson declared, speaking in defense of the government policies. The government had spent practically half a million dollars less than was authorized last year, he said, even if account was taken of the hundred new taxes which the Conservatives asserted had been added by the present administration. This could not be disputed, that taxation has been reduced two and one half millions in the last five years. There is no question, he said, that the burden of taxation on the rank and file is less than it was a few years ago.

### PLENTY OF HERRING SKIDEGATE INLET

SKIDEGATE, Feb. 24.—Skidgate Inlet for the past month has been full of herring and the seagulls, ducks and eagles have been having a harvest.  
Some of the trollers think there should be spring salmon among the herring and have been rigging out their boats to start fishing.

### COMMISSION ON MARKETING COAL

Proposal to Have Investigation Made  
With View to Settlement of  
Question

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Macdonald, Conservative of Cape Breton South, proposed in the House of Commons that a commission be appointed to study the whole problem of the moving of Canadian coal to Central Canada. His commission would consist of five members representative of the coal companies, railway traffic departments, the industries consuming coal and businessmen and miners.

Mr. Macdonald said he was sure such a commission could find a remedy for the problem of marketing coal.

### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
B.C. Silver	1.15	1.37
Big Missouri	.60	.61
Cork Province	.57	.58
Daily Alaska	.12 1/2	
Dunwell	.31	.34 1/2
George Copper	.675	
Goconda	.86	1.00
Independence	.23	.23 1/2
Indian	.09 1/2	.10
L. and L.	.16 1/2	.19
Lucky Jim	.41 1/2	
Marmot Metals	.21	.22
Premier	.270	
Porter Idaho	.86	
Richmond	.18	
Silvercrest		.15
Silversmith	.24	.24 1/2
Sunloch	3.35	3.40
Whitewater	3.05	3.20

Motorcycle Constable Bradner of the Nanaimo city detachment of the provincial police is being transferred to Prince Rupert and will join the city detachment here, it is announced.

### COOL WEATHER MANY POINTS

Fairly cold weather prevails throughout Northern and Central British Columbia and the Yukon. Dawson registered 30 below and it is zero weather almost everywhere beyond Terrace. The following is the detail of the Government Telegraphs daily report:—

Fort Simpson—Clear, calm, temp. 20.  
Haysport—Clear, strong wind, temp. 32.  
Stewart—Clear, calm, temp. 9.  
Anyox—Clear, calm, temp. 20.  
Alice Arm—Clear, calm, temp. 18.  
Alatash—Clear, calm, temp. 2.  
Rosswood—Clear, calm, temp. 5.  
Terrace—Clear, windy, temp. 19.  
Hazelton—Clear, calm, temp. 3 below.  
Smithers—Clear, calm, temp. 4 below.  
Burns Lake—Clear, calm, temp. 2.  
Telegraph Creek—Part cloudy, temp. 8 below.  
Atlin—Calm, temp. 16 below.  
Whitehorse—Clear, south wind, temp. 3.  
Selkirk—Clear, calm, temp. 40 below.  
Dawson—Clear, south wind, temp. 30 below.

### PILOTAGE ON THIS COAST

Whole Matter to be Investigated  
by Committee of the House  
of Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The whole matter of pilotage in Pacific coast waters will be investigated by the Marine and Fisheries Committee of the House of Commons. In a memorandum filed by the Britannia branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League of Victoria, B.C., it was complained that restrictions governing pilots were not sufficiently rigid. Exploitation of the pilots by agents was also alleged.

### TRAIL WINNER OVER MONARCHS

Vancouver Hockey Team Goes  
Down to Defeat Against Interior Men

TRAIL, Feb. 24.—Trail won the first game against Vancouver Monarchs two goals to nothing in the provincial senior hockey series.  
The final game is to be played tomorrow, the total number of goals in the series to count.

### DOUBLE SHIFT GISCOMBE MILL

Word was received here today that the Giscombe Mill, the largest along the line between here and Edmonton, is commencing to operate a double shift from March 1. This will double the output of the mill and the number of men employed which is already considerable.

The mill is owned by the Winton interests, the same people who make the Winton car.