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S.S. ALEUTIAN SANK IN NORTH EARTHQUAKE SHOOK WHOLE NORTHERN B. C.

Steamship Aleutian Struck Rock and Sank on Coast of Kodiak Island in Alaska

Only Man Lost of Crew of 135 and Sixteen Passengers
Was Man Who Went Back for Lucky Horseshoe

SEATTLE, May 27.—The Alaska Steamship Co.'s liner Aleutian struck a rock in Uyak Bay on the jagged coast of Kodiak Island early yesterday and sank in deep water. The crew of 135 and 16 passengers were taken off by the geodetic survey steamer Surveyor and taken to Seward.

SEWARD, May 27.—Heavy sea is delaying the return of the crew and passengers of the sunken steamship Aleutian, said a radio message from Capt. R. R. Lukens of the survey ship Surveyor. Captain Lukens said his ship, which was carrying 150 rescued persons, would probably arrive here this afternoon.

SEATTLE, May 27.—Manual Dorras of the crew of the Alaskan Steamship Company's liner Aleutian, who climbed back on the ship from the lifeboat to rescue a "lucky" horseshoe, was the only fatality when the vessel struck a rock and plunged to the bottom of Uyak Bay, near Kodiak Island, Alaska, yesterday. The weather was normal. At the time of the crash at 7:30 a.m., an SOS call brought the Surveyor to the scene. Survivors, in the meantime, were transferred to lifeboats.

The disaster occurred three months after the steamship, valued at \$700,000, struck a rock in Seymour Narrows on February 24. The two crashes were the first serious ones for Capt. John G. Nord of Seattle, master of the Aleutian, in 30 years of service in Alaskan waters.

Captain Nord boarded Surveyor, but later returned to the scene of the accident in a launch with some of his officers, heart-broken over the accident. Captain Nord wished to survey scene to see if there was a possibility of salvaging the vessel.

Dorras, janitor in crew's quarters, was forward when the ship took a sudden plunge.

The cabin passengers who are being returned to Seattle include J. H. Flickinger, his wife, and Mrs. Charles C. Weybrocht of Seward.

* LIGHTNING STRUCK *
* TREE AT SEATTLE *
* SHATTERING IT *

SEATTLE, May 27.—The power of lightning was shown here at the week end when with tremendous force and a deafening roar a fir tree was struck during a storm here and twenty feet of the trunk splintered. The sidewalk also was ripped and the earth plowed up by the electric current.

PROMOTION GIVEN VICTORIA BISHOP BY POPE ANNOUNCED

ROME, May 27.—The pope has promoted Monsignor Tomas O'Donnell of Victoria, B.C., to the post of coadjutor bishop with the right of succession to Archbishop E. J. McCarthy of Halifax and raising him at the same time to the titular archbishopric of Metinna.

LIGHT CRUISER COLOMBO HERE FOUR O'CLOCK

Vessel Will Remain in City Eight Days and Crew Entertained

H.M.S. light cruiser Colombo, Capt. C. C. Dobson, V.C., D.S.O., of the North America-West Indies squadron will arrive in Prince Rupert harbor at 4 o'clock this afternoon for an eight-day stay in the course of a summer cruise of the Pacific coast. The warship has been invited to take up a berth alongside the Canadian National wharf near headquarters of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, but whether the captain will decide to moor there or remain anchored in the stream will not be known until his arrival here.

The official program in connection with the visit of the warship here will be announced tomorrow after it has been finally approved by Captain Dobson. Lieut. Walter Hume, commanding officer of the local unit of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve will board the Colombo to extend an official welcome as she moves into the harbor. The usual formalities such as the exchange of calls between the commander of the ship and Lieut. Col. S. P. McMordie, D.S.O., mayor of the city, will be observed tomorrow.

MORNING SESSIONS

OTTAWA, May 27.—The first morning sitting of the current parliamentary session was held today when the House of Commons began its deliberations at 11.

FORT WORTH MADE RECORD

Airplane Remained in Air One Hundred Seventy-two and Half Hours

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 27.—The monoplane Fort Worth ended the endurance flight at five minutes past four yesterday afternoon after 172 hours 32 minutes in the air. The time surpasses the record of the army plane Question Mark by more than 21 hours.

The landing of the Fort Worth was forced by a cracked propeller caused by fighting a rainstorm near Dallas on Saturday night.

MUCH DAMAGE FROM STORM IN SASKATCHEWAN

REGINA, May 27.—One man was killed and thousands of dollars worth of damage was done as a result of the cyclonic windstorm that struck Brownlee, Pontifex, Hazenmore and Lefleche districts Friday. The dead man is J. C. Kinlock of Riverhurst. The cities of the province escaped damage, but in some towns and rural areas small buildings were demolished and house roofs were ripped away. Fire also took toll following lightning.

COULD NOT PLACE LOCAL PASTOR IN PROVINCE AS YET

Appreciation was voiced at the recent British Columbia conference of the United Church of Canada in Vancouver of the services of Rev. T. H. McAllister as pastor during the past few months of Rupert East United Church here. However, as there are now a surplus of men in this province, it was found impossible to place Mr. McAllister, who still belongs to the Alberta conference, in British Columbia at this time. It is likely, nevertheless, that he will receive a place in this province within the year if he desires to accept it.

TORONTO PROF. DIES

TORONTO, May 27.—Prof. Peter Gillespie, 56 years of age, an outstanding figure in the engineering profession and leader in research activities, died yesterday.

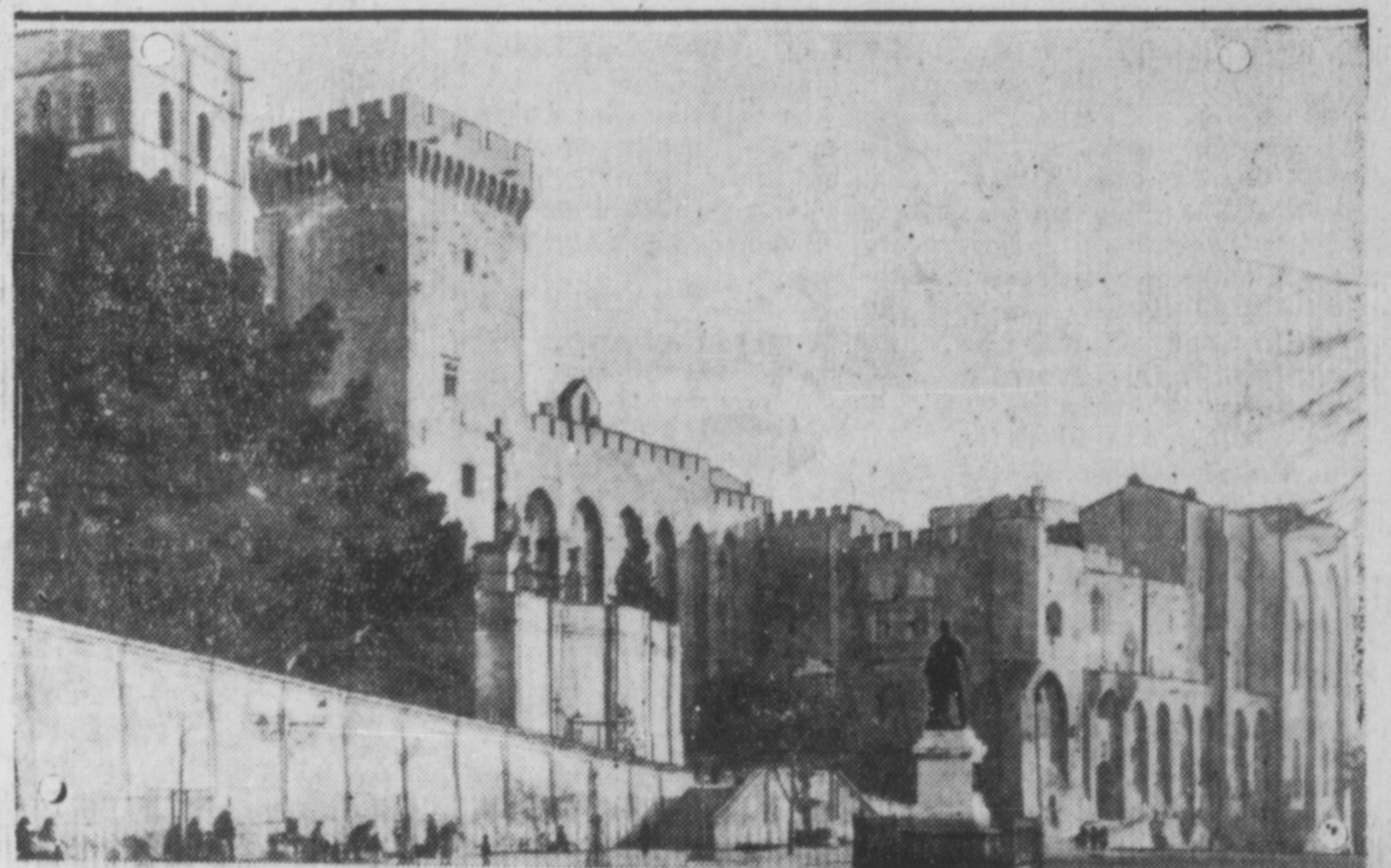
SENATOR IMPROVED

OTTAWA, May 27.—Senator N. A. Belcourt, who suffered a heart attack yesterday, was improved today.

I. O. D. E. OPEN CONVENTION

VICTORIA, May 27.—A solemn service of intercession for divine guidance in its deliberations and in all its undertakings was held by the National Chapter of the I. O. D. E. at Christ Church cathedral Sunday afternoon as a preliminary to the 29th annual session of the order, meeting here from all parts of the Dominion.

Popes May Again Reside in Avignon Palace



Ancient palace of the Popes at Avignon may be offered to the Vatican again by the French government as papal residence, should the Pope decide to visit France.

Very Pronounced Earthquake Shock Felt Yesterday

Houses Rocked and China Rattled but No Damage Done; Outside Points Report Tremblor Felt

Yesterday afternoon at 2:42 Prince Rupert experienced the most distinct earthquake shock in the memory of the earliest residents of the city. The Digby Island meteorological station, while not equipped with instruments for the recording of earthquake shocks, felt the tremblor quite distinctly and placed its duration at about thirty seconds. In all parts of the city the shock was observed, but it was not severe enough to do any damage here.

Many residents report that their houses rocked quite noticeably and in some cases furniture such as china cabinets shook and electric light fixtures swayed. To others the disturbance sounded like some sort of commotion in their basements and so noticeable was it in one case at least that a man went downstairs to investigate. Another report was that a sidewalk on which a man was standing seemed to rock and still another stated that his standing car swayed in a rather unusual manner.

Earthquake shocks being so uncommon here, many people, while noticing the disturbance, did not think of an earth tremor at the time.

One visitor here from southern California stated that the shock was quite as distinct as those that are commonly felt in that state.

Ketchikan, places on the Skeena River and other points in the neighborhood report having felt the shock quite distinctly but, as far as could be learned, no damage had been done in the immediate vicinity. Local residents were anxious to learn this morning of the centre of the disturbance and if it was more serious elsewhere.

Arrivals from Cassiar state that the quake was felt there by persons sitting on the dock. The whole dock swayed and the barrels on top of the cannery buildings trembled and moved. The disturbance was very marked. Anyox and Stewart also report feeling the quake. It cracked the

FORMER MODERATOR PRESBYTERIANS DIES

WOODSTOCK, Ont., May 27.—Rev. R. P. Mackay, at one time moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and for 40 years secretary of the foreign mission board of the church, died here early this morning, aged 83.

CURRIE HOME FROM EUROPE

MONTREAL, May 27.—Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, former commander of the Canadian corps and principal of McGill University, arrived home last night from a health trip to Europe of nearly a year's duration. He was given a great welcome home. General Currie is greatly improved in health.

KING VICTOR SIGNS TREATY

Signature of Pope Only Thing Necessary to Heal Breach With Church

ROME, May 27.—King Victor Emmanuel today signed and ratified the lateran treaties between the Italian Government and the Holy See. Only the signature of the pope is now needed to make the treaties effective and heal the breach that has existed between the church and state in Italy since 1870.

BROKE NECK AT TERRACE; DIES

Peter Torstensen, Logger, Succumbs to Injuries Sustained Last Week

Peter Torstensen, who was brought to the city last week from Terrace, where he suffered a broken neck in a logging accident, died yesterday morning in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. He was thirty-seven years of age and a native of Denmark.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers and it is expected interment will be made at Terrace.

ELECTION NEWS ON THURSDAY

First Returns Should Begin to Come Early in the Afternoon That Day

LONDON, May 27.—The results of the voting in 222 seats out of 615 in the British general elections on Thursday of this week will be declared the same night, including the contests involving 18 members of the government, of whom nine are members of the cabinet.

The fate of the three party leaders and their chief henchmen will not be known until Friday, May 31.

The first results are expected by 10 p.m. or 1 p.m. Pacific coast time. These results will continue until 4 p.m. English time on May 31. The others will be heard from on the same afternoon.

Results in the university seats will be delayed for a week or more.

STOCK PRICES GO SKIDDING

NEW YORK, May 27.—Stock prices went skidding in violent fashion today, more than ten issues reaching new low levels for the year and scores losing from \$3 to \$25 a share.