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MORE TROUBLE IN CHINA IS REPORTED

PRINCE RUPERT MAN HEARD COMMANDER BYRD IN SOUTH

Man Fired at Jack Dempsey but Failed to Hit Mark Today Near Scene of Big Fight Wednesday

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 25.—An unidentified prowler entered Jack Dempsey's room here about 5 a. m. today and shot once at the former heavyweight champion, the bullet going wild.

Dempsey was sleeping with Floyd Fitzsimmons, Chicago promoter, at the home of Harry Moire. He awakened about 5 a. m. and saw a figure of a man silhouetted in the window. Fitzsimmons, beside Dempsey, called out, "What do you want?" The man replied in a gruff tone, "Turn on those lights," and addressing a supposed accomplice in the hallway said, "Come on in Joe."

Dempsey said that he leaped from the bed then and the intruder retired, firing once wildly as he backed out of the window.

STR. ALEUTIAN WENT ASHORE

Returned To Seattle With List and Passengers Taken Off

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—After running aground on Maude Island at the entrance to the Seymour Narrows early yesterday morning and sending out an SOS, the steamer Aleutian, Alaska-bound with 198 passengers, was able to free herself and proceed back toward Seattle, but before she was half way she began to list and to calm the fear of the passengers she anchored off Waldron Island, near Bellingham, to await the arrival of the steamer Alameda to take off the passengers. The latter conveyed the Aleutian back to Seattle. The Alameda will sail from Alaska on Monday night three days late.

MANY STARVE CHINA TODAY

PEKING, Feb. 25.—According to the last estimates between twelve and twenty million people are starving in the vast central districts of China. Foreign money for the relief of the starving millions is beginning to arrive. In Shensi entire families have been driven to suicide.

NEW AMERICAN BOAT IS IN PORT TODAY

Trim 55-Foot Halibut Vessel Narra of Petersburg Lands Her Maiden Catch

The neat new six-man halibut boat Narra, belonging to Capt. E. L. Nilsen of Petersburg, marketed her maiden catch at the local fish exchange this morning. The vessel is a 55 footer and was built last fall. She is equipped with a 65 h.p. Atlas Imperial diesel engine.

The Narra sold her catch of 16,000 pounds to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

STATION DESTROYED

STEVESTON, B.C., Feb. 25.—The passenger station and freight shed of the B. C. Electric Railway were destroyed by fire last night.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

(Courtesy of S. D. Johnson Co., Ltd.)

The following quotations were bid and asked:

Bayview, 3 1/2, 3 3/4
Beaver Silver, 12, 13
Big Missouri, 1.93, 1.95
Chicagoff Mines, Nil, 50
Cork Province, 17, 18
Cotton Belt, 54, 56
Duthie Mines, Nil, 54
George Copper, 9.60, 10.00
Georgia River, 55 1/2, 56 1/2
Golconda, 1.06, 1.09
Grandview, 64, 64 1/2
Independence, 10 1/4, 11
Indian Mines, 6, 7
Intern. Coal & Coke, 36, 38
Kootenay Florence, 19, 19 1/2
Kootenay King, 39 1/2, 40
L. & L., 4, 5
Lakeview, Nil, 1 1/4
Marmot River Gold, 6 1/2, 7
Marmot Metals, Nil, 5
Nat. Sil., G. S., 18 1/2, 19 1/2
Noble Five, 69, 69 1/2
Pend Oreille, 13.95, 14.00
Pioneer Gold, 1.55, 1.75
Premier, 1.93, 2.00
Porter-Idaho, 60, 63
Reeves Macdonald, 3.90, 3.95
Rufus-Argenta, 37 1/2, 38
Ruth-Hope, 45 1/2, 47
Silver Crest, Nil, 10
Slocan Rambler, 20, 24
Snowflake, 29, 30
Sunloch, 3.25, 3.50
Terminus, Nil, 10
Topley Richfield, 41, 42
Toric Mines, 1.30, 1.60
Wellington, 15, 16
Whitewater, 1.20, 1.25
Woodbine, 4 1/2, 5
Eastern Stocks
Sherritt-Gordon, 8.85, Nil
Noranda, 62.60, Nil

TRIED TO KILL SELF ON BOAT

When Aleutian Struck, Men Became Crazy and Slashed Throat

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—Apparently unbalanced by excitement Austen K. Bonney, member of the Signal Corps of the United States Army, who was on the way to Seward, slashed his throat with a razor when the steamer Aleutian struck on Maude Island. He was overpowered by the crew and taken to hospital in an ambulance when the passengers of the Aleutian arrived on the Alameda today.

SIR VINCENT MEREDITH



Chairman of Directors of the Bank of Montreal, who died last night.

MONY GIVEN CHURCH WORK

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Sixty thousand dollars has been bequeathed to the Archbishop of Rupert's Land for general work of the Church of England in Canada by Mrs. Lucy Greene of Cranleigh, Surrey whose estate totalled almost \$2,000,000 all of which went to charity.

NARCOTIC INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Narcotic inquiry bill was passed by the Senate at the week-end and goes before the House of Representatives today.

Local Radio Man Heard Commander Byrd Talking in the Antarctic Regions

Making a record in radio reception here, Dave Eastman of this city picked up a message from Commander Byrd, who is now in the Antarctic. The message was sent to Pittsburgh short wave station KDKA from Commander Byrd's station WCST. The message mentioned that they were doing well, mentioned the names of a number of the men and told of having discovered some new land there.

Mr. Eastman uses a short wave receiving set that he made himself and which he has operated for the past two years. He says he has given up using his long wave set because he gets so much better results from the other. It is not so much affected by weather conditions and static. Among stations he has heard at different times have been Malabar, Java; Eiffel Tower, Paris; and the Australian and Japanese stations. It is quite a regular thing to hear Moscow. He says that the call letters are always given in English as well as the native tongue and some of the broadcasts are in broken English.

Another advantage of the short wave set is the fact that it can be used all day as well as at night. All last week when owners of long wave sets were getting no results, the short wave broadcasts were coming in as usual.

LITTLE TO KEEP POST

Superintendent of Utilities to Be Left in Charge by Corporation

Contingent upon the passing of the agreement by the electors on Friday of this week, it is learned on reliable authority that John J. Little, superintendent of utilities for the city of Prince Rupert, will be appointed manager for the Power Corporation of Canada in this city. Mr. Little has been superintendent of utilities here for some two or three years, having been promoted to that position when his predecessor, Ernest Love, left the city. He has proved himself at once an efficient and popular official and many friends will be gratified to learn that he is to remain in charge of the local power system.

It is understood that the Power Corporation will adhere in Prince Rupert to its policy of absorbing former employees when it takes hold of a plant.

DAN McLEAN, WELL KNOWN PROSPECTOR, DIES IN HOSPITAL

The death occurred yesterday morning in the Prince Rupert General Hospital of Dan McLean, well known as a prospector in this district for a number of years. He was brought to the hospital on January 31 by Louis Locker from one of his logging camps on Porcher Island.

Deceased was 72 years of age and a native of Nova Scotia. As far as can be learned, he had no relatives in the district. He was a Roman Catholic. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

WHEAT PRICE DROPS

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—The price of wheat dropped here today to \$1.29.

Threats of Death Made Against Mexican Official



Bombing and kidnapping plots threatened some of the most prominent figures in Mexican life and caused heavy police guards to be placed about their homes. Reports say President Emilio Portes (upper centre) stated that the Government was convinced that religious fanatics were responsible for the attempt made on his life. The offices of Governor Saenz (lower right) of the Nuevo Leon have been bombed. In addition to threats against the life of the former President Calles (lower left), he has been warned that his daughter, Ernestina, (lower centre), Mrs. T. A. Robinson, will be kidnapped.

FIVE CENT GAS SOLD SATURDAY AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 25.—San Diego was able to buy five cent gasoline on Saturday at one of their filling stations. This is thought to be a record. While gasoline is selling at a low price generally, this particular station was putting on an advertising campaign. Cars were lined up for blocks waiting to be served and service tanks were steadily engaged in bringing in extra supplies.

MENTIONED AS LIKELY MINISTER OF FISHERIES

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The Journal says that the name of Professor Cyrus McMillan of the English department of McGill University is persistently mentioned in official circles as the man likely to be named as the Minister of Fisheries. He is a native of Prince Edward Island.

FORMER LEADER OF CONSERVATIVES DIES

WINNIPEG, Feb. 25.—R. G. Willis, aged 64, former leader of the provincial Conservative party and a member of the legislature for Turtle Mountain, is dead, following a protracted illness. He attended Saturday's session of the house for the first time since 1927.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late A. H. Love desire to thank those who showed kindness during their recent bereavement and particularly the I. O. O. F.

Japanese, British and American Vessels at Cheefoo, China Today

Seven Vessels Assemble to Protect Lives of Foreigners in Chinese Disturbances Which Have Broken Out

CHEEFOOT, China, Feb. 25.—Foreign naval forces are assembling here to protect the lives and property of foreigners in view of disturbances in the military situation. There are five Japanese, one British and one American warship here.

Reports say that revolting soldiers had extricated themselves from a bad position near Kusien, 25 miles west of here, at great cost to themselves, a number having been killed and 500 taken prisoners.

The Nationalist commander here is preparing for a fresh advance.

CUSTOMS BOAT DRIVEN ASHORE

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—Driven ashore by a stiff westerly gale which raged most of the night the customs launch Imperator, built about a year ago at a cost of \$9000, was wrecked on the boulders on second beach at midnight Sunday.

Captain H. Ormiston and Engineer W. Bennie, who started for the shore in the boat's dinghy, were forced to swim when the craft filled and sank beneath them. Engine trouble was the cause of the boat getting out of control. Anchors were dropped and caught when the boat was on the edge of the boulders, but when the tide dropped the bottom of the boat stove in. The wreck will be lifted and repaired.

LARGE BUILDING IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

WINNIPEG, Feb. 25.—A five storey fashion craft building on Portage Avenue was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The loss is estimated at \$350,000. Several firms in the building suffered a total loss.

Scottish Humor

Imported direct from the Aberdeen Joke Factory
JUST HIS LUCK
A native of Aberdeen picked up a two-shilling piece the other day. Another native, observing him, stepped up with the remark, "Excuse me, that's my hauf-eroon."
"Just my luck," replied the first one, handing over the money, "I'll be due ye a saxpence."