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Saturday, November 8, 1930

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R-101 WAS FAULTY BEFORE FLIGHT

SEARCH FOR RENAHAN AND COMPANIONS IS FRUITLESS

Major Construction Defects In Dirigible Revealed By Papers Presented to Probe in London

Gas Had Lost Lifting Power; Wiring System Brought Gas Bags Into Contact With Girders and They Were Rubbed By Nuts and Bolts For Distance

LONDON, Nov. 7:—Documents indicating that major construction faults had been discovered in the dirigible R-101 before she was sliced in two for the insertinn of a 75-foot section were introduced today at the inquiry into the ship's loss. One of them was a memorandum by Col. V. C. Richmond, designer of the craft, who perished in its crash. In it he noted that holes in the gas bag caused serious loss of lifting power. The second document was a memorandum from the department of inspections. It noted that modofications in the dirigible's wiring system had brought the gas bags up against the longitudinal girders where the bag rubbed against nuts and bolts. Such points of fouling occurred at hundreds of points, the memorandum stated.

Another Toronto Company Assigns

D. S. Patterson & Co. to Liquidate As Result of Recent Court Proceedings

TORONTO, Nov. 7:—As a result of recent court proceedings, D. S. Patterson & Co., stock brokers, have decided to make a voluntary assignment.

NEW LODGE IS FORMED

Grand Black Preceptory of Orange Organizati·n Is Instituted In This City

A new Grand Black Preceptory, a higher branch of the Loyal Orange Lodge, was instituted in this city last night by O. W. Wakelin, grand registrar for British Columbia, and John Grant, grand field secretary. A. M. Davies was elected worshipful preceptor, M. B. Lemon deputy preceptor and J. H. Smith, secretary.

Tonight there will be a banquet for the visiting grand officers.

Jan Rifka, for drunkenness, was fined $25, with option of 30 days' imprisonment, by Magistrate McClymont in city police court this morning.

MAJORITY FOR GOV'T

Labor Administration Receives Margin of Sixty-Seven On Education Bill

LONDON, Nov. 7:—The Labor Government last night recorded a majority of 67 on the second reading in carrying the Education Bill which raises the age at which a child may leave school from 14 to 15 years.

The vote was 294 to 227.

INGENUITY IN FLYING

Pilot Dorbrandt Dropped Stones to Ascertain If Lightly Frozen Lakes Could Be Landed on

Considerable ingenuity is reported to have been used by Pilot Frank Dorbrandt in his recent search in the Atlin district for Captain E. J. A. Burke, missing commercial flyer. Dorbrandt is said to have carried stones in his plane and, when spotting out an ice-covered lake on which to land, he would first fly over it and drop stones. If there was no splash, he would consider the ice solid enough to land upon. He used this plan when making a forced landing on the night when he ran out of gas on his return from Liard River Post to Atlin. It was dark and all he could see was a light in an Indian cabin and a grey streak which he took to be water or ice. He was not sure whether the rocks had gone through the ice or not, but the plane stayed on top when he landed.

It is evident that flying in Northern British Columbia is a very hazardous business at this time of year when the winter freeze-up is starting. It is quite possible that the missing aviator might have met disaster by plunging through the ice of a lightly frozen lake when essaying a landing.

NO FISH SALES

Owing to so few boats being in, there was no halibut sale again on the local Fish Exchange this morning. The boats in are the Canadian A. J. and P. Doreen with 1,000 and 2,000 pounds respectively and the American Blanco with 8,000 pounds.

FURTHER AID SOUGHT IN SEARCH FOR BURKE

ATLIN, Nov. 7—Pilot Frank Dorbrandt, who spent a couple of weeks here conducting a search for the missing flyer Capt. E. J. A. Burke and his party, left yesterday for Anchorage while Pilot Wasson has returned to Whitehorse with the Yukon Airways plane. Mrs. Burke is appealing to the outside for help and Government Agent W. W. Wright is wiring to Ottawa for aid. Meantime, the search is at least temporarily suspended.

NEW CLUES ARE FOUND

Bright Fire on Stephens Island Reported But Not on Date Renahan Was Coming

SEEN AT LEWIS ISLAND

Two new clues were revealed today in connection with the search for Robin Renahan, missing Seattle pilot, and his two companions.

One of the new items of information was that a plane circled twice over Lawson Harbor, Porcher Island, on the evening of October 28 and then headed across towards Kennedy Island.

The other clue, not a very positive one as yet, was given by Eddie Ryan of Metlakatla who said that he saw from Metlakatla a bright fire on the very peak of Stephens Island. Ryan says, however, that this was a week ago last Saturday. He is to check up the date.

The search plane has already scoured Kennedy, Smith and Gibson Islands and the east shore of Stephens but found no trace of the missing plane. Pilot Eckmann also went up the Skeena River mouth today.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7:—Wheat was quoted at 69⅝c on the local exchange today.

LABOR HAS LOST SEAT

Shipley Riding Elects First Conservative Member In Its History

SHIPLEY, Nov. 7:—Labor lost a seat in Parliament and the Conservatives gained one as a result of yesterday's by-election here in which J. H. Lockwood, Conservative, was elected by a majority of 1690 over W. A. Robinson, Laborite. The Liberal candidate was third.

It is the first time that Shipley has ever gone Conservative.

Theft Case Being Tried In County Court By Judge

Crown evidence was completed before Judge F. McB. Young in County Court this morning in the cases of Louis Wesley and John Morrison, who are charged with theft from the person of Andrew Gavin in a local hotel and the case adjourned until this afternoon when defence evidence will be taken.

Mr. Kitson of the office of W. E. Fisher is prosecuting while A. M. Manson K.C. is appearing for the two accused men.

Missing Seaplane Was Very Close Here Just Before Disappearing

Engine of Lost Ship Missing Badly As It Passed Salmon River—Rescue Plane Is Out On Quest Again Today

Word that a seaplane, presumably that of Robin Renahan, had been seen by natives passing up Grenville Channel at Salmon River, about seven miles below Watson Rock and some twenty-five miles south of here, shortly after six o'clock last Tuesday evening, and a fruitless all-day search north and south of Prince Rupert by Pilot Eckmann were the latest developments yesterday afternoon in the quest for the Alaska-Washington Airways pilot and two companions who have been missing for ten days on a flight from Vancouver to Atlin. The aerial search is continuing today and small boats are also assisting in the quest. As time passes and no definite word is received, the belief grows that Renahan and his party met with disaster not far from this city while making the hop from Butedale to Prince Rupert in the murky dusk on the evening of October 28.

The report of the plane having passed Salmon River in Grenville Channel that evening was brought to the city yesterday afternoon by the provincial police boat P. M. L. 8 on its return to port after spending several days down the coast in search for trace of the missing plane. The Indians who observed the plane were engaged in curing fish at the mouth of Salmon River. They were particularly attracted by the fact that the machine was travelling at a very low altitude and its engine was missing badly.

There are many inlets and bays between here and Salmon River where the Renahan plane might have come down were a forced landing necessary. On the other hand, there are mountain sides and stretches of open water where it might easily have come to grief in the dark. Were the men or any one of them not disabled, however, it is difficult to understand how, so close to the main steamboat channel, they have not been able in ten days to give distress signals. Their only hope now for being safe lies apparently in the possibility of their being marooned on some lonely island. Should this be the case, the aerial search should be instrumental in locating them.

After having spent six and a half disappointing hours in the air, Pilot Eckmann and his two companions—Frank Wadman, air engineer, and Larry Parks, Alaska manager for the Alaska-Washington Airways, returned to port shortly after 5 o'clock last evening. They scoured the coastline thoroughly for more than one hundred miles up and down, examining closely islands, hills and mountains and flew up several inlets but were unsuccessful in finding any trace whatever of the missing party.

Covered Much Ground

The plane took off from here at 9:30 yesterday morning and its course was over Kaien Island, past Smith Island and down to Kennedy Island. The plane went little further than the northern end of Grenville Channel as the land south of there was totally shrouded in heavy fog, only the mountain tops being visible, and then turned northwards again passing over the north end of Banks Island, part way down Ogden Channel, over Porcher, Stephens, Dundas and smaller islands, skirting Tree Point and Mary Island and thence into Ketchikan where the searchers took their noonday meal and refueled their plane. After flying over channels, islands and inlets in the neighborhood of Ketchikan, the plane was turned south again and went part way up Portland Canal, over Port Simpson and back to Porcher Island again.

The searchers had a thrill when over Porcher Island when they saw a ribbon of smoke and a boat be-

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City Gets Only $16,250 From Governments For Relief Work Which Will Not Help Very Much

At a special meeting of the city council last night it was decided to enter into an agreement with the provincial government to undertake relief work in the city at a cost of not less than $32,500, of which half the cost will be paid by the city and the other half by the federal and provincial governments. This sum of $16,250 is all the city can get from the governments for its relief work and it will not go very far although it will be better than nothing. It means that only the bona fide residents of the city will be able to get relief.

The city asked the governments for $45,000 as its share, the city agreeing to put up an equal amount, provided the ratepayers agree to vote that amount. As some opposition has arisen among ratepayers to such a large amount being raised it is probable that the bylaw to be presented will be for a much smaller sum than was originally intended.

The city council is still planning to the do the work on Eleventh Avenue and the engineer will make a recommendation as to how much construction should be included in the bylaw, the matter to be dealt with at the regular meeting of the council next Tuesday night. It will then take two weeks to get the bylaw before the people in conformity with the municipal law so that it will be more than two weeks before relief work can be got under way and even then it depends upon the vote of the ratepayers.

The city had under consideration the building of the road from Sixth Avenue bridge to the fishermen's floats but so far the agreement for the right-of-way with the railroad company has not been signed and even if the work should be done, only a few men could be employed on it at one time. The whole cost of this would be about $16,000 so that other work would also have to be done to make up the required amount. In view of this the city council was unanimously in favor of the Eleventh Avenue work as being the piece of work that could be handled most suitably for relief purposes. Most of the property abutting on the work to be done is owned by the city and construction will have to be done under a general bylaw at some time even if it is not done now. Under local improvement, the city would still have to pay most of the cost as owners of the lots.

For several reasons it was impossible to make a final decision in the matter last night so adjournment was taken until all information in regard to the work could be obtained.

DIED HERE LAST NIGHT

Samuel Mikkeli Passes Away at Hospital In Which Were His Wife and Young Child

Under circumstances of a sad nature, Samuel Mikkeli, aged about 40, passed away last night in the Prince Rupert General Hospital, his widow being a patient in the same institution with a week-old son. Cause of Mr. Mikkeli's death was tuberculosis.

The late Samuel Mikkeli was a Jugo-Slav by birth but had lived in this district for nearly twenty years. For 15 years or more he was employed at the Granby smelter at Anyox. Last April he came to Prince Rupert and in June was seized with the illness which resulted fatally.

In addition to the widow and infant child, there is another son about four years old.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers but interment will not be made until after the arrival of a brother of deceased, Frank Milleki, from Anyox next Tuesday.

Many Matters of Interest Are Taken Up at Annual Convention of Fishermen's Association in City

The annual convention of the Northern B. C. Salmon Fishermen's Association was attended by the delegates and a representative gathering of the members of the organization. The association reports a substantial increase in paid up members during the past season. Among different items on the convention agenda attended to during the first and second days of the convention can be mentioned the following:

The reiteration of its request for a breakwater and light at Seven-mile Point (Wiah Point) outside Massett. Increased harbor facilities at Seven-mile Point would stimulate the fishing on the Massett grounds by the Prince Rupert trolling fleet and thereby materially increase the possible revenue to Prince Rupert from this fishing ground which at present is fished mostly by the big American trollers especially early in the season.

The convention decided that no spring salmon under six pounds should be caught for commercial purposes by the organization members.

A request will be forwarded to the proper authorities for better facilities on the new floats, such as light and water, and most necessary of all a comfort-station. Several items were also suggested to guard against the floats and boats being broken up by south-westerly and northerly storms.

Amendment to the Fishery regulations as proposed by the government occupied a good deal of the convention's afternoon meeting.

An open door policy for the fishermen as well as the fish-packers was strongly insisted upon.

The convention heartily endorsed the efforts being made on the part of salmon fishermen on different parts of the coast to market their own product.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Dominion government to lower the age-limit for old age pensions from 70 years, as at present, to 60 years.

Another item dealt with of specialy interest to the trollers at Dundas Island, was the black flies and mosquitoes, which during the summer months make life exceedingly miserable for those fishing at that beautiful island. It was decided that if it is not contrary to any existing government regulations, another insect feeding on the larvae of the black flies and mosquitoes will be imported and tried out to remedy the pest.

The convention adjourned at noon today and will re-convene this afternoon.

Vancouver Man Jumps Off Dock

Peter Logie, Former Longshore Foreman, Lost His Life Yesterday

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7:—Declared by an eye witness in a report to the police to have plunged from the wharf, Peter Logie, aged 50, former longshore foreman, was drowned last night. The body was recovered.

Pattullo Comments On Vancouver By-Election; Suggests Big Stick Tactics On Part of Government

VICTORIA, Nov. 7:—In a statement yesterday, T. D. Pattullo, provincial Liberal leader, said: "The vote cast in the North Vancouver by-election was less than fifty per cent of the total number eligible for registration. I think it will be generally conceded, however, that the prepondering factor in this by-election was the argument that North Vancouver should not place itself in opposition to both the Dominion and provincial governments. It is all very well for my friend, Dr. Tolmie, to say that nothing of a bludgeoning character will be exercised by his administration. The fact of the matter is that the doctor headed the procession.

"Then again, the action of the Harbor Board, whether in itself a proper or improper one, in dismissing some thirty odd employees at the time when it did dismiss them, was an evidence of what might further be expected should North Vancouver vote adversely to the government candidate.

"The vote of Wednesday does not improve the character of the government we have been getting and we shall continue unremittingly to expose it."

THEORIES OF EXPLOSION

Discussion Still Heard Regarding Blast Which Alarmed Town On Sunday Night

Theories are still heard as to the explosion which alarmed many residents of the city at midnight last Sunday. Some are inclined to support the belief that the blast really was caused by a giant rocket or some sort of fireworks. Others think that it may have been a meteor falling.

Whatever happened, it is evident that no damage was caused on account of it.