

JAPANESE STEAMER AFIRE IN PACIFIC

BANDIT KILLS TWO IMMIGRATION OFFICERS BEFORE SHOT

Oregon Maru Steaming Back to Victoria With Conflagration in Holds

Considerable Damage Is Believed Done to Vessel—Was Eight Hundred Miles at Sea When Blaze Broke Out

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—Considerable damage to the cargo of the Japanese steamship Oregon Maru was caused by fire on Saturday when the ship was 850 miles out of Vancouver. She put back for Victoria where she should arrive today. The vessel, which was outbound for the Orient from Vancouver, is reported to have fire in several of her holds. At noon Sunday the ship was reported 280 miles from Swifsure Lightship steaming inbound as rapidly as possible.

Competitors in Big Canoe Race From London To Paris



Competitors in big canoe race from Westminster Bridge, London, to Paris, preparing their Klepper boats before recent start. Six European countries are represented in the contest.

Tragedy Occurs Early Sunday Morning Near Fort Frances, Ontario

Youthful Highwayman Held Up Men On Train—After Shooting Was Smoked Out of Farmhouse and Shot

WINNIPEG, Aug. 25.—Two United States immigration officers, Inspector L. Jones of Warroad, Minnesota, and Lawrence Botes of Rainier, Minnesota, were shot and killed by a bandit on a Canadian National train near Emo, Ontario, early yesterday morning. The bandit, Emetrick Frenette, aged 21, of Fort Francis, Ontario, escaped from the train and took refuge in a farm house near Emo which was surrounded by police. He was smoked out and shot, dying four hours later in hospital.

Frenette had previously escaped from the Fort Francis police who arrested him on a minor charge. Holding up the engineer and fireman in the cab and then the brakeman and conductor, he robbed three of the train crew, but most of the passengers did not know of his presence.

Before he died, Frenette said that he had lost his job and his girl and was desperate and sorry.

FT. GEORGE BUSH FIRES

Biggest Conflagration Has Been on Blackwater River

Approximately 2000 acres of young pine and spruce has been destroyed in a large forest fire which has been raging a greater part of this month on Blackwater River in the Prince George district. It is the most serious fire that district has had during the present fire season and has required large crews of men to fight it at certain stages. Owing to the work of these crews some fine stands of pine and spruce were saved by checking the fire on two ends.

A fire south of Hansard has burned through logging slash and windfall and required 45 men to fight. A serious fire near Isle Pierre was brought under control by a small crew. The fire situation is still dangerous in the Prince George district late in August owing to continued hot, dry weather and absence of rain.

FISH PACK VERY BIG

Up to August 15 Skeena River Had Produced 360,527 Cases and Naas, 95,422 Cases

Up to August 15 the total salmon pack on the British Columbia coast stood at 1,197,457 cases. The nearest approach to this total for the corresponding period of the season was in 1926 when the figure was 1,066,893 cases. Total cases packed in the districts up to August 15 were:

- Fraser River, 77,612 cases.
- Naas River, 95,422 cases.
- Skeena River, 360,527 cases.
- Rivers Inlet, 119,229 cases.
- Central area, 322,306 cases.
- Queen Charlotte Islands, 45,826 cases.
- District No. 3, 123,704 cases.

Third Avenue Walk Closed

City Engineer Finally Forced to Take Drastic Step

The city engineer today closed the sidewalk on the south side of Third Avenue from McBride Street west to the end of the cement sidewalk at the Smith & Mallett building. The sidewalk he stated, was in a collapsible state and could be kept open no longer without danger to pedestrians.

CONGRESS OF ARMY

Week-End Activities of Salvationists in Connection With Visit of Commissioner and Mrs. Hoggard

Great crowds gathered on the street corners throughout the week-end to listen to the music and speaking of the native delegates from all parts of Northern British Columbia, as well as a party from Ketchikan and Metlakatla, Alaska, who were here to attend the Salvation Army Congress. The delegates have various instruments and many of them are very acceptable singers.

Saturday night the citadel was packed to the doors to welcome the Salvation Army leaders, Commissioner and Mrs. Hoggard. Mayor Orme represented the city of Prince Rupert and his words of welcome were greatly appreciated by the visitors. Rev. C. E. Motte of the United Church very ably represented the Ministerial Association and paid eloquent eulogy to the sincerity and devotion of the natives of this vicinity. He also stated that many cannery owners had spoken to him of their admiration for the native salvationists. Commissioner and Mrs. Hoggard excelled themselves, as they so eloquently replied to these addresses of welcome and also spoke of their desires and expectations for the Salvationists.

Yesterday morning there was a special council with a large attendance. Speakers were Commissioner and Mrs. Hoggard, assisted by Staff Captain Acton and Adjutant Kerr. The lecture of Commissioner Hoggard in the afternoon at the Capitol Theatre was the important feature of the day's proceedings. Last evening a salvation meeting was held in the Citadel before a packed house.

This morning Commissioner and Mrs. Hoggard conducted a meeting for Salvationists only. This proved to be a great inspiration to those who were present. Commissioner and Mrs. Hoggard sailed this afternoon for Vancouver.

Tonight a great musical meeting will be held at the citadel. The public is cordially invited. This meeting promises to be one of exceptional interest as the items will be rendered chiefly by native Salvationists.

Harold McEwen, C.N.R. division freight agent, returned to the city on the Prince George this morning after having made the round trip to Skagway and other Alaska points.

CROSSED ATLANTIC

German Aviators Succeeded in Task Although Forced Down in Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, Aug. 25.—Capt. Gronau and three companions, in a Dornier-Wal plane, completed a flight from Germany via Iceland, Greenland and Labrador yesterday afternoon when they were forced down at Queensport Harbor, Guysboro County, Nova Scotia, by fog. They will proceed here and thence to the United States.

With the four weary heroes who had blazed a new air trail across the Atlantic, the plane, once used by Amundsen in the Northland, swooped down on Queensport at 3:45 p.m. Atlantic time.

WAS LAID TO REST SUNDAY

Funeral of Late John Steele Was Conducted Yesterday Afternoon

The funeral of the late John Steele, whose death occurred suddenly last week, took place yesterday afternoon. After a service in the chapel of the B. C. Undertakers at which there was a large gathering and at which Rev. Father Charles Webb of the Church of the Annunciation officiated, interment was made in Fairview Cemetery. A committal service was conducted at the graveside by the local Eagles' Lodge and The Last Post was sounded by Bugler William Rance, deceased having been an ex-service man.

The pallbearers were Jack Sweeney and Jack Dunn, who were associates of deceased on the highway construction work. W. Sullivan, representing the Eagles' Lodge, and Thomas Black and J. Smith, for the Canadian Legion. There were a number of floral tributes.

This morning at 8:30 in the Church of the Annunciation high requiem mass was celebrated by Father Webb for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

BRANDING REDS IN CHINA NOW

HANKOW, Aug. 25.—Red hot iron brands burning the sickle emblem of Communism deep into the chests of Chinese converts are being used in Hunan Province to assure loyalty to the Red Flag, it is reported.

Prince Rupert Hits Iceberg

Well Known Local Steamer Had Rather Unusual Experience Near Taku Glacier

While coming down Taku Inlet recently after having visited the Taku Glacier in the customary manner, C. N. R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Edward Mabbs, had a rather unusual experience when she ran on to a small iceberg and was stuck thereon for about half an hour. There was a slight bump as the vessel slid up on the ice which was nearly all submerged. After swinging the stern over from side to side for a time, the propellers were reversed and the ship slipped back into deep water. Officers of the ship are reported to have handled the adventure in a thoroughly seamanlike manner. No damage was done and there was little excitement among the passengers.

NOMINATION DAY IS ON

None of Federal Ministers, Except H. H. Stevens in Kootenay East, Are Being Opposed

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—Today is nomination day in 15 constituencies where new federal cabinet ministers, members of the Bennett cabinet, face by-elections.

No opposition to any of the ministers is anticipated except possibly in Kootenay East where Hon. H. H. Stevens, minister of trade and commerce, who was defeated in Vancouver Centre at the general election, is running.

BROKE BACK IN INTERIOR

Hugh Macdonald of Silver Island Mine Victim of Accident Yesterday

(Government Telegraphs) BURNS LAKE, Aug. 25.—Hugh Macdonald of the Silver Island mine in the Babine country north of here died in the Burns Lake Hospital this morning.

Yesterday he fell off a load of hay and broke his back. He was brought here last night by hydroplane.

The late Mr. Macdonald had lived in this district for several years and was well known particularly in mining circles.

Alleged Stabber Elects For Jury Trial at Assizes

Fred Cappola, who is alleged to have stabbed George Bels last Monday night during a fracas in the King George Hotel, has elected for jury trial at the next session of the Supreme Court Assizes, on a wounding charge. He will be taken to Okalla where he will await trial. It is the first criminal case that has so far arisen for the fall assizes.

BURNED IN CAR BLAZE

Six People Lost Their Lives in Tragedy on Sunday Near Vancouver, Washington

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 25.—Trapped in a blazing car which overturned on Battle Mountain Highway yesterday, six persons were burned to death. The dead are: G. E. Cobb, Margaret and Joe Cobb, daughter and son; Mrs. Martha Fuller, Mrs. A. C. Henson and daughter, Beatrice.

Three others were seriously injured.

VANCOUVER WHEAT
VANCOUVER, Aug. 25.—Wheat was quoted at 87½c on the local exchange today.

FISH SALES ARE OFF TO POLE

American
Sunset, 32,000, Pacific, 8.4c and 4c.
Lansing, 12,000, Booth, 10.3c and 5c.

Schorn, 17,000, Cold Storage, 8.5c and 5c.

Canadian
P. Dorreen, 12,000, Atlin, 9c and 5c.
Emblem, 8,000, Cold Storage, 9c and 5c.
Livingstone, 10,000, Booth, 9.3c and 5c.
Bayflower, 4,000, Booth, 9c and 5c.
Borgund, 5,000, Cold Storage, 9c and 5c.
I. G. 7 H., 4,500, Cold Storage, 10.2c and 6c.

Pilot Gilbert and Major Burwash Making Flight Into Far North For Dominion Government

WINNIPEG, Aug. 25.—Headed towards the icebound shores of King William's Land where Sir John Franklin and his men perished during the exploration journey of 1847-48, Pilot Walter Gilbert, accompanied by Major L. T. Burwash, famous Canadian explorer, was winging his way at the week-end en route to the north magnetic pole where observations and photographs will be taken for the Dominion government. A radio message on Saturday told of the men leaving Port Hearne.

DEAD IN FIGHTING

Capt. Ashcroft and Eight British Soldiers Killed in Northwest India

SIMLA, India, Aug. 25.—Capt. Ashcroft and eight men were killed and 10 wounded in a clash between British forces and Hathi Khel Wazirs in the Kurram region of the northwest frontier province. Native casualties were 25 killed, five wounded and 70 prisoners.

Pilot Walter Gilbert is well known in Prince Rupert and Stewart. Last year he piloted a Western Canada Airways commercial plane on flights in this district including the aerial reconnaissance of the Skeena River highway route.

AIRMAN MISSING

Capt. E. J. A. Burke Has Not Reported in Atlin For Week

Reports have been received here that Capt. E. J. A. Burke, flying a Junkers plane out of Atlin, has been missing for a week. It has been impossible to obtain official confirmation of the report.

A despatch received from Vancouver this afternoon stated that the Airland Manufacturing Co. of Vancouver, alarmed at the fact that Capt. Burke, who left Atlin a week ago on a charter trip to the Liard River country, had not since been heard from, today sent one of its Junkers all metal seaplanes to the Liard River search. W. A. Joers, pilot in charge of the rescue plane "City of Prince George" expects to reach Prince Rupert in time for dinner this evening. Tomorrow he will fly into Atlin where he will make inquiries and start search operations, if necessary.

Little Doing In Lumbering

Revival of Prairie Market Needed By Central Interior Mills

The lumber industry of the central interior is none too promising and, indeed, most of the mills are closed down. Some comfort, however is derived from the fact that lumber yards on the prairies are all empty and, once the demand from the prairies for lumber becomes again a factor, all the stocks of both logs and lumber at the mills will disappear and cutting will resume again with full vigor.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late John Steele wish to thank their many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

C.N.R. steamer Prince William, Capt. William Thomas, returned to port at 1:30 this afternoon from Claxton where she made a special run today to load frozen fish.