

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

Thursday, February 13, 1930.  
High ..... 1.46 a.m. 20.5 ft.  
                  13.36 p.m. 22.9 ft.  
Low ..... 7.47 a.m. 5.3 ft.  
                  20.12 p.m. 0.1 ft.

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# MARINE HOLOCAUST IN NEW YORK

## Millions of Dollars Damage and Two Men Killed When Big Liner Is Burned at Dock in Manhattan

Most Disastrous Blaze in Thirty Years' Waterfront History of Eastern Port; Spontaneous Combustion?

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Raked by a fierce fire which followed a series of explosions in her hold just after 349 passengers had been discharged, the North German Lloyd liner Muechen was wrecked at her pier here. The blaze was the most disastrous marine fire in the harbor in thirty years and claimed two lives and injured seven before it was brought under control. The damage to the ship is estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000. None of the passengers were injured.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was discovered in the after hold No. 6 in which was stored nitrate potash and varnish. Spontaneous combustion in this hold is believed to have been the cause of the conflagration.

Terrific blasts ripped up steamer's deck plates, twisted railings and funnels and littered the decks with debris. One man was killed when he was blown to pieces in the hold of a fireboat, was blown into the river.

## OPPOSITION TO HUGHES

Senators Object To Appointment of President Hoover Because of Opinions Held

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Considerable opposition is developing in the Senate to the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes to the position of chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. Several senators yesterday expressed themselves opposed to the appointment because of the views held by Mr. Hughes. The appointment will doubtless be concurred in by the Senate.

## Body Exhumed To Prove That Woman Killed

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—The body of Mrs. Anna Mackenzie, who was supposed to have died from alcoholic poisoning, has been exhumed and it is found that death was the result of a blow on the head. An inquest is being held which is exciting much interest here.

## Discussion in Legislature of Watt Case Between Government Representatives and Opposition

(Special to Daily News)

VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—The first chapter in the Norman Watt case was closed in the legislature yesterday, when the house unanimously accepted A. M. Manson's motion for a return of documents. Hon. R. L. Maitland presented the government's defense and Mr. Manson replied. Mr. Maitland accused the opposition of playing politics, charged that T. D. Pattullo had dismissed four returned soldiers without any complaint against them in 1926, and said that, while he made no suggestion of criminality, the fact that a regulation of the government had been violated by Mr. Watt gave the minister of finance no option but to discharge him, if only as a precedent.

## OFFICERS OF ADAIR CARSS

Mrs. J. A. Teng Re-elected Regent of I. O. D. E. Chapter

The officers of the Adair Carss Chapter I. O. D. E. were chosen last evening as follows:

- Hon. regent—Mrs. Alfred Carss.
- Regent—Mrs. Teng.
- First vice-regent—Mrs. W. Smeaton.
- Second vice-regent—Mrs. J. Murray.
- Secretary—Mrs. W. W. O'Neill.
- Treasurer—Mrs. E. Baker.
- Echoes secretary—Mrs. F. Barber.
- Educational secretary—Mrs. J. Horton.
- Standard bearer—Mrs. S. V. Cox.

Mr. Manson disposed of the question of violation of an order in council and adduced further facts bearing on the situation. The order in council requiring servants to turn in fees to the crown had been passed in 1898 and had never been enforced either by the McBride or Liberal government, he said. It was without statutory authority or any legal effect and had been superceded in any event by the Civil Service Act of the Oliver government. Many government agents who were officially administrators retained administration fees and a special order-in-council under the Civil Service Act allowed them to do so up to \$500.00. The Corporation Act required the fees to be paid by the city and there was no legislation to take the fees away. Mr. Manson reviewed the dates. Watt was dismissed on May 15. Mr. Shelly admitted in the house he did

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## SHELLY NOW MAKES ADMISSION

Crashed in the Snow



Wreckage of Fairchild cabin plane after crash in Alaska. It was piloted by Gifford Swartman, member of Canadian search party for Eleison and Borland.

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PUBLIC DEBT SHOWS IMMENSE INCREASE  
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VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—British Columbia public debt totalled \$93,084,672 on January 1, 1930, as against \$82,887,338 on August 20, 1928, or an increase of \$10,197,334, according to figures filed in the legislature by Hon. Wm. Shelly, minister of finance.  
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## C. N. FREIGHT MEN PAYING COAST VISIT

VANCOUVER, Feb. 11.—G. T. Pettigrew, assistant general freight traffic manager, Canadian National Railways, with headquarters at Montreal, accompanied by W. G. Manders, freight traffic manager, western region, arrived in Vancouver yesterday on a trip of inspection over the western lines of the company. This is Mr. Pettigrew's first visit to Vancouver and the Pacific coast.

"I am not only surprised, but particularly pleased at the tremendous growth and expansion of the west," stated Mr. Pettigrew on his arrival. "Throughout the western trip I have found business conditions very much better than I expected. Contrary to expectations, I found a fine spirit of optimism in western business circles and feel that 1930 will be a successful year."

"It is interesting to note that there has been a start made on the shipment of grain from the Pacific coast, a great deal of which is going to Europe. This means the opening up of this class of business from prairie points to the Pacific coast elevators. There should be much activity along this line between now and the spring," he said. Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Manders will make a close inspection and study of traffic conditions on the western lines before returning east. They will visit Victoria in a few days.

## TORONTO STOCKS

- Close Feb. 12, 1930
- Amulet, 1.62, 1.63.
  - Falconbridge, 5.25, 5.50.
  - Hudson Bay, 14.10, 14.20.
  - Inter. Nickel, 38.85, 39.40.
  - Mining Corp., 3.15, 3.20.
  - Noranda, 42.80, 43.00.
  - Sheritt-Gordon, 2.94, 2.95.
  - Sudbury Basin, 4.15, 4.20.
  - Teck Hughes, 6.45, 6.50.
  - Wright Hargraves, 1.91, 1.92.
  - Imperial Oil, 25.25, 25.55.
  - Dome, 7.50, 7.75.
  - Tredwell Yukon, 5.75, 6.75.
  - Nipissing, 1.60, 1.61.
  - McIntyre, 18.60, 18.95.
  - Ventures, 2.35, 2.50.
  - Howie, 97, 99.
  - Hollinger, 5.75, 5.80.

## AGREEMENT FOR RETURN OF LAND TO B. C. IS READY

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The agreement for the return to British Columbia of the Crown Lands in the railway belt and Peace River district has been completed and is now ready to be signed by the Province and Dominion.

## Many Charges Are Made Against Solloway-Mills Stock Company In Vancouver Supreme Court Case

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12.—Judgment was reserved in Supreme Court yesterday by Mr. Justice Denis Murphy on an application argued by Gordon Sloan on behalf of Solloway, Mills Co., Ltd., to have set aside a garnishee order obtained by William H. MacKee of Vancouver, who has pending a suit against the company to recover \$44,400. The plaintiff attached the company's funds in the Royal Bank of Canada here, with the result that the garnishee was paid into court \$38,589.

## DEPT. DID NOT PAY

Government Decides To Close Down on Assistance to Industries

VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—The British Columbia Department of Industries will register a net loss of \$300,000 on total loans of \$1,600,000 extended to industries. Col. D. B. Martyn, deputy minister of industries, informed the public accounts committee of the legislature yesterday. He said that the affairs of the department were being closed as rapidly as possible and the government did not propose to continue the policy of industrial loans. He said that the industries established by the loans had paid more in taxes than the amount lost.

## NAPOLEONIC RELICS

PARIS, February 12.—Napoleonic relics maintained their values at an auction here when \$6,200 was bid for one of the famous brazen eagles which surmounted regimental colors. This one was pierced by a bullet.

## Compulsory Health Insurance In British Columbia May Arise From Royal Commission Report

VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—British Columbia promises to be the first political division of North America to introduce compulsory insurance against sickness, losses of wage earners and other residents of limited income. This is indicated in a progress report tabled in the legislature yesterday by the Royal Commission empowered last April to deal with the subject. Further time for completion of the work was asked for in the report, one passage of which read: "Our investigations thus far convince us that there is justification and a general demand for the introduction in British Columbia of an economically sound and equitable public health insurance plan for the interests of the majority of provincial wage earners, of provincial industries and of the state."

## Maitland Tells House Government's Reasons For Local Dismissal

Incident Again Featured Session of Legislature Yesterday; Manson Charges Political Partizanship

VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—Debate on the dismissal of Norman A. Watt from the position of government agent at Prince Rupert last year featured Tuesday's session of the legislature. Before the session ended, the House had sanctioned, without objection by the government, the first of three resolutions before it on the Watt issue calling for the production of documents in the case. Still confronting the House, however, are rival government and opposition resolutions. In the former a departmental enquiry is proposed and in the latter a legislative committee of investigation.

## BOGUS BANK NOTE CHARGE

Baggage of Interior Prisoner Examined Here Said to Contain Weapons of Criminal

Having been turned over to a police officer by the conductor of a train, a man giving the name of Mikolj Martynowicz is under arrest at Prince George on a charge of being in possession of forged bank notes. The man, it is reported, attempted to pass a \$10 bill on the conductor. The train official, suspecting it was a counterfeit, called the officer who was also riding on the train and the man was promptly placed in custody.

In connection with the same case, police officers visited the local railway baggage room yesterday afternoon and took possession of baggage believed to have been owned by the prisoner at Prince George. In the baggage were found two loaded pistols, percussion caps, cartridges and a quantity of nitro-glycerine.

The prisoner is believed to have been on his way from the prairies to Prince Rupert when intercepted.

Presented by Hon. R. L. Maitland, minister without portfolio, the government's defence for the dismissal of Watt was that, because of government allegations, if it was only a matter of principle, the minister of finance, Mr. Shelly, had no recourse but to discharge him. Mr. Maitland asserted that Mr. Pattullo could have secured all the information on the Watt case from Mr. Shelly without bringing the matter up in the House.

Tom Uphill, labor member for Fernie, drew from Mr. Shelly the admission that, when he dismissed Watt in a personal interview, he had not told Watt what he was being discharged for. This revelation brought from A. M. Manson, member for Omineca, the charge that the minister of finance had had no other purpose than political partizanship.

## Fourth Worthless Check Complaint

Harry Taylor of Vancouver Committed For Trial on Two Counts

A fourth bad check complaint was made to the city police this morning in connection with the case of Harry Taylor of Vancouver, who was committed for trial by Magistrate McClymont yesterday on a false pretences charge. Today's reported check was for \$10 and was cashed by Nick Christopher of the Commodore Cafe. A fifth worthless check is reported to have been cashed by Taylor but the police up to this morning had not definite information of this.

Taylor was committed for trial on two charges, one of having cashed a worthless \$10 check at the Royal Hotel and another for \$50 at the Royal Bank, having received an identification by trickery.

If a merchant advertises you know he's alive. He is likely to give you good value.

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BILLY TOWNSEND KNOCKS OUT CUBAN  
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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—Billy Townsend of Vancouver, Canadian lightweight champion, staged a smashing comeback after being floored for the count of nine to win with a technical knockout over Armando Santiago of Havana, Cuba, at the end of the sixth round of a scheduled ten round bout here last night.  
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