

Prince Rupert: Part cloudy, light wind; barometer, 40; sea smooth.

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JAPANESE STEAMER IS IN DISTRESS

JOINT OPERATION OF VANCOUVER HOTELS IS PLANNED

Other Steamers Unable to Reach Tamaho Maru Crippled by Tempests

Forty-Five Men Are on Board Disabled Ship—Storm Prevents Empress of Russia and Another Ship From Going to Rescue

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—The crew of forty-five of the Japanese steamer Tamaho Maru, formerly the Texas Maru, was in distress early today southwest of the Aleutian Island chain.

The steamers Empress of Russia and an unidentified Japanese ship received "S.O.S." messages but were unable to proceed to the rescue owing to stormy weather.

APARTMENT DESTROYED

Tenants of Victoria Premises Escaped in Night Attire—Loss Estimated at \$25,000

VICTORIA, Dec. 30.—The Breaksea Apartments at the corner of Estevan Avenue and the Esplanade, were destroyed by fire this morning.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

One Man Sent Up By Magistrate For Robbery With Violence; Other Dismissed

Walter McLean was committed for trial by Magistrate McClymont in city police court yesterday afternoon on a charge of robbery with violence.

McLean admitted possession of chickens belonging to Mrs. Minnie Sullivan but denied violence by taking Mrs. Sullivan by the throat when she had intercepted his visit to her chicken house.

Dickie cleared himself by telling the court that he had endeavored to dissuade McLean from his action.

CONFERENCE IS PLANNED

International Reparations to Be Discussed at Lausanne on January 20

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The British government has taken initial steps for the summoning of an international conference on reparations to meet at Lausanne on January 20.

CITY COUNSEL IS RESIGNING

George E. McCrossan Decides to Take Up Private Practice After Long Civic Career

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—George E. McCrossan, K. C., corporation counsel for the city of Vancouver for the past fifteen years, is retiring on January 31 to enter private practice.

WAR NEAR OVER NOW

Japanese Appear to Be Complete Victors in Manchurian Conflict—Evacuate Chinchow?

PEIPING, China, Dec. 30.—The Manchurian war appears to be drawing to a close with Japan decidedly the victors and in control of the whole area between the Great Wall of China and the Soviet border.

It was authoritatively stated last night that the evacuation of Chinchow, a strategic point to remain in the hands of the Chinese, had been ordered by Marshal Chang.

China's Manchurian army stampeded south from Chinchow today in flight before two swiftly moving Japanese columns converging from attack upon Chang Hsueh Liang's last stronghold.

Nurses' Dinner Dance Enjoyed

Happy Affair Took Place Last Night In Hospital Dining Room and Nurses' Home

Miss Jean Harrison, B. S., lady superintendent, and members of the graduate and undergraduate nursing staff of the Prince Rupert General Hospital entertained at their annual Christmas week dinner dance last night.

After a fine dinner had been enjoyed in the hospital dining room, all repaired to the prettily decorated Nurses' Home where dancing was indulged in until 1 a.m.

The occasion also marked the birthday of Miss Muriel Vance of the undergraduate staff who was suitably honored. She was called upon to cut a large surprise birthday cake at the dinner.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—Wheat was quoted at 61 1/4 on the local exchange today.

FISHERMEN HAVE POLL

Election of Agents and Other Matters of Importance Were Voted Upon Yesterday

P. R. Branch Closed

J. M. Morrison, Although Elected Will Not Hold Position Here With D. S. F. U.

At the polling of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union yesterday, it was decided that the Prince Rupert Agency would be closed. J. M. Morrison, while elected to the position, will, therefore, not be agent after all due to abolition of the branch.

In voting of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union members yesterday, J. M. Morrison, present agent, received 19 votes at Prince Rupert whereas Einar Larsen received four votes. The local members voted 19 to four against the proposal to close the local branch.

Voting, here on the various matters was as follows:

For secretary-treasurer, P. G. Gill, 11 (acclamation).

For Agent at Seattle—Harold Grottle, 12; John Sather, 1; Thorvald Kipperberg (present agent) 5.

For Agent at Ketchikan—Ove Myrland, 2; Gust Olsen (present agent), 18; Melvin Kporsvik, 0.

For Agent at Prince Rupert—Einar Larsen, 4; J. M. Morrison, 19. Shall Prince Rupert branch be closed—yes, 4; no, 19.

Shall dues be increased to \$1.50 per month—yes, 6; no, 15.

Shall salary of agents be reduced from \$45 to \$40 per week—yes, 22; no, 1.

Shall meetings convene at 2 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.—no, 18; yes, 0.

Results of the polling at Seattle and Ketchikan were being awaited this morning.

Following the election here, a meeting of the local branch was held last night, business being merely of a routine nature. Einar Larsen presided and there were 32 members present.

Details of voting at Prince Rupert—Continued on Page 3.

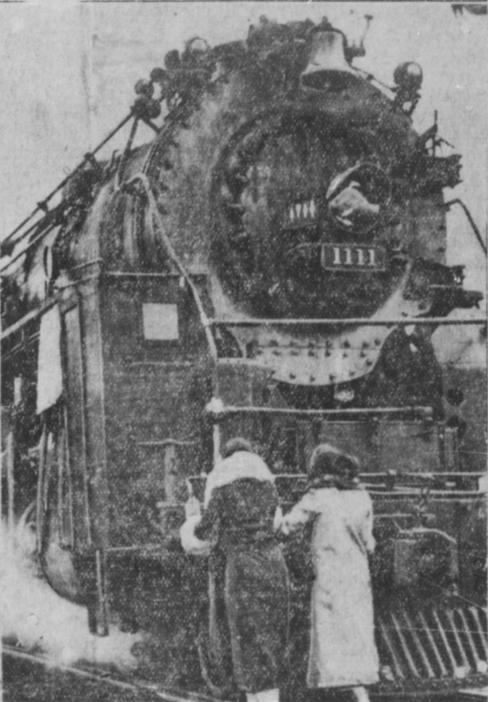
TRAGEDY ON PITT LAKE

Little Girl Dies of Burns and Several Other Children Also Suffered Injuries

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 30.—Betty Newsham, aged 8, died in hospital yesterday afternoon and several other children are suffering from shock and slight burns as a result of an explosion and fire on a gasboat operated by the little girl's father, Lewis Newsham of the B. and K. Logging Co., at Pitt Lake.

With his wife and four children and three nephews, Newsham was returning from Christmas holidays. The explosion occurred early Tuesday morning. Newsham put out the fire but the party was not rescued until three hours later.

Equipped With Roller Bearings



It's a fake! What—the train? Well, it weighs 355 tons. But as it is equipped with special roller bearings, these two Seattle girls were able to push it along the track. We have no affidavits, however.

STORMS DO MUCH HARM

Damage Estimated at \$15,000 Done at Boundary Bay Summer Resort Near Vancouver

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 30.—Damage estimated at \$15,000 has been done at Boundary Bay, popular summer resort southeast of here, by recent storms and high tides. A number of summer homes have been either destroyed or damaged.

REORGANIZE WASHINGTON

President Hoover Intimates He Is About to Embark Upon Efficiency Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 30.—President Herbert Hoover has intimated that he is about to embark upon a campaign of reorganization and consolidation of government departments in the interests of economy.

Separate bureaus of education and public works to control all matters coming within their purview are planned.

BIG STORM IN STATES

Torrential Rains Fall in Middle West—Warnings Issued For Northwest

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—The whole Middle West was visited by torrential rains and generally unseasonable weather yesterday. Railway washouts were reported at many points.

Storm warnings were issued for the northwest.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER IS DEAD IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—Senator Sir George Foster died here today after an illness of several weeks. On January 21 next, he had he lived, he would have been seventy-two years of age. A widow survives.

JAPANESE EXECUTED

Two Orientals Hanged at Okalla This Morning For Murder of Countryman

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—Walking stoically on to the trapdoor of the gallows in Okalla Jail at 6:04 this morning, Tadto Hitomi, aged 48, and Shinkichi Sakurada, aged 50, were hanged for the murder of Nickichi Watanabe, fellow Japanese, who was slain with a hatchet on Railway Street last March.

The two executed Orientals had sought to cash in on the murdered man's life insurance.

The hangings were conducted by Executioner Arthur Ellis of Ottawa.

VANCOUVER MAN DIES

Robert S. Harvey, Well Known Business Man of Southern City, Passes Away in Sleep

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—Robert S. Harvey, aged 44, well known Vancouver business man, died in his sleep early yesterday.

What's one man's beauty may be another man's wife.

Announcement Regard To Hotelries Made By Hiam on Tuesday

Negotiations Are Under Way, It Is Stated—Only Canadian National May Be Operated As Hotel, 'Tis Said

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—Negotiations are being carried on with a view to amalgamation and joint operation of the Vancouver Hotel of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the new Canadian National Hotel being constructed for the Canadian National Railways, Col. T. A. Hiam, assistant to Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, announced here today.

OBJECT TO REGULATION

Alaska Asks For No Further Curtailment in Migratory Bird Hunting

KETCHIKAN, Dec. 30.—A recommendation that Alaska be exempted from any further curtailment of migratory wild fowl hunting was adopted by the Alaska game commission at its meeting in Juneau, according to word brought to Ketchikan by W. R. Selfridge, chairman, who returned on the motorship Northland.

A resolution forwarded to the secretary of agriculture pointed out that "the wild fowl of Alaska is of great importance as a source of food supply for the residents of isolated communities" and declared that "the supply of birds is increasing."

The claim also was made that "the present method of regulation is unsuited to conditions in Alaska," and asked that in the event the curtailment is not excepted in the case of the Territory, then the season in Alaska be divided so that the season in the north be from September 1 to September 30 and the season along the coast—including Ketchikan—be from September 20 to October 20.

The commission has also recommended the creation of a sanctuary on the northwest portion of Kenai Peninsula to include one of the principal breeding grounds of the moose lying north of the Kenai River and Skilak Lake and west of the Chicaloon River.

Another recommendation to assure maintenance of the brown bear that attracts the largest number of big game hunters to the Territory, the commission has recommended that the present fish culture reservation on Afognak Island be broadened in its scope to supply protection for the bears.

Aged Farmer Loses Way on Trail; Is Dead

PRINCE GEORGE, Dec. 30.—The body of Martin Johnson, a feeble old man, who lived alone on his pre-emption on the Kelly road about ten miles from here, was found on the road recently. He had walked to Prince George and on the return trip packed his stores on his back. Within two miles of his pre-emption he cached part of the load and continued on his way. He evidently lost his way and perished from exposure.

LOAN FOR NEW MILL

Provincial Government Advances \$16,000 For Aid of Plant in Peace River Block

VICTORIA, Dec. 30.—The provincial government has extended a loan of \$16,000 under the Industries Act to Chester E. Phillips, who recently erected a flour mill at Fort St. John in the Peace River Block. Although in operation only a few months, the plant has already proven itself very valuable to the folk of the Peace River Block.

The loan is one of the few advances made by the present government under the Industries Act. It is fully protected by the value of the plant and equipment.

Withdrawing of Big Steamer Is Unpopular Move

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Criticism of the action of the United States Shipping Board in withdrawing the steamer Leviathan from the trans-Atlantic service owing to the depression was voiced in Congress yesterday.

Cargo Movements From Points on Coast Announced

Ocean Falls shipped 4,654 tons of cargo other than lumber during the month of October this year, published figures show. Other British Columbia ports shipped as follows during the month: Vancouver, 132,428 tons; New Westminster, 16,339; Woodfibre and Britannia Beach, 7,847; Port Alice, 7,440; Powell River, 5,882; Kildonan, 1,705; Nanaimo, 1,686; Victoria, 1,044.

Tomorrow's Tides

Thursday, December 31, 1931 High 6:03 a.m. 19:3 ft. 18:14 p.m. 17:6 ft. Low 12:15 p.m. 7:4 ft.