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CLUE TO RENAHAN'S FATE IS FOUND

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, MONTREAL, ARE UNDER SUSPENSION

Airplane Wheel Found on Beach Near Ketchikan Is Believed To Have Been Off Missing Machine

Such Gear Was Being Carried In Order to Change From Pontoons—Believed Party Crashed Into Water and Sank With Ship

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 7.—The sullen waters of this coast have at last given up a clue which may lead to the discovery or the definite assumption of the fate of Pilot Robin Renahan and two companions, Frank Hatcher, his mechanic, and Sam Clerf, wealthy Seattle mining man, who was acting as guide. An airplane wheel, which is believed

JOFFRE'S FUNERAL

Is Laid In Les Invalides Today Alongside Napoleon Bonaparte and Marshal Foch

PARIS, Jan. 7.—The body of Marshal Joffre rested today in Les Invalides Hall of French Immortals whose massive dome shelters the bodies of Napoleon Bonaparte and Marshal Foch, two of France's other great soldiers.

Two million Parisiens braved freezing weather to stand outside Notre Dame and along the route to Les Invalides for hours while the funeral cortege proceeded from the Cathedral to a temporary resting place.

TO ELECT OFFICERS

B. J. Mellish to Be President of Chamber of Commerce This Year

Following are nominations of 1931 officers for the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, the election to take place on Friday evening:

Hon. President, Olof Hanson M.P. President, B. J. Mellish. Vice-President, Ald. J. H. Pillsbury.

Secretary, A. Brooksbank. Executive Council (15 required): Paul Armour, Geo. Arnold, Geo. Bushby, H. Breen, Ald. T. Collart, J. Dybhavn, H. E. DeWolf, Frank Dibb, W. O. Fulton, M. Heilbroner, Geo. Hill, T. H. Johnson, Ald. P. H. Linzey, G. H. Munro, F. A. MacCallum, J. W. McKinley, M. P. McCaffery, Alex. McRae, J. W. Nicholls, G. W. Nickerson, Ald. H. F. Pullen, S. E. Parker, P. M. Ray, D. Ritchie, W. H. Tobey, J. H. Thompson.

REWARD OFFERED

A reward of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is offered, for the recovery of the body of the late Henry Rudland of Metlakatla.

MAKE FIRST HOP ACROSS OCEAN

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 7.—The monoplane "Trade Wind," carrying Mrs. Beryl Hart and Lieut. William MacLaren, arrived here at 1:55 this afternoon from Hampton Roads, Virginia. They will proceed from here to the Azores and thence to Paris.

WHEEL IS RENAHAN'S

Identification of Equipment Found Near Ketchikan Is Made By Officials

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—Officials of the Alaska-Washington Airways today identified the wheel found on the beach at Annette Island, near Ketchikan, as part of the equipment of the missing plane piloted by Robin Renahan. They expressed the opinion, however, that Renahan had thrown the wheel overboard in the probable effort to lighten his ship in order to fly inland. With ice forming on the wings of his plane on the evening of October 28, officials said, probably every effort would be made to lighten the ship.

Pilot Ansel Eckmann, at present at Prince Rupert, will be instructed to continue the search inland.

Second Wheel Found KETCHIKAN, Jan. 7.—The second wheel belonging to the plane piloted by Robin Renahan was found today near Point Davidson, fifteen miles south of here, by an airplane dispatched by the Ketchikan Chronicle. The first wheel was found a week ago by a party of hunters.

Pilot Eckmann left this afternoon for Ketchikan, having decided to go there to positively identify whether or not the wheel was from Renahan's plane. He will be back here tonight and expects to resume his search tomorrow, carrying out the plan of first taking another look around local waters before proceeding to Stewart to start the expedition into the interior.

MERRYFIELD IN CONTROL

Is Again Boss of Party Machine in Vancouver—Had Uphill Fight During Past Year

J. E. Merryfield, well known old timer of Prince Rupert, has again obtained control of the Conservative party organization in Vancouver through having been elected secretary of the main association there. Mr. Merryfield took a hand, it will be remembered, in the recent federal campaign here in support of the unsuccessful candidate, J. C. Brady.

A year ago, Mr. Merryfield was virtually cast out of the party after a hot fight which ended, in his defeat as an officer of the Vancouver association. Since then, however, he was successful in a long and uphill campaign to get back on top again.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Sarah Rudland and family of Metlakatla, wish to thank those who so kindly volunteered to search for the late Henry Rudland, who, with his companion, was lost on December 2. The provincial police are especially thanked for their kind efforts.

Serious Floods in Belgium



Farmhouse completely isolated at Wander, near Liege, Belgium, which was cut off as were other houses in general flooding of country owing to heavy rains and gale which swept north Europe

New Ratepayers' Association Being Formed In City; Large Initial Gathering Last Night

At a largely attended meeting of tax paying citizens last evening in the City Hall, it was decided to proceed with the organization of a body to be known as the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association. After considerable preliminary discussion, a temporary chairman, secretary and executive of five was elected after which the meeting was adjourned until a later date, possibly in about a week's time, when the executive will present full details of proposed constitution, etc. There were fully sixty property owners present at last night's meeting and great interest was taken in the proceedings.

At the opening of the meeting, F. W. Hart, who had taken a leading part in bringing the gathering together, was voted to the chair. After some desultory discussion regarding aims and objects of the proposed organization etc., it was decided to organize and the election of temporary officers was proceeded with. George B. Casey proposed that a committee be named to proceed with organization and report at a later meeting. Some objection was taken, however, to this course and it was agreed, instead, to have a temporary executive.

M. M. Stephens was elected temporary chairman in a contest with F. W. Wesch, Wilfrid Gratton and T. Ross Mackay.

George B. Casey received a unanimous nomination for temporary secretary.

F. W. Wesch, R. F. Perry, Fred Wesch, Alex. Mackenzie and Wilfrid Gratton were named members of the temporary executive, other nominees having been F. J. Fuller, Fred Wermig and Fred Rogers.

In accepting the chair on election, M. M. Stephens thanked the meeting for the honor. He asked, however, that, when it came to choosing a permanent list of officers, he be excused referring to the objects of the organization. Mr. Stephens expressed the opinion that the most of those present were on hand because of personal interest. The ratepayers were beginning to feel the load of taxation. It would be to the best interests of all concerned, urged Mr. Stephens, if there was a good strong ratepayers' association.

The organization would be able to assist the city council with good advice and it would be heeded by those in office. By getting together, problems could be discussed and there would be better understanding by all. In the past, Mr. Stephens felt, too little attention had been paid to civic affairs. Had there been an association to study municipal finances, proposed bylaws, etc.,

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Dominion Government Prepared to Assume Lion's Share of Payment, Bennett Says

WINNIPEG, Jan. 7.—Premier Bracken of Manitoba stated today that, during the conference of western premiers yesterday, Premier Bennett had given assurance that the provinces would be called upon to pay only five per cent of the old age pensions charge instead of fifty per cent now contributed. The Dominion government would pay five per cent.

NOTED AS NOVELIST

Mrs. L. Adams Beck, Formerly of Victoria, Dies In Kyoto, Japan

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—Mrs. L. Adams Beck, former Victoria resident, who achieved world wide fame as a novelist both under her own name and the nom-de-plume of E. Barrington, died suddenly in Kyoto, Japan, on January 3, according to word received by friends here.

Serious Discrepancies Are Revealed by Means Sweeping Check-up

Nature of Irregularities Was Such That Officers Were Ordered to Relinquish Their Duties Pending Complete Inquiry

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Officials of the National Revenue Department today confirmed Montreal reports to the effect that four officers of the customs service had been suspended. Serious irregularities had been discovered as a result of a sweeping investigation and, while full reports had not yet been received, the nature of the irregularities was such that four officials concerned had been suspended pending a complete inquiry.

LIBRARY INCREASE

Circulation Showed Gain of 11,858 In 1930 Over 1929

Librarian's Report

Final Meeting of Retiring Board Held Last Night

During the year just past the Prince Rupert Public Library increased its circulation of books by 11,858 over the previous year and the building is now packed to capacity with well filled shelves and one of the problems of the near future will be to provide larger accommodation and more assistance for the librarian. This was the main theme of the reports and discussions at the meeting of the library board last night, G. V. Wilkinson presiding.

The financial report showed that the expenditures had been kept down to \$183.03 below the appropriation.

The report of the librarian is given here in part:

"The necessity for a larger building has been so much discussed that it is superfluous to emphasize it; the added shelving will afford relief for a short time and it is gratifying to be able to retain the table and the magazines for another year. In the present economic depression, the library is obviously a boon to men not always employed, and many of them are taking advantage of it.

"The striking increase of nearly twelve thousand volumes more than last year shows that the library has entered upon a larger phase; henceforth we shall, during the winter months, be dealing with a higher circulation, probably of from five to six thousand books every month; the last three years show a steady upward trend:

"1928	45,555
"1929	46,980
"1930	58,838

"There are obvious difficulties in charging such a large number of books at a table such as we now have; the lack of a proper charging desk slows up the work and causes great inconvenience to both the public and the staff; one of the advantages of a better building will be the use of a circulation desk; a wagon for carrying books to the shelves is also badly needed, but could not be employed in our present quarters. One of the recent inquiries—

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BIRTH NOTICE

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morin, Fifth and Dunsmuir, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital Monday, January 5.

IS WELL PLEASED

Minister of Labor Happy at Reduction in Food Prices

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Hon. Gideon D. Robertson, minister of labor, today expressed satisfaction at the reductions in the prices of commodities including breakfast foods that had been effected recently as a result of representations made by the Labor department.

A probe being conducted by the department under the Combines Investigation Act into the prices of bread is expected to be concluded shortly.

CONFERENCE ON WHEAT

Premier Bennett Declines to Make Statement After Meeting in Regina

WINNIPEG, Jan. 7.—Proposals of the Dominion government in connection with the marketing of the 1930 wheat crop and conditions under which direct relief to hard-pressed farmers will be provided, were outlined to the premiers of the three prairie provinces in conference here yesterday with Premier R. B. Bennett.

Banking officials were called into the meeting and also John I. McFarland, general manager of the central selling agency of the Wheat Pool at the present time.

Premier Bennett declined to discuss the conference after it was over.

SUCCEEDS IN FLIGHT

Guy Menzies, Youthful Sydney Aviator, Makes First Hop From Australia to New Zealand

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Jan. 7.—Guy Menzies, young Sydney aviator, today made the first light plane flight between Australia and New Zealand. He took Wing Commander Charles Kingsford-Smith's plane Southern Cross Jr. over 1200 miles between Sydney and Westland in thirteen and a quarter hours.

Menzies came down in a swamp near Ross damaging the plane slightly.