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Swollen Current Carries Away Khyex River Bridge

**Fourteen Bents in the Approach Forced Out by the Stream;
Trains Cancelled for a Few Days at Least;
Passengers Return East.**

No less than fourteen bents in the Khyex River bridge approach have been carried away with the swollen current caused by the excessive rain and thawing of the snow during the past few days, and as a result there will be no communication by rail with the east for some days at least.

The westbound train was due to arrive last evening but she was held the other side of the Khyex River just beyond Skeena City. At first it was reported that two bents had been washed out but this gradually increased until the destruction of the approach

has become so complete as to make repair very difficult, especially in view of the swollen condition of the river. So great is the mass of waters flowing out that the incoming tide, from the Skeena, which usually backs up for many miles, does not any longer affect the river.

The trouble seemed to have been caused by a log jam at the railway bridge diverting the stream and forcing its way through the approach.

George McNicholl, the assistant general passenger and freight agent here, has been kept in close touch with the situation. He arranged that the train should return to Edmonton last night and send the passengers who are bound south, by way of the C. N. R. An attempt will be made to fetch the mails by water, but that is somewhat dangerous.

H. McCall, general superintendent of the line, who was at Pacific this morning, is now at the scene of operations directing the work, and every effort will be made to get communication through at as early a date as possible.

Last night passengers coming north on the Prince Rupert were notified before leaving that they must not expect to leave Prince Rupert on the train tomorrow as the train has been cancelled.

FIERCE STORMS DELAY VESSELS ON ATLANTIC

**Eight Big Passenger Ships With
17,000 Belated Passengers
Arrive at New York.**

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Substantial evidence of the fierce winter storms which have prevailed for the last ten days along the steamer lanes was shown by eight big passenger liners which reached New York yesterday with more than 17,000 belated passengers.

In addition to the many vessels which have been lost or badly damaged, all lines crossing this way have been much delayed by the gales. Low power freighters have found it extremely difficult to make any headway at times and the result is that a number have not yet arrived which should have been in port a week or more ago.

HOLIDAY PASSENGERS CROWD ON BIG BOAT

**Prince George Took Down a
Capacity List Last Night.**

Crowded with a big list of passengers going south for the holidays the Prince George pulled out sharp on time at midnight last night for Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle. There was even a Negro duo in the second class smoking room who enlivened the scene with singing and contortions to the accompaniment of banjos and other dark-face instruments. It is expected that the Prince Rupert may have even a bigger list on Sunday night as reservations are well booked already.

GALE DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE AT ACROPOLIS

**Tennis Court Fence and Dressing
Room Blown Down.**

The Acropolis Hill was struck very severely by the storm of the night before last. The tennis court has been completely blown down, fences and buildings both overturned. Part of Olof Hanson's fence around his home at the corner of Taylor and Sixth was ripped away and general damage was done in the vicinity. The gale of Wednesday night was considered even more powerful than that of a month ago and is said to have had jars which many large buildings in the city made their tenants wonder if they were going to leave their foundations.

SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

**Exercises and Presentations Were
Quite the Style in Classrooms
This Morning.**

The public schools closed today at noon for the Christmas holidays. Before closing, exercises were held in the most of the rooms and presentations to all the teachers was the vogue. The esteem and respect in which the members of the various staffs are held by their pupils was fittingly demonstrated by the pupils.

Miss Tingley, principal of the Borden Street School, received a beautiful cut glass bon bon dish from the pupils of her own division. Miss Mills, principal of the King Edward School, was presented with an electric cooker and a box of stationery. Miss Eason, of the Borden Street staff, was the recipient of a lovely string of pearls.

The other members all received presentations.

ATHLETIC ROOMS ARE TAKING SHAPE QUICKLY

**Carpenter Work Should be Completed by Tomorrow
Night.**

The work on the Exhibition Hall for the Amateur Athletic Association will be finished by tomorrow night, according to W. J. Greer, the contractor. This work includes the carpenter work on the dressing rooms, furnace room and coal bin. The lockers are nearing completion and are now awaiting the arrival of the locks. The work is neatly done in v-joint finished lumber and has a very good appearance. A good floor has been put in the locker room and dressing room. On completion the work will be a credit to the Athletic Association and a considerable addition to the value of the Agricultural Hall.

The wind of the night before last did considerable damage at the hall and part of the roof was blown off and the sky-lights broken. Repairs will soon be under way and the hall will be in shape for the winter activities of the Athletic Association.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

SILVER CREEK BOOM ESCAPES

**Million Feet of Logs Belonging to
Prince Rupert Spruce Mills
Afloat on Harbor.**

The presence of drifting logs in the harbor this morning as far as the eye could reach from the mouth of the harbor to Tucks Inlet was the cause of considerable inquiry and comment this morning.

The logs belong to the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills, Ltd., and escaped from the Silver Creek boom yesterday afternoon. The boom had been pretty badly shaken up by the terrific storm on Wednesday night and nothing could be done yesterday to put it in shape again on account of the very rough sea prevailing. Yesterday afternoon the southeasterly wind switched around and the boom broke, with the result that one million feet of logs are afloat from one end of the harbor to the other today.

The company's boats, Seal Cove and Dinty Moore, are busy gathering them up with the assistance of several other boats which have been hired. Officials of the company state that they will be pretty well cleared up by evening.

CANTATA SANG AT CATHOLIC CLOSING

**Very Enjoyable Event Given by
Pupils Trained by Sisters
of St. Joseph.**

The Christmas closing of the Catholic schools was celebrated last night in appropriate form by the pupils entertaining their parents and friends with a Christmas Cantata "The Real Santa Claus." A number took part in the impersonations and there were twelve choruses. Santa Claus was shown in the guise of a tramp and it eventually transpired that love was the real Santa.

Leo, Dorion was the Christmas saint and the other members of the cast were Mazel Crux, Frank McKinnon, Flora Burritt, Virginia Riel, Jack Allen and M. Budenich.

The excellent manner in which the parts were taken and the precision and blending in the choruses indicate the excellent training they had received. The performers were prettily dressed as flowers and the whole entertainment was a most creditable one. At the conclusion a well laden Christmas tree was relieved of its burdens and Bishop Bunoz and Father McGrath gave short addresses.

The last boat for the south before Christmas will be the Prince Rupert which arrives here tomorrow and returns to Vancouver on Sunday night. On her next trip north she will after her trip to Anyox lie up here for overhaul.

STOLE WATCH CHAIN AND GETS SIX MONTHS

**Thos. Robertson Found Guilty of
Petty Theft—Summary
Conviction.**

Thomas Robertson was convicted this morning of stealing a watch chain and sentenced to four months' imprisonment at Okalla Farm by Stipendiary Magistrate McMullin. Mullen, the owner of the chain, P. C. C. who was asked by the accused to buy the chain. Harris, who knew both accused and Mullen, and Constable McDonald were all heard as witnesses.

Mullen identified the chain as the one he had lost at Woolridge's logging camp at Port Clements. P. C. C. and William Harris also identified the chain produced in court. The former had refused to buy the chain and the latter had seen it offered by accused in a gambling game for sale. He told Mullen and the information was laid.

Robertson pleaded not guilty and stated that he had bought the chain from an Indian coming over from Port Clements on the Prince John. He stated that he had paid \$2.50 for it and could identify the Indian.

His story, however, was not accepted by the court. Magistrate McMullin felt his story was rather flimsy and circumstances were very much against him.

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN

**Christmas Celebration for the St.
Andrew's Youngsters on
Monday Night.**

On Monday night, the Christmas festivities will commence in the St. Andrew's Hall, when there will be a Christmas Tree for the future members of the St. Andrews Society. All the children of the St. Andrew's members will be present and old Father Christmas has got all their names and is bringing something for every one of them in his bag, with which to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Refreshments will be served from 6 to 8, so that the business people can go there direct from work, and enter into the enjoyment of the evening.

Toys, blocks, games, dolls, trains, children's books, mechanical toys, at Tite's Santa Claus' headquarters.

Sir Robert Borden Continues Premier

**Reconsiders his Decision to Retire, but
Will Take Long Rest Instead; Try-
out for Some Other Minister
Meanwhile.**

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, December 19.—It is officially announced that Sir Robert Borden is to retain the post of Prime Minister, but will take a long rest in order to recover his health. This decision was reached by Sir Robert as a result of pressure brought to bear on him by his colleagues.

It is understood here that the danger of the Government breaking up in case of a change of leadership, was the chief argument for keeping Sir Robert at the helm. In his absence it is not yet announced who will be leader. Someone will be given a tryout in that position until it is found whether or not he makes good, before the Premier will actually drop out.

Delegation Meets Minister at Ottawa

**Outcome of Negotiations Expected to
Prove Satisfactory; Newman Erb
There Also in Connection with
Shipbuilding.**

Yesterday Acting Mayor Rochester received a telegram from Mayor McClymont at Ottawa saying that he and Col. Beck had had several interviews with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in regard to the fisheries question, and he was hopeful of a satisfactory outcome.

Mr. McClymont said also that they had met Newman Erb at Ottawa and an effort was being made to clear away the difficulties which had been holding back the shipbuilding operations here. The mayor said that everything looked hopeful for a settlement, which would make it possible to proceed more rapidly.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

William Mikilik was fined Ten Dollars by Magistrate McMordie this morning for being drunk and disorderly.

Anyox arrivals on the Prince George last night included J. A. Miller, William F. Eve, John Kirkland and S. Armstrong.

S. McLean, janitor of the Borden St. School, has resigned his duties to cease December 31. No successor has yet been appointed.

Mrs. Young, sister of Mrs. D. H. Morrison, left last night for Seattle en route to Portland where she will spend some time visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Starr, of the Waldron Apartments, left on the Prince George last night for a six weeks' visit in Seattle. Mr. Starr is manager for the San Juan Fisheries here.

Barrie's Christmas drawing. Every two dollars' worth purchased entitles you to a ticket free. Starting Wednesday, November 19. First prize, Davenport bed; second prize, fumed oak table; third prize, wicker rocker.

The cross examination of Don. W. Peck in the G. T. P. Development Co. versus Don. W. Peck action arising out of repairs to a tug boat was completed yesterday. The evidence is now all in and the case is adjourned to hear the arguments of the consul.

Max Heilbronner, M. McArthur and Teddy Fotos appeared in the police court yesterday morning before Magistrate McMordie charged with failing to pay their road tax. They were ordered to pay the tax or prosecution would be proceeded with. They paid.

Mrs. A. E. Lockhart returned to her home in Seattle last night after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Youngman, who is now recovered from her recent serious illness. While here Mrs. Lockhart was the guest at a number of social events in town.

The Atlin Fisheries' boat Tye arrived from the grounds this morning with 95,000 pounds, but as there seems little chance of getting cars out for the east inside of several days it is likely that the fish will be sent to Ket-chikan to go into cold storage until it can be shipped.

Miss Hilda M. Crux has resigned from the city teaching staff and is leaving on Sunday night's boat for the home of her parents, Rev. W. S. A. and Mrs. Crux. Her successor has not yet been appointed in the schools but it is expected a special meeting will be held shortly to name one.

In connection with the meeting of the Police Commission in which the case of Constable Duff was considered, Commissioner Macdonald explained that he said an official of the association had concurred with the police commission that Constable Duff had erred. This was the personal opinion of Mr. Cameron and not the opinion of the association.

DENIKINE IS RETREATING BEFORE REDS

**Withdraws Another Fifty Miles
On a Wide Front in
Russia.**

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The forces of General Denikine, the anti-Bolshevik leader in South Russia continue to retreat before the Red offensive.

During the past week Denikine has been compelled to withdraw another fifty miles along a wide front.

DOLLY VARDEN CONCLUDES YEAR

**Last Train Was Run Down Kit-
sault River Last Friday;
Mine Working.**

ALICE ARM, Dec. 19.—Bringing out a party of mine officials from the Dolly Varden Mine, the last train came down the Alice Arm Railroad last Friday. This closes the season as far as shipping of ore is concerned, but about 40 men are to be kept on at the mine right through the winter continuing to take out ore for shipment in the spring. The locomotives and rolling stock will be kept in the round house at the beach where they will receive repairs.

Somewhat over 5,000 tons have been shipped from the Dolly Varden Mine this season, the most of it going to the Granby smelter at Anyox for smelting. Some high-grade shipments, however, were sent to Tacoma. The reported sale of the Dolly Varden is not confirmed by local officials of the company as they have heard nothing of it. They claim that the figure of \$1,750,000 reported is far too low anyway. Several big American interests are said to be after the rich Alice Arm property and even the Granby Company is mentioned.

SIR JOHN ALLCOCK SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN PLANE CRASHED

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Captain Sir John Allcock, who made the first non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic, has been seriously injured. His plane crashed near Coltever yesterday in the province of Seine Inferieure, Normandy.

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