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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Many Pacific Coast People are Injured in C.P.R. Train Wreck

Freight Train Engineer Lost Count of Passenger Extras. Allowed Three Pass and Met Oncoming Fourth Train Head on. Those Killed Died Instantly.

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

MONTREAL, December 22.—Failure to count the number of C. P. R. passenger specials from the liner "Empress of France" which docked at St. John, by the engineer of the eastbound freight train is apparently the direct cause of the collision which took place at Onaway, Maine, on Saturday, when twenty-three persons were killed and thirty-four injured. Nearly all of the casualties were bound for points in Western Canada. The freight engineer allowed three of the passenger specials to pass, but did not wait for the fourth one, which was carrying the third class passengers from the liner, and this last passenger train crashed into the freight. Owing to the tremendous nature of the damage done to the cars of the passenger special, most of those who were killed died instantly. The temperature at Onaway at the time of the accident was twenty degrees below zero.

The dead, of whom five are unidentified, include: J. Boythorn, Vancouver, B. C.; J. R. Cartwright, Vancouver, B. C. Among the injured are Mrs. Eliza Brewley, aged 69, care H. Falkard, Grindrid, B. C.; J. M. Boythorn, aged 49, 49533 Granville Street, Vancouver, left leg compound fracture and head cut; Mrs. E. Falkard, aged 32, Grindrid, B. C., bruised and shaken up. Kitty Lawrence, Grindrid, B. C., aged 9, legs hurt; Evelyn Jaymes, aged 27, Dunsmuir, B. C., compound fracture of right leg, and back sprained; Robert Frizze, aged 32, Nanaimo, B. C., ankle bruised, travelling with his wife and son Joseph; Mrs. E. Monroe, aged 72, care of E. D. Foster, 4482 John Street, Vancouver, legs slightly bruised; Mrs. L. Livingstone, aged 38, care of A. Ball, Hotel Alcazar, Vancouver, head injured and sprains; Mrs. Doris Pritchard, aged 19, Ocean Falls, B. C., head hurt and sprained; Wm. Reeve, aged 56, Nanaimo, legs and feet cut and bruised.

LIMIT IS PLACED ON PRESCRIPTIONS

Only Two Hundred per Month Permitted to be Issued by Each Doctor in Province.

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

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—In the eight months from March to October inclusive, doctors in British Columbia issued 188,120 prescriptions for liquor. Of this total 113,273 were issued by Vancouver doctors, 27,204 came from Victoria, and 47,643 from the remainder of the province. These figures are supplied by the attorney-general.

For October, 135 persons were classed by the government vendor as druggists. The doctors of the province are limited to two hundred liquor prescriptions each month. Before this regulation was put into effect, one doctor had prescribed for four thousand cases in one month.

'ROYAL' TOOK EIGHTY INDIANS TO SOUTH

Bella Bella Natives Went Home For Xmas From Canneries.

The local C. P. R. office did a big business on Saturday afternoon when tickets were sold to no less than 80 Indians returning to Bella Bella for Christmas. The Indians gathered in town on Saturday from various canneries in the district and all went south on the "Princess Royal" last evening. Most of them took deck passage.

As well as her big list of native passengers, the Royal had a few through passengers for Vancouver and other connecting points.

Albert & McCaffery, Ltd., have just received a shipment of five hundred doors and windows—the most and varied stock in Northern B. C.

Westholme THEATRE
ROBERT HARRON and CLARINE HAYMOUR
 in the GRIFFITHS' production
"The Girl Who Stayed at Home"
 Two Real Flagg Comedy
"The Con in Economy"

EASTERN MAIL NOW ARRIVING

150 Sacks Came in on Saturday Night and More Coming Today—Also Passengers.

FIRST TRAIN MAY CROSS KHYEX RIVER SUNDAY NEXT

The mail from Thursday night's train which was the first one to be delayed at the Khyex River, owing to the washout there arrived in Prince Rupert on Saturday night. It had been transferred around the washout by a gasoline boat and was brought in here by a stub train.

The regular Sunday train came through as far as Pacific yesterday and from there a stub train was run down to the break with mail, baggage, express and a few passengers. This morning at 5 o'clock a special small train was despatched to Khyex River to pick up the mail and passengers when transferred across the break.

This morning the telephone line between town and the Khyex River was down so no word at to the condition of affairs has been received since yesterday. Mr. McCall then telephoned in that work was still going on as quickly as possible but no train could be expected across before Sunday next and this would be doubtful.

It is not known the exact time of the arrival of this morning's special with mail but the officials think that it will be before six this afternoon. After Tuesday night all traffic will be sent by C.N.R. and Vancouver till the trouble is over.

The high water that caused the washout at Khyex may be noticed in the immediate vicinity of town. Lake Shawatlans is up to the top of its banks and a large stream is flowing out of it. Other creeks in the vicinity are also quite swollen.

MORE HOLIDAY PASSENGERS SOUTH

Prince Rupert Took a Capacity List for South Last Night.

Crowded with holiday seekers, the "Prince Rupert" pulled out sharp on time for the south last night at midnight. Nearly all her accommodation was taken and the fact of the train not arriving made it much more comfortable for the local passengers. The decks were lined as the steamer passed out and the wharf was crowded with friends making farewells and giving Christmas greetings. The "Chelohsin" pulled out for Anox and waypoints at the same time.

MOTHER OF LOCAL LADY DIES AT WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.—Mrs. M. Samson, a resident of Winnipeg for the last twenty-six years, is dead. Mrs. K. E. Birnie, of Prince Rupert, B. C., and Mrs. J. R. Miller, of Penticton, B. C., are daughters.

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.

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

MILITARY ACT OFFENDERS TO BE RELEASED

Proclamation Expected to be Made Today and Will be Followed by Jail Delivery.

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

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The release of all Canadians imprisoned for offenses under the Military Service Act, and the suspension of all proceedings against others is provided in an Order in Council just passed by the Cabinet and sent to the Governor General for his signature.

Unless any unforeseen delay occurs in connection with the necessary Proclamation, which is expected today, there will be a jail delivery under the Military Service Act immediately and all offenders at present in confinement will be released today.

TRYING TO ABOLISH PATROL SYSTEM IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Declaring against the patrol system and abolishing it are two quite different things, as Premier Drury and his cabinet colleagues realized on Wednesday. After having struggled all day until seven o'clock last night with the question, the ministers gave it up temporarily.

The members of the cabinet took high ground on it as a question of morals, but how to carry on the affairs of the province with the patrol abolished—this was a stickler. Finally they named a committee to look into the matter and report thereon. The labor members attended.

Dublin Newspaper Has Its Whole Equipment Smashed by Raiders

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

DUBLIN, December 22.—Armed men filled all of the four stories of the "Independent" newspaper building here on Saturday and did \$100,000 worth of damage to the equipment. They entered the building quietly and held all the doors. Eighteen linotype machines and three big rotary presses were smashed to fragments, beyond any hope of their ever being used again. The work of destruction was carried out systematically and methodically and the manner shows that the raid had been carefully planned ahead.

So quietly was the raid carried out that no one outside the building was aware that anything untoward was on foot. The raiders remained in the building for about an hour.

PRINCE RUPERT HAD ROUGH PASSAGE SOUTH

The last southbound trip of the Prince Rupert, Captain McKenzie, was one of the stormiest experienced by the popular liner in many months. A heavy and strong wind was raging in Queen Charlotte Sound—and at times the steamer seemed to go almost over on her side. Great upsets and inconveniences were reported from the galley and dining salon. Even some of the crew suffered from "mal de mer."

BIRTH.

A daughter was born to Mrs. and Mrs. H. O. Crew, of Prince Rupert, at the General Hospital on Saturday.

Miss V. Christopherson, of Osland, Smith Island, left for the south last night. She had intended going south by the Prince George on Thursday night, but was delayed in getting to Prince Rupert by the washout.

Judgment has been reserved in the case of the G. T. P. Development Co. versus Don W. Peck arising out of repairs to a tug boat.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

New Planing Mill To Be Running Soon

Will Employ About 75 Men in Connection with Planing, Resawing, and General Lumber Manufacturing; Shingle Mill Also.

No less a sum than \$86,000 has already been spent in installing the lumber manufacturing plant adjoining the drydock by Major Cowper Young and a much larger sum, amounting to close on \$150,000, will be spent before the plant is complete. The work has been going on quietly and very few people realize that anything is doing there. It will be several weeks before any of the machines are ready to operate, but when the plant is running it will employ something like 75 men all the time.

A visit was paid to the new plant at the week end, and while everything is very incomplete it is now possible to get an idea

what is being aimed at. The drying kilns, comprising three units of a capacity of 100,000 ft. each, are nearly complete. These measure 120 ft. by 60 ft. At the northeast end will be built a large loading shed 45 feet in length and at the opposite end a cooling and unloading shed 60 ft. in length. The kilns will dry the manufactured lumber and also the shingles.

The shingle mill will be located in the big room upstairs and the two large planing mills will also be located on the same level, one on either side of the shed. They are already in position and when running will have a capacity of 140,000 ft. a day. A siding is being built so that cars may run right into the building on the ground floor and thus save a good deal of work in handling the lumber.

Solve Problem.
 The rough lumber or plank will be purchased in the open market and will to a large extent solve

the problem of marketing for some of the mills. Often when there is no demand for rough lumber, there is a good demand for the finished article and that is what the new mill will turn out. The barges or scows containing the lumber will be run on to a gridiron adjoining the plant, or a derrick will lift the planks to the covered platform. The planks will then go at once to the resaw, one of which is located on the ground floor and the other upstairs. Much of the carrying will be automatic and labor will be saved wherever possible.

Mr. Cowper Young has carefully planned everything and having had experience with this sort of work is able to lay the plant out to advantage. Speaking of the new industry and its value to the community, he told a Daily News representative that he thought it should be a great advantage to the people here to be able to get their finishing material right at home. It should encourage boat building particularly as they would handle red and yellow cedar, and cut it to specifications for boat builders. Spruce too is used a good deal in the east and it should be used here.

Best Wood in the World.
 "If Sitka spruce is the best wood in the world for aeroplanes, there is no reason why it should not be useful for every other class of work, where strength combined with light weight is required," said Mr. Young. "There is no purpose where strength is necessary as in the building of aeroplanes. The quality of the wood is vital. That is where wood gets the supreme test. Surely if spruce is the right wood for flying, it should also be durable when manufactured into boats."

The overhanging roof of the big shed is being renewed and within a few weeks the hum of the saws and planers should be added to the steady roar of the riveting machines at the shipyard adjoining. These are some of the industries that are likely to make Prince Rupert prosperous.

WASHOUT TIES FISH SHIPPING

Not Much Activity at Local Fish Wharves—Hulda and Senator Were in.

Two boats arrived with halibut at the local fish exchange yesterday morning. The most of the boats are now in from the banks for the holidays, many of them being at Seattle. The railroad wash-out makes it impossible to ship fresh fish and all that is brought here is put in cold storage by the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., or the Sea Products Co. Only one car of fresh fish was shipped last week.

The Hulda arrived with 6,000 pounds, which she sold to the cold storage at 10c and 7c. The Senator went on to Seattle with 55,000 pounds.

Ask for Atkins' Sausages. Ladysmith Coal. The best. Prince Rupert Coal Company, Phone 15.