

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Overcast, calm; barometer, 29.88; temperature, 53; sea smooth.

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1932

Tomorrow's Tides

Thursday, May 19, 1932
High 12:50 p.m. 20.0 ft.
Low 6:40 a.m. 1.1 ft.
18:40 p.m. 5.8 ft.

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BUSINESS BLOCK IS VISITED BY FIRE

CANADA IS TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST FINANCIAL CRISIS

Kaien Hardware and Montreal Importers' Building is Destroyed; Boston Cafe Block is Damaged

Whole Downtown Area Would Have Been Threatened Had It Not Been Calm Evening—Conflagration Was Spectacular—Damage Estimated at \$60,000

The pioneer business building on Third Avenue near Fifth Street, containing the Kaien Hardware and Montreal Importers businesses, was virtually destroyed and the Boston Cafe building, containing the Boston Cafe, Elks' Home and Annette's Ladies Ready-to-Wear store, was badly gutted last evening in the most serious fire which has ever visited the central business section of Prince Rupert.

MINISTERS APPOINTED

Changes in United Church Clergy in Northern and Central British Columbia

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 18:—The British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada closed yesterday with the presentation of the report of the settlement committee, naming the following appointments made by presbyteries:

Prince Rupert
Anyox—Rev. Evan Baker.
Klemtu—R. L. McConnell, teacher.
Stewart-Hyder—Rev. Frank Bushfield.
Cariboo
McBride—Rev. R. G. Dunbar.
Vanderhoof—Rev. W. B. McIntosh.
Giscome—Rev. E. W. Horton.
Prince George—Rev. N. J. Crees.

Seattle Mayor Is On Fishing Trip

Harlin Takes Wife and Chief of Police With Him For Outing

SEATTLE, May 18:—Mayor Robert H. Harlin and Mrs. Harlin, accompanied by W. D. Kent, who has resigned as police chief of Seattle, left the city on a fishing trip yesterday. The mayor stated that he would be back in time to turn the mayoralty over to John F. Dore, his successor, on June 6.

Halibut Landings

Summary
American—69,000 pounds, 6c and 3c to 7.1c and 3c.
Canadian—None.
American
Grant, 40,000, Booth, 6.6c and 2c.
T551, 3,000, Cold Storage, 7.1c and 3c.
Franklin, 20,000, Royal, 6c and 3c.
Norma, 6,000, Cold Storage, 6.1c and 3c.

DISORDERS CONTINUE IN CITY OF BOMBAY

BOMBAY, India, May 18:—Twenty-four more were killed and 224 wounded as rioting continued between Moslems and Hindus in Bombay yesterday despite the intervention of military forces.

PENITENCE OF WORLD

Pope Deplores Terror, Anarchy and Greater Evils Which Are Beseating the World

VATICAN CITY, May 18:—Pope Pius XIII, in an encyclical issued today, called upon the world to prayer, penance and mortification in order to save itself from the peril of terrorism, anarchy and still graver evils that are threatening.

For this purpose, His Holiness set aside a period of eight days' penance on the octave of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, beginning on June 3.

DOUK PARTY AT OKALLA

Naked Paraders, Numbering 118, Reached Coast Last Night From Nelson

VANCOUVER, May 18:—One hundred and eighteen Doukhobors, convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Nelson for parading in the nude at Thrums on May 1, were brought here from Nelson last night and taken to Okalla jail. There were 84 men and 34 women.

hands and faces. The Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster P. C. Miller, turned out and rendered valuable assistance. District and divisional police officers turned out and gave valuable help to city officers.

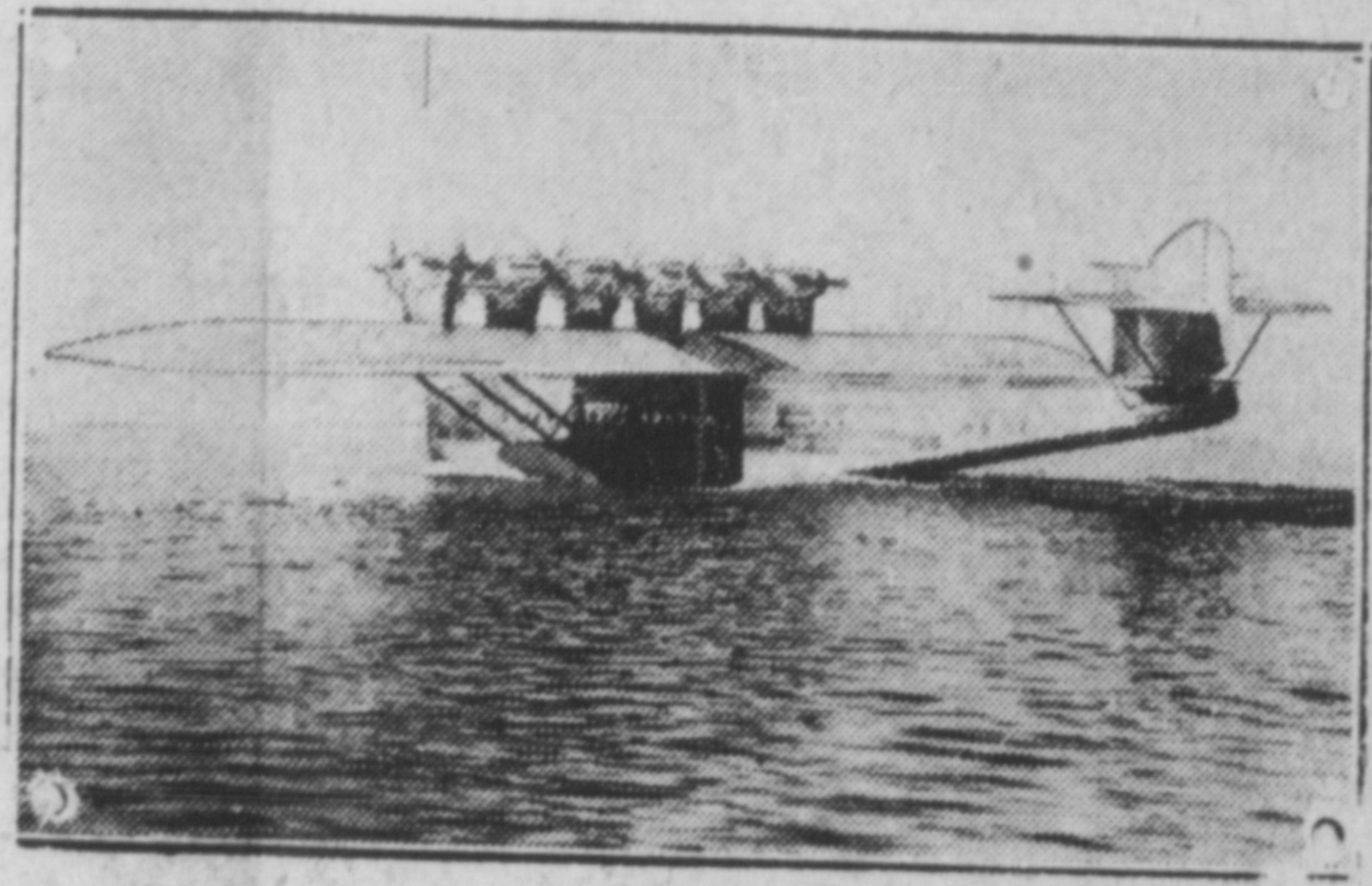
Seventy-five feet of 200-pair telephone cable in the lane was damaged by the fire and there was some interruption to telephone service on either side of the lane between Second and Third Avenues extending from Fifth Street until Ninth Street. Telephone line repairs had been pretty well completed by this afternoon.

Linemen of the Northern B. C. Power Co. were on hand and cut down some of the wires which were exposed to the fire.

Origin of Fire
Explaining the origin of the fire this morning, J. B. Miller, proprietor of the Montreal Importers, stated that he and Charles Phillips, a well known local barber, had cooked a steak for dinner on the stove in the store. The stove on which they were cooking became red hot and Mr. Miller expressed some alarm at the time. A few minutes later they were sitting drinking tea when they heard crackling from the room above which was occupied as a bedroom by Mr. Miller. Mr. Phillips thought it was the noise of rats but soon a wisp of (Continued on page three)

Prince Rupert Lodge No. 46, B.P. O.E., wishes to thank all those friends who gave their assistance last night in taking away their property from the Lodge Home and so saving it from possible loss by fire.

To Cross Atlantic



German flying boat DO-X which is being prepared for return flight to Europe

MAN CONFESSES IN NEW YORK TO COMPLICITY IN LINDBERGH KIDNAPPING

Feared That Frank Markitch May Be "Crank"—Says Baby Was Accidentally Killed—Curtis Is Remorseful

NEW YORK, May 18:—Police had in custody here last night a man named Frank Markitch after he had confessed to participating in the kidnapping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh jr. from the baby's home at Hopewell, N.J., on March 1, denying, however, that the baby had been deliberately murdered. Markitch was taken in custody at the request of his wife. After being taken in charge of police officers, he said that he would go out of his mind if he did not confess.

In the excitement, after the baby had been removed from his crib, Markitch declared, he was accidentally dropped to the ground from the window of the second storey nursery. Finding the child was dead, the abductors, panic stricken, took the body and hastily buried it out in the bush a few miles away. There had been no intention to murder the baby, Markitch insisted.

The police are not satisfied that Markitch's story is genuine and it is believed possible that he is merely a "crank."

Curtis Begs Forgiveness
John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk shipbuilder, admitted to New Jersey state police at Hopewell yesterday that he had created the incidents of dealing at sea with the Lindbergh kidnapers in order to make a good newspaper story with a view to obtaining some lucrative return for himself. Curtis declared that he had not been himself for the past eight months owing to business worry. He begged forgiveness from Col. Lindbergh for his deception.

Curtis was held last night at the Lindbergh estate, the police having not decided finally whether or not he would be arrested and charged with obstruction of justice.

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BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS; FAILS TO AGREE ON LANGUAGE

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 18:—The Belgium cabinet presented its resignation to King Albert yesterday. The members of the cabinet were at a deadlock on the question of which language should be officially prescribed for the schools of Belgium.

GOODWILL DAY IS OBSERVED

Occasion Celebrated Today in Schools of City With Special Talks, Costumes, Etc.

International Goodwill Day was observed in the schools of Prince Rupert today. In all classes, talks suitable to the occasion were given by the teachers. In some rooms pupils came in the national costumes of other countries and, in some instances, there were special songs, dances, etc.

The purpose of Goodwill Day is to foster international friendships and amiability among the nations.

Seattle Man Is Missing During Angling Outing

SEATTLE, May 18:—Two naval planes were enlisted today to assist in the search for Harry G. Kennedy, well known Seattle businessman, who disappeared while fishing in the Snoqualmie River near North Bend on Sunday.

WEATHER REPORT

Dead Tree Point—Raining, fresh southeast wind; barometer, 29.74; temperature, 46; heavy swell.
Triple Island—Part cloudy, light easterly wind; sea smooth.
Langara Island—Part cloudy, moderate easterly wind; sea choppy.

SALMON IN TODAY

The B. C. Bird was in port this morning with 5,000 pounds of spring salmon which sold to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at 5c and 1c.

Legislation To Prevent Fiscal Panic Is Being Planned by Dominion

Premier Bennett Forecasts Such Measure in House of Commons—Would Come Into Effect Only on Proclamation 'It Is Provided'

OTTAWA, May 18:—Parliament may be asked to pass a bill which would authorize the government to take the necessary steps to meet a financial crisis should one develop on this continent. In the House of Commons yesterday Premier R. B. Bennett indicated that the government was considering bringing down such a measure. It would be provided that any such legislation would come into effect only on proclamation.

PACKERS CURTAIL

Cannery Company Aims to Avoid Further Big Losses Pending Return to Stability

Owing to the dependence upon export markets for an outlet for 80% of British Columbia's canned salmon output and to the unsettled conditions in the principal world markets, B. C. Packers Ltd. proposes this year to adhere closely to a policy of strict economy in operation and curtailment of the pack, it is stated. The annual report for the year ended February 29, 1932 indicates that this policy enabled the company to work into a better position by reducing its bank loans although the necessity of disposing of the carryover from 1930 at the very low prices prevailing in the world market resulted in an operating loss for the year of \$290,607. The operating loss for the previous fiscal year was \$897,377, the improvement being due to limitation of pack in accordance with anticipated requirements and to severe cutting of overhead costs.

Return to a satisfactory earnings position is expected to be a slow process, and the objective for the coming season is to get costs low enough to enable the company to carry on without incurring further substantial losses although it is admitted that a favorable outcome for the industry from the Ottawa Empire Trade Conference might very well have the effect of putting the B. C. canned salmon industry on its feet. At the moment, however, the position in foreign markets is rendered disquieting by the United States carryover of 2,300,000 cases and the fact that the depreciated Japanese currency gives the latter an advantage in the British market despite Canada's 10% preference. Within the last week United States operators have cut their prices still further, evidently in a final effort to unload their surplus stocks before the new pack comes on the market.

In view of these uncertainties present plans are to limit the total 1932 B. C. pack to around 900,000 cases which would be only 40 to 45% of the big pack of 1930.

Canadian Market
The Canadian market for canned salmon, which is assured to Canadian manufacturers by protective (Continued on Page 3)

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, May 18:—Wheat was quoted at 60¢ on the local exchange today.

BIG BLAZE IN GOLDEN

Damage of \$75,000 Done When Garage and Hotel Destroyed in Southern Town

GOLDEN, May 18:—Damage of \$75,000 was done yesterday morning by fire which destroyed the garage of A. C. Hamilton and the Russell Hotel here.

PASSES IN VANCOUVER

Dr. J. H. Carson, Aged 70, Was For Nine Years Superintendent of Incurables Hospital

VANCOUVER, May 18:—Dr. John H. Carson, aged 70, medical superintendent of the provincial home for incurables at Marpole for the past nine years, died yesterday.

Captain Robert Dollar at Rest

Governor James Rolph Jr. Headed Sixty Honorary Pallbearers at Funeral

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., May 18:—Sixty honorary pallbearers headed by Governor James Rolph Jr., took part this afternoon in the funeral of the late Capt. Robert Dollar, veteran Pacific Coast steamship magnate. The funeral service took place from First Presbyterian Church here.

War Mothers In Convention

Two Hundred Women Attending Gathering Which Opened Yesterday in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18:—The American War Mothers' Association opened its convention here yesterday with two hundred delegates from various parts of the United States in attendance.

W. H. Tolin, well known pioneer mining man of Stewart and managing director of the Mountain Boy Mining Co., is a passenger on board the Prince George today going north from Vancouver to the Portland Canal camp.