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Tomorrow's Tides

High 11:31 a.m. 1°
 23:38 p.m. 149°
 Low 5:23 a.m.
 17:28 p.m. PARLIAMENT BLDGS.

The Daily News

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ARSON TRIAL IS NEARING CONCLUSION

VOLCANOES ARE BECOMING ACTIVE IN WESTERN ALASKA

Crown Completes Its Evidence; Defence Is Not Entered in Case

Police Officers Principal Witnesses Against E. C. Dawson at Hearing This Morning—Statements Made by Accused to Officers are Presented

When the Assize Court rose for luncheon today all the evidence in the case of Rex versus Dawson had been presented. Contrary to expectations no evidence was presented for the defence. For the prosecution it was shown from the evidence of police constables and others that a quantity of personal effects of the accused and his wife and family had been stored just previous to the fire in the sheds at the back of the property. Even bed clothes and children's toys and letters with the postmark of three days previous to the fire were there. One policeman said he saw Mrs. Dawson in the lane back of the house a few minutes before the fire. It developed in course of evidence that the insurance money had been paid over as part of it had already gone to satisfy a mortgage held by a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Helen Lewis. This afternoon counsel will be heard on both sides and the judge will charge the jury and it is expected a verdict will be reached today.

Sister of Accused
 Mrs. Dorothy Helen Lewis, a sister of accused, identified some of the articles found in a trunk in the buildings at the back of the property as toys that she saw on a Christmas tree on the afternoon of December 23 and a box containing personal belongings was similar to one she had seen in the bedroom of accused. She was in church at the time of the fire. She admitted having received \$1515 in satisfaction of a mortgage, the money coming from the insurance company.

PENSIONS TAXABLE

Amendment to Budget Introduced in House of Commons Yesterday
 OTTAWA, May 6: (Canadian Press)—War pensions will be taxable the same as other incomes when the income tax is collected next year, it is provided in an amendment to the budget which was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday.

Today's Weather

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, 46.
 Alyanah—Rain, calm, 43.
 Anyox—Rain, calm, 48.
 Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 43.
 Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 54.
 Smithers—Cloudy, calm, 46.
 Burns Lake—Raining, calm; temperature, 44.

APPOINTMENT IS CONFIRMED

(Canadian Press)
VICTORIA, May 6:—Appointment of W. J. Alder of Victoria as commissioner for the city of Prince Rupert was ratified by the provincial government yesterday.

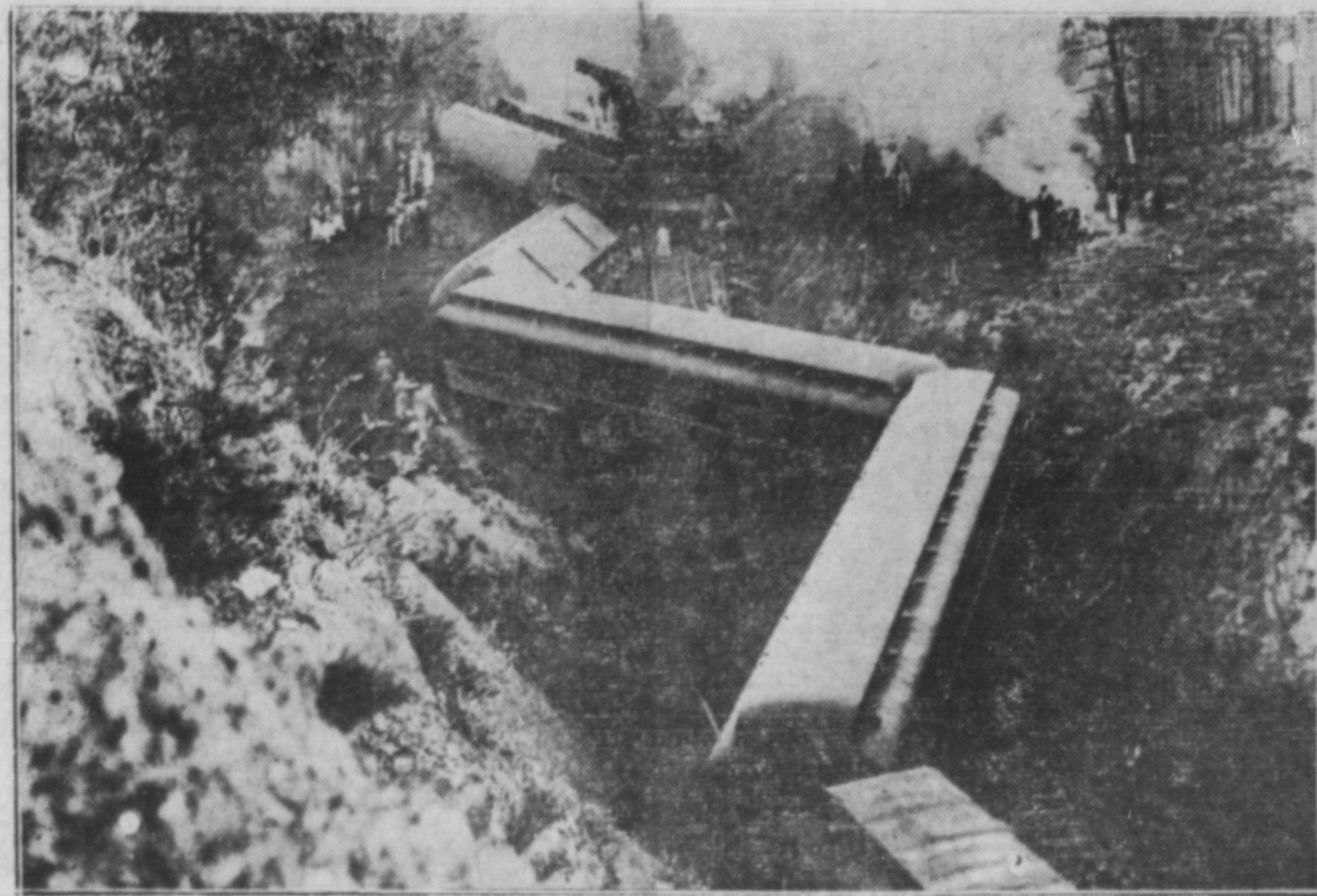
L. H. Kenney gave evidence in regard to the insurance and mortgage. Sgt. Fairbairn told of noticing what looked like a small brush fire at about 8:20 p.m. on Christmas evening. Fifteen minutes later he had gone to the fire. Previous to the fire he had driven past the end of the lane that ran past the back of the Dawson house and had seen Mrs. Dawson in the lane with the baby carriage.

Constable Oland, also of the Smithers detachment of the provincial police, told of finding quantities of personal effects of accused and his family stored in the buildings back from the Dawson house. He explained to the jury how many of these things seemed to have been hurriedly jammed into the trunks and other receptacles containing them. The hockey skates were hanging on the wall and there was a bundle of bedding apparently thrown in as if taken from the burning building.

Among the effects were letters and circulars bearing such dates as December 22, December 19, and one seemed to have a Smithers postmark December 25. Under cross-examination, Oland said that it was quite possible that the things might have been picked up in a hurry and thrown into the trunks and other containers. They had been also shuffled around a good deal since the police had at first taken charge of them.

Statements by Accused
 Constable William Smith told of statements which had been made by the accused after the fire on the same night. According to these statements, after having had supper about 6:30 p.m., accused and his wife left the house (which was burned) about 7:30 p.m. and went to the Champion house where they delivered a hymn book to the elder Mrs. Dawson before she went to church. Accused had left a fire burning in the kitchen range and had also put two and a half blocks of wood in the airtight heater. He had bolted the back door and locked the front door everything in the house appeared to be in good shape. After calling at the Champion home, accused and his wife went to Pope's where the latter picked up her little girl. Accused was pushing the smaller baby in its sleigh. They were taking the children for a walk before putting them to bed and had intended going to Mrs. Lewis' house. Just before getting there, however, they heard shouts of fire and accused turned back and found that it was his own home on fire. This was about 8:15 p.m. Accused was (Continued on Page Four)

Killed In Georgia Train Wreck



Two members of the train crew and a third man "catching a ride," lost their lives when the engine of a northbound express of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad was derailed in the Altoona mountains. The engine of the Flamingo Express train was turned over, and the mail car jammed against the tender and a side of the mountain pass. The dead were G. W. Evans of Atlanta, engineer; D. A. Giles of Etowah, Tenn., fireman, and A. H. Perry of Atlanta.

SPEAKS ON SILVER AT GATHERING

Chamber of Commerce Hears Address From President of Smithers Board of Trade

At the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night in the City Hall, an interesting address was given by L. S. McGill, president of the Smithers and District Board of Trade, on the re-monetizing of silver. He urged that the greatest degree of co-operation possible should be the rule between the various communities of the north. The chief difficulty was the matter of distance. He suggested that a good time to get together would be at the meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Central British Columbia which was to be held at Smithers this summer. He gave a general invitation to all the Prince Rupert members to attend.

With the people of his district, Mr. McGill said, the price of silver was the important subject today. If the price advanced there would be great activity. His board had taken the stand that silver must be re-monetized. They did not expect to be a great factor in this international question which was being urged, among others, by Hon. H. H. Stevens, federal minister of trade and commerce, but it was the united influence of all sections which would bring the desired end about. It would not only give a reasonable deflation but would at once stir up the silver industry in which this part of the province was so greatly interested. With the re-establishment of silver currency the buying power of the Orient would be increased and Oriental trade would at once receive a tremendous impetus. This was plank number one in the Smithers Board of Trade program.

John Dybhavn, president of the local chamber, thanked Mr. McGill for his illuminating address.

BAR SILVER
 NEW YORK, May 6:—Bar silver closed at 35½¢ on the local metal markets today.

BRITISH CABINET IS NOT FAVORABLE TO WORLD TARIFF TRUCE

LONDON, May 6: (CP)—Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald, in two long cabinet sessions yesterday, failed to swing his ministers of the national government to support a world tariff truce effective immediately.

CRATERS BURNING

Mount Iliamna Has Been Erupting From Three Vents For Last Ten Days

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, May 6: (Canadian Press)—Huge volumes of smoke are being emitted from three vents on Mount Iliamna since the severe earthquake shocks of ten days ago, according to word which has been received here.

Earthquake shocks have been occurring more or less continuously since the first disturbance and old timers of the district fear that there may be additional volcanic action.

ALABAMA HAS BIG TORNADO

Nineteen Persons Killed Yesterday When Storm Visits West-Central Communities of State

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 6: (Canadian Press)—Nineteen persons were killed and more than two hundred injured by a tornado that swept three west central Alabama communities yesterday.

Decrees absolute have been granted by Mr. Justice Murphy at the Supreme Court Assizes here in the divorce cases of Hugh Douglas vs. Anne Douglas and Janet Sharpe McKay vs. Robert McKay.

LOG SCALE FOR MONTH

Total For April 223,682 Board Feet. Making Year So Far 787,645 Board Feet

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the month of April this year totalled 223,682 board feet, bringing the total for the year to date up to 787,645 board feet. Log scaling for the month per varieties in board feet was as follows:

Fir	34,654
Cedar	179,408
Hemlock	9,620

Lineal feet of poles, piling, etc., totalled 28,320 of which all was in cedar.

Production of cordwood amounted to 212 cords and hewn ties numbered 2150, all being jackpine.

News Photo Man On Visit Here

H. Pollard of Associated News Service Going North—Travelling Extensively

H. Pollard of Montreal, official photographer of the Associated News Service, arrived in the city on the Princess Adelaide yesterday afternoon from Vancouver in the course of a coastal tour for the purpose of taking pictures and sailed this morning on the Princess Norah for Dawson.

Mr. Pollard has been covering a great deal of the world just recently, doing much of his travel by airplane. Four weeks ago he was in Cairo, Egypt, and ten weeks ago was in India.

More Jurors Added to Supreme Court Panel

The following have been added to the panel of jurors called for service at the present session of the Supreme Court Assizes here: William Rance, A. T. Parkin, William Robb, Arthur Brooksbank, Thomas Ballinger, Lee Gordon, E. R. Lancaster, George Dawes, Hubert Ward, Fred McLeod and W. D. Vance.

WARM RAIN IS NEEDED

Would Speed Up Crop Germination—Alberta Land Cold and Backward

WINNIPEG, May 6:—In Southern Manitoba, wheat seeding is general, some sections reporting a high as 90 per cent being already sown and a few farmers have finished their wheat land according to the Canadian National Railways' weekly report. The ground is in excellent condition with plenty of moisture but a warm rain would materially speed up germination. Considerable reports of grasshopper eggs are reported from many southern points but farmers are optimistic that weather conditions and some small insects have destroyed egg groups to some extent. In Central Manitoba heavy frosts at night have held up seeding. About 25 per cent of the wheat has been sown. The cool weather has made pasture growth slow and warmer temperatures are required.

In the Dauphin-Swanriver valley, areas the cool weather made working conditions ideal and seeding made rapid progress but activities are still ten days later than usual.

In Saskatchewan
 Throughout the whole of Saskatchewan moisture conditions are at present better than at this time last year. Along the Avonlea-Gravelbourg-Riverhurst-Glenavon subdivisions weather has been fair and cool with growth slow and winds have been high but no damage from soil drifting is reported. Wheat seeding varies from 10 per cent to 50 per cent completed. Soil is in good shape for germination, but early rains are necessary to assure strong growth.

In West-Central Saskatchewan conditions are somewhat patchy. Most districts report sufficient surface moisture for germination, but sub-soil conditions could be improved.

In the northerly districts work on the land has commenced on a small scale but will not be general until next week.

In the northwestern section farm work delayed by a slight snow fall and rains so that surface moisture conditions are satisfactory.

In Alberta
 The territories which centre on the Goose Lake line in Alberta report weather cloudy and cool with scattered showers, which, in some localities, delayed seeding. Conditions at present appear bright as the soil has ample moisture for germination.

In Central Alberta precipitation has varied from light snow storms to moderately heavy showers, while in some districts winds have been high but no soil drifting is reported. Warm weather is needed as the land is still cold and backward.

The late snows of Peace River district have now melted and fine weather prevails.

In a few scattered districts work has started and should be fairly general next week.

Stock Market
 Liberal supplies of cattle featured offerings on all central stock yards at the beginning of the week, but trade remained active and prices held in line with those of the previous week. As the week wore on the supply moderated and good butcher cattle strengthened in price 25c to 75c per cwt. Hog prices have fluctuated a little but the undertone still indicates strength. This tendency should be maintained.

PRISONERS ON STRIKE

Inmates of Kingston Pen Refuse to Take Food For While But Later Weaken

KINGSTON, Ont., May 6: (Canadian Press)—At least one hundred convicts in Kingston Penitentiary have been on hunger strike, Warden W. B. Megloughlin said yesterday, at noon, more than seventy-five per cent of the strikers were eating again and, by today, it was expected all convicts would again be taking their meals.

TAXATION DOUBLING

Dominion and Provincial Officials Working Together on Problem of Duplication

OTTAWA, May 6: (Canadian Press)—Dominion and provincial financial officials are working together with a view to reaching an understanding on duplication of taxation, Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, minister of finance, stated in the House of Commons yesterday.

Son of Mahatma Fears His Death

Indian Nationalist Leader Will Not Be Able to Survive Another Three Weeks' Fast

LONDON, Eng., May 6:—Devida Gandhi, son of Mahatma Gandhi, sobbed audibly over a telephone when the London Daily Express called him at Poona, India, and declared that, if his father persisted in his intention to fast for three weeks, he would surely die.

Japanese After Chinese Bandits

Attack is Started Upon Brigands Who Are Holding American Missionary for \$500,000

TOKIO, May 6:—Japanese military authorities have begun an attack on Chinese brigands who are holding Dr. Niels Neilson, American missionary, for \$500,000 ransom.

Nazi Propaganda Minister Going To Chicago Fair

BERLIN, May 6:—Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, Nazi minister of propaganda, will represent Germany at the opening of the Chicago World's Fair, it is learned.

FREIGHT RATES FROM FORT WILLIAM ARE CUT BY BOARD
 WINNIPEG, May 6: (CP)—Freight rates on wheat from Fort William to Montreal were ordered reduced from 6½¢ to 6¢ per bushel by the board of railway commissioners yesterday.