Tomorrow's Tides

High	10:27 a.m.	17.9 ft.
	23:10 p.m.	18.2 ft.
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	16:50 p.m	5.6 ft.

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MINING DEAL ON QUEEN CHARLOTTES

CAUSE OF DIRIGIBLE AKRON DISASTER IS STILL MYSTERY

Surviving Officer Does Not Believe Great Ship Struck By Lightning

Lieutenant-Commander Wiley Gives Personal Story of Catastrophe But Declines to Theorize—Search For Survivors Continues

NEW YORK, April 5:—As destroyers and other naval vessels maintained grim vigil since the catastrophe shortly after midnight yesterday morning in the diminishing hope of rescuing further survivors of the disaster, the dark and sullen waters of the North Atlantic Ocean today still held secret the key to the mystery which caused the total destruction of the $6,000,000 United States naval dirigible Akron with which 73 officers and three enlisted men are believed to have perished. With Lieutenant-Commander H. V. Wiley, second in command of the giant airship, who was in the control room at the time, expresing doubt that the dirigible was actually struck by lightning although she was riding in the centre of a violent electrical storm with which she had struggled for several hours, the real cause of the disaster is now quite uncertain.

Lieutenant - Commander Wiley has refused to discuss possible causes of the disaster but will reserve his opinion for at least two official investigations which will be launched at once. Both the Department of the Navy and Congress intimated intention yesterday of conducting investigations to which the builders of the ship announced their willingness to give full aid.

Lieutenant - Commander Wiley who was on watch in the right of the control room with Commander F. C. McCord, commander, in the left, was interviewed in his hospital room here last night by newspapermen and radio announcers, his personal description of the disaster going direct onto the air. Leaving Lakehurst, New Jersey, her base, at 7:30 Monday night on a flight which was intended for the purpose of testing radio direction finding apparatus, an approaching electrical storm was reported soon after the monster of the air had passed over Philadelphia. The ship then headed in an east northeast direction towards the ocean. She seemed to be slightly heavy but was in good flying condition. Overtaken by the storm, the ship's course was altered to southeast. About 12:30 midnight, the great craft suddenly descended rapidly from an altitude of 1600 feet but her downward course was temporarily checked by the throwing overboard of ballast. However, it was not for long and, soon after, the dirigible took a short lurch in the turbulent air and the upper rudder control was carried away. There was thunder and lightning all around. As the ship reached 800 feet altitude, Lieut.-Commander Wiley gave orders for all hands to stand by the landing stations and prepare for a crash. Thirty seconds later, the ship struck the water and was demolished in the impact.

Rescue By German Ship

During the lightning flashes, Lieut.-Commander Wiley could see other men besides himself swimming in the water. Finally, he came upon a board to which he clung. The German tanker Phoebus, responding to an "S. O. S." call soon came up and Lieut.-Commander Wiley was able to swim to her. Cries of the swimming men assisted the captain of the German ship in

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AMENDMENT IS BEATEN

Pattullo's Appeal for Department of Industries Rejected by Legislature Yesterday

VICTORIA, April 5—(CP)—On a straight party vote, an amendment by T. D. Pattullo, Leader of the Opposition, to retain a sum of $1,000,000 in the Loan Act of the province for the Department of Industries was defeated in the Legislature yesterday.

Hon. J. W. Jones, minister of finance, said that the province had lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in bad loans.

Mr. Pattullo commented that the Department of Industries had been brought into being to aid returned men and said that the present government had made bad loans. The present situation, Mr. Pattullo said, was comparable to 1920, when thousands of returned soldiers were thrown back into civilian life.

APPEAL IS DISMISSED

Col. Edgett Loses Again in Fight Against Vancouver Police Commission

VANCOUVER, April 5:—The British Columbia Court of Appeal yesterday by unanimous judgment dismissed the appeal of Col. C. E. Edgett against the action of the Vancouver board of police commissioners in appointing a successor to him as chief constable of the city of Vancouver.

Farm Relief Bill Given Approval By Senate Body

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 5:—The administration's farm relief bill was approved yesterday by the agricultural committee of the Senate.

HITLER ENVOYS TO VISIT MUSSOLINI

BERLIN, April 5: — Two members of Chancellor Adolf Hitler's cabinet will leave at once for Rome where they will interview Premier Benito Mussolini in regard to questions affecting the two countries. Disarmament will be one of the matters to be discussed, it is expected.

At the Tomb of Germany's Unknown Soldier

A soldier president mourns his comrades. Paul von Hindenburg with his son (right), Chancellor Adolf Hitler and members of the cabinet at the tomb of Germany's unknown soldier for a memorial service.

HOUSE HAS QUIET DAY

Mnister of Finance Refuses to Give Legislature Details of Recent Bond Sale

VICTORIA, April 5:—Yesterday was a quiet day in the British Columbia Legislature. Business was largely of a routine nature and a number of bills were passed. The House was adjourned by Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, minister of education, who will be heard today.

Hon. J. W. Jones, minister of finance, declined "in the public interest" yesterday to reveal particulars of the last $4,000,000 bond issue made by the government. Request for these particulars had been made by T. D. Pattullo, Leader of the Opposition, and Dr. H. C. Wrinch, Liberal M. L. A. for Skeena.

TERRORISM IN RUSSIA

British Ambassador Tells House of Commons of Arrest of Six Electricians

LONDON, April 5: (CP)—The government last night tabled in the House of Commons a white paper in which Sir Esmond Ovey, British ambassador to Soviet Russia, told his own story of the arrest in Moscow of six British electricians on charges of sabotage and espionage.

He described conditions in Russia as constituting a "reign of terror."

Pound Sterling and Canadian Dollar on New York Exchange

NEW YORK, April 5:—The British pound sterling closed at $3.41¾ on the New York foreign exchange market yesterday, being down ⅞c from the day previous. The Canadian dollar closed at 82¾c, down 7-16c.

BEER AND WINE BAN TO STATES LIFTED

OTTAWA, April 5: (CP)—In view of the southern republic having legalized the sale of beer and light wines, prohibition of export from Canada to the United States of beer, ale, porter and wine containing not more than 3.2% alcohol by weight after April 6 will be lifted by the government, it was announced yesterday.

MEALS TO BE TAXED

British Columbians Eating More Than 50c Worth at One Sitting Must Pay Five Percent

VICTORIA, April 5: (CP)—British Columbians, eating in public places, will, by terms of contemplated legislation, pay a tax of five percent on all meals costing over fifty cents, it is learned at the Parliament Buildings.

Details of the new legislation have not been worked out but provision will be made to exempt boarding houses, clubs and American plan hotels.

INFLATION IS ASKED

OTTAWA, April 5: (CP)—A subamendment to the budget, which was moved in the House of Commons yesterday by Progressive members, proposes nationalization of insurance, legislative control of interest and profits, investment and national construction program to relieve unemployment, controlled currency inflation and the creation of a central national credit bank.

THANKS TO GYRO CLUB

Library Board Acknowledges Debt To Those Taking Part in Recent Drive For Books

At the regular meeting of the Library Board last night, George Wilkinson presiding, letters of thanks were ordered to be sent to the Gyro Club, to Ormes Limited and to the Daily News, thanking them for their services in connection with the recent drive for books, which was the means of securing 2,395 volumes. While all of these books will not be suitable for library purposes there will be a good average of suitable volumes for circulation. Donors of the books were also thanked. There was also a contribution of $36 cash in connection with the drive.

So far only a little over one hundred of the books have been placed on the shelves, the work being done gradually in the same time that would have been devoted ordinarily to the cataloguing of new books.

Miss Cruikshank, librarian, expressed herself as much pleased with the books, which would prove very useful. While there were some of the new books in the collection there were volumes of great interest both fiction and others. The average of the children's books was not so good. Many of those donated would not last long.

Madame Doumer Passes in Paris

Widow of Former President Had Been Prostrated Since Assassination

PARIS, April 5—Prostrated since the assassination of her husband months ago, Madame Doumer, widow of Paul Doumer, former president of France, died here yesterday. She had lost four of her five sons in the Great War.

Fifty-Ton Mill To Be Installed On Prince Rupert Mineral Group

Property Turned Over to Vancouver Purchasers Under Deal Completed by E. C. Stevens—Development On Large Scale Planned

SKIDEGATE, April 5:—E. C. Stevens has just returned from a trip to Vancouver where he put over what is thought to be one of the largest mining deals of recent years in the north. He sold the well known Prince Rupert group of claims on the west coast of Graham Island to Basil G. Hawkins & Co. of Vancouver.

The purchasers of the claims, it is announced, will at once install a 50-ton stamp mill and have in view a larger mill later in the summer.

Mr. Hawkins and his engineer, Mr. Turner of Vancouver, will visit the Queen Charlottes by airplane in the near future and it is possible the plane will be kept at the islands for the summer in connection with the mining operations.

It is understood that local men will be employed and union wages paid.

Mr. Stevens said that, while in Vancouver, he found many prominent businessmen of that city turning their attention to the gold possibilities of the Queen Charlottes and he thinks there will soon be a gold stampede to the islands as great as the one now in the Cariboo.

SENSATIONAL GAINS IN SILVER STOCKS

NEW YORK, April 5:—Sensational gains were recorded by a number of silver stocks in yesterday's trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Several issues, including Howe Sound, recorded new high prices for the year.

HOLD-UP IN VANCOUVER

Bond House Messenger Relieved of Securities in Daring Robbery In Heart of City Tuesday

VANCOUVER, April 5: (CP)—As they were about to deliver a parcel of bonds from the Howe Street bond house into the safety vault of the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia at the corner of Hastings and Seymour Streets, Arthur Cater and John Gibson, clerks, in the employ of the Western City Bond Co., were relieved of the bonds in a daring hold-up in the heart of the city at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Crater and Gibson were set upon by two men, at least one of whom was armed with a gun, who made their getaway with the bonds, the total amount of which was announced as $20,000.

Probe Into Curb Stock Trading to Commence at Once

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 5:—The Attorney-General of the United States announced yesterday that an investigation would commence today into New York curb stock trading.

Move to Take Steamer Prince Rupert to Vancouver For Her Annual Overhaul Protested

Telegrams of protest were sent by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association and Mayor M. M. Stephens today to Canadian National Railways and Steamships headquarters in Montreal protesting against an apparent last-minute move which has been made to have the steamer Prince Rupert taken to Vancouver for annual overhaul instead of carrying out the work here as was originally planned. Telegrams have been sent to S. J. Hungerford, acting president of the Canadian National Railways, and A. H. Allan, manager of Canadian National Steamships, urging that the original plan be adhered to and the work carried out here.

The telegrams of the Chamber of Commerce, Prince Rupert Retail Association and the mayor were sent following the making of an official announcement today that, instead of the original plan of withdrawing the steamer Prince Rupert from service here for annual overhaul on her return from Anyox and Stewart tomorrow evening, the vessel would proceed through to Vancouver on regular schedule and be replaced next week at Vancouver by the steamer Prince George which will sail at 6 o'clock tonight for the south after completing annual overhaul here. It is inferred from this announcement that the Prince Rupert would be kept in Vancouver for annual overhaul.

WILL HOLD BANK PROBE

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 5:—The United States Senate yesterday authorized an investigation into the methods of the J. P. Morgan Co. and other investment banking houses of the country. On the findings of the investigation it is planned to base permanent new banking laws of the United States.