

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Overcast, light northerly wind; barometer, 30.36; temperature, 46; sea smooth.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High: 9:27 a.m. 17.3 ft.
11:56 p.m. 19.8 ft.
Low: 6:09 a.m. 10.3 ft.
18:49 p.m. 4.2 ft.

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PRICE: FIVE CENTS

RAIL AND WIRE SERVICE DISRUPTED

IMPORTANT PORTLAND CANAL MINING DEAL IS PENDING

Warm Rains Cause of Much Trouble Along Lower Skeena Valley

High Water, Drift Ice and Land and Snowslides Completely Tie Up Communication of Prince Rupert With Outside World

Railway traffic and telegraphic communication of Prince Rupert to the outside world are completely tied up this week-end owing to high water, drift ice and land and snow slides along the lower Skeena River following the heavy, warm rains of the last few days and there was some uncertainty up to early afternoon today as to when services might be expected to be restored.

Has Birthday



FORMER KAISER

DOORN, Holland, Jan. 27.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday quietly today among his relatives. He is in excellent health.

Merger of City and County of L.A. Advocated

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—The civic budget efficiency bureau has estimated that \$9,200,000 could be saved annually by an amalgamation of civic and county administrations of Los Angeles.

Senator Huey Long Trailing

Stormy New Orleans Solon Behind in Mayoralty Primary in Gulf City

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27.—Senator Huey Long, stormy petrel of federal and state politics, was 15,000 behind in the mayoralty runoff primary in this city.

SILVER AND COPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Bar silver closed at 43 1/2¢ per ounce on the local foreign exchange market yesterday and copper at 8 1/4¢ per pound.

At various points between Pacific and Kwantita some eight or ten snowslides are reported across the railway line, length varying from 40 to 600 feet and depth from five to twenty-five feet. The landslide at North Pacific and the trouble at Kayex bridge delayed the rotary plow and other equipment getting to these slides from this end.

The only damage so far reported had been that at Kayex bridge and there have been no casualties.

Minor damage was done to Kayex bridge by ice and high water coming down in a swollen torrent against the trestle last night. It was expected the bridge would be made passable by this afternoon.

Actress and Her Husband Abandon Young Daughter

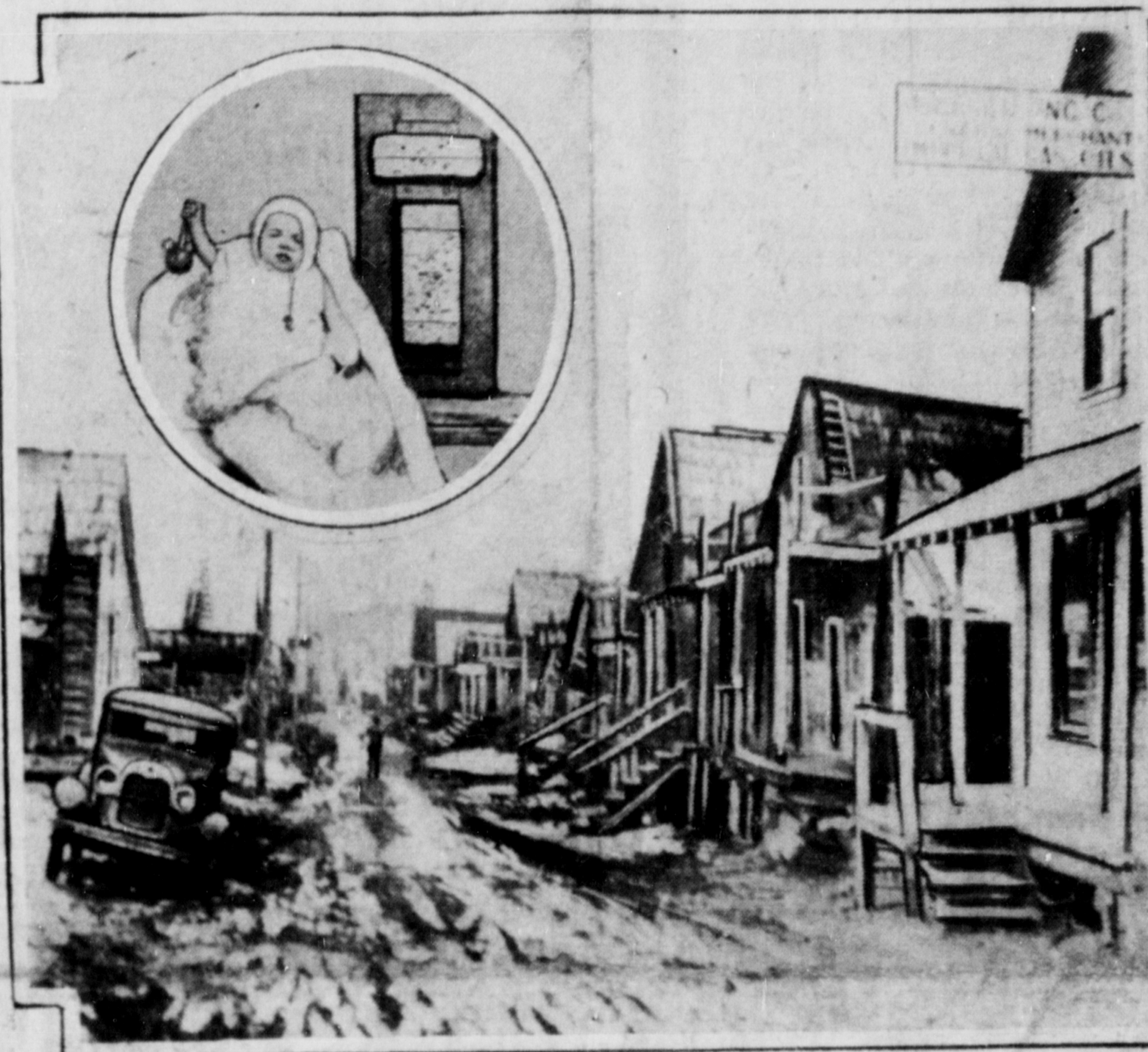
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—Coral Clarke, 31-year old actress, must appear in court here on a charge of child abandonment, it was ruled yesterday. Thomas Sheen, Miss Clarke's husband, will appear in an El Centro court shortly for sentence for failure to provide for the child, a one-year old daughter.

Vancouver City To Sue Gov't

Municipality Will Seek to Collect Taxes on Crown-Owned Leased Property

VANCOUVER, Jan. 27.—The Vancouver city council is taking steps with a view to suing the government for taxes on crown-owned leased property within the city. The total value of such property is estimated at \$30,000,000.

Ghost Town of British Columbia Comes Back



The historic mining town of Barkerville, British Columbia, is once again coming into its own. In the "boom" days of the 60's, when the placer gold rush to the Cariboo area was at its height, it was known as the gold capital of the world, with its population once numbering as high as 15,000. Now it is coming back to life again as the latest rush for lode gold in the area is under way, and prospectors are now crowding into the town that in late years has been nothing more than a ghost town with but a population of a few hundred. Between twenty-five and thirty millions of dollars worth of placer gold was taken from Williams' creek, which flows through Barkerville, in the '60's and '70's. Old-timers say that Barkerville hasn't changed much since the "boom" days of 70 years ago. A fire in 1868 destroyed all but one building in the rough frontier mining town, but it was rebuilt in 1869 in much the same manner—a rough frame shack along the banks of Williams' creek. Inset is Baby Helen Snoxell, the "million-dollar baby" of the Cariboo gold camp. Seen beside her are the first gold bricks from the new mine situated on Cow mountain.

PROVINCE OVERPAID

Pattullo Tells Montreal That B. C. Has Contributed More Than Share to Federal Treasury

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—Visiting this city before returning west following the recent Dominion-provincial intergovernmental conference in Ottawa, Premier T. D. Pattullo of British Columbia stated yesterday that his province in the last five years had paid \$20,000,000 more than its share into the federal treasury.

Premier Pattullo reiterated his appeal to the east for more sympathetic consideration of the appeals of British Columbia and the other western provinces for assistance in connection particularly with unemployment relief and economic recovery.

Graft Charges Are Widespread

Vast Amount of Correspondence is Being Received Daily by United States Government

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 27.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt has let it be known that he is receiving an average of two hundred letters a day charging graft in connection with the economic recovery public works program, both Republican and Democratic leaders being charged in this connection. The president added that the administrator of the National Recovery Act was dealing with some 2000 such letters daily.

GERMANY AND POLAND SIGN IMPORTANT PACT FOR NON-AGGRESSION

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Heralded as being an important step towards the cause of peace in Europe which also may facilitate the solution of disarmament problems, a 10 year non-aggression pact between Germany and Poland was signed yesterday.

VOTE OF MILLION

Canadian Broadcasting Commission To Get Grant This Year of Same Size as Last

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—It is intimated that a vote of \$1,000,000 will be made to the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission in this year's federal estimates. This is the same as last year.

Cuisine Staff Of Great Hotel Has Gone on Strike

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The \$30,000,000 Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here is operating with a greatly reduced cuisine staff, six hundred waiters and kitchen workers having walked out in protest at the dismissal of an assistant chef.

BOAT RUNS TO ALASKA

Eleven Voyages to be Made to Skagway by C. N. Steamships

Commencing the summer service on June 20 as far as this port is concerned, there will be eleven sailings to Alaska for the 1934 tourist season, it is announced by Canadian National Steamships.

The Prince George and Prince Rupert have sailings from here to Skagway scheduled for June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

A three-hour stop will be made at Prince Rupert Wednesday northbound, four hours at Ketchikan, five hours at Juneau and a full day at Skagway. Returning, the boats will spend several hours here on Mondays southbound.

Foreman of Prince Of Wales Ranch Has Passed Away

HIGH RIVER, Jan. 27.—James McMillan, foreman of the Prince of Wales ranch here for seven years, is dead here. He was a noted Alberta horseman.

Lieutenant-Governor Of Washington Pays Visit to Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Jan. 27.—Lieutenant-Governor Vic Meyers of Washington and Mrs. Meyers are paying a brief visit to Vancouver. Meyers is a well known Seattle radio orchestra conductor.

Salmon Gold Ore May Be Treated In Plant On Missouri Property

Only Final Formalities Said to be Awaiting Completion Before Smelters Acquires Interest of Sixty Percent

STEWART, Jan. 27.—A deal whereby the new Salmon Gold mine would pass to the control of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada through acquisition of a sixty percent interest in Salmon Gold Mines Ltd. is reported to be concluded to the point of awaiting only the final formalities. Owing to the difficulty of transportation, a small company would be precluded from developing the ground economically, and acquisition of the Salmon Gold by Consolidated Mining & Smelting would be welcomed as a piece of highly constructive news.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPT

Activities of important Branch of Civic Service During Year Reviewed by Chief

Damage \$24,000

Practically All Covered by Insurance—Need of Maintaining Efficiency Stressed

Interesting particulars as to the activities of the city fire department during the year 1933 are given in the annual report of Fire Chief J. R. Morrison which has just been presented to City Commissioner W. J. Alder. Total damage to property by fire and water during the year was \$23,915.45 of which \$19,685.45 was loss on building and \$4,230 on contents. The total amount of insurance paid was \$23,410.45, leaving a net loss uncovered by insurance of \$505. The value of property involved was \$257,000.

These were 104 alarms in all during the year, 49 of which were to chimney fires. Cigarette stubs and bush fires caused six alarms each, sparks from chimneys five alarms and automobile backfires four alarms. There were five false alarms.

During the year 11,000 feet of hose was laid. Two hundred gallons of chemicals and 500 feet of ladders were used.

The members of the department made 650 inspections of business houses, hotels, schools, hospital and moving picture theatre during the year. Two hundred notices to correct unsafe conditions were given and, as a result, there had been marked effect in reducing the fire hazard during the year. During the year several old buildings which had been a fire hazard were removed.

"The frame construction that is evident throughout the city makes it absolutely necessary that the fire department be kept up to the greatest efficiency," the report observes. During the past year the efficiency of the department had been greatly increased through the acquisition of a new truck. Fifty feet of master hose which had been purchased had also proven most useful.

Expenditure of the department for the year amounted to \$11,240.13 of which \$9,555 was in salaries.

In conclusion, the fire chief thanks the commissioner for co-operation and assistance, members of the department for faithful attention to duty and successful work, the water and police departments for assistance rendered and the public and press for courtesy.

It is understood that Consolidated engineers, who are engrossed in the problem of making a commercial operation of the Big Missouri mill, lower in the Salmon River Valley, are considering the possibility of transporting ore from the Salmon Gold mine to the Big Missouri mill, eight miles distant. Those details of operation, however, remain to be worked out.

Prosecution Has Setback in "Jake The Barber" Trial

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The prosecution was noticeably worried when seven star witnesses failed to definitely identify Roger Tuohy and three co-defendants in connection with the abduction of John Factor better known as "Jake the Barber." The trial is proceeding.

Yesterday, however, Factor himself, from the witness stand, positively identified Tuohy and two of the other men as his abductors.

PIONEER IS DEAD

Jim Crane, Colorful Miner of Cariboo District, Passes Away

QUESNEL, Jan. 27.—Jim Crane, colorful pioneer mining man of the Cariboo district, died here yesterday after having been ill for several weeks at the age of 85. He was born in Ontario and came to British Columbia in 1876, having lived practically continuously since that time in the Cariboo.

Prohibition Party To Be Very Active In State Election

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 27.—The Prohibition Party announces that it will have candidates in the field for every elective office in the forthcoming general state election.

EXCHANGE RATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The British pound sterling closed at \$4.95 on the local foreign exchange yesterday as compared with \$5 in Montreal. The Canadian dollar closed at 99 1/2¢ here.