

# The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

## Tomorrow's Tides

High 5:53 a.m. 18.8 ft.  
18:40 p.m. 15.0 ft.  
Low 12:37 p.m. 7.9 ft.

Today's Forecast

Prince Rupert - Clear  
southwest wind; barome.  
temperature, 42; sea modera.e.

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# VANCOUVER TRAVELLING VIA RUPERT

## THIRTY-TWO PERSONS DEAD IN ATLANTIC SHIP COLLISION

### Passengers To and From East Being Routed This Way Owing To Southern Railway Tie-up

Unprecedented Expedient in British Columbia Transportation—Steamer Prince George Being Rushed North To Connect With Special Trains

Owing to snow, rain and flood conditions in the lower Fraser Valley between Boston Bar and Vancouver having completely crippled the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railway lines with numerous slides and wash-outs which cannot be cleared until the middle of next week at the earliest, the Canadian National Railways has resorted to the expedient of re-routing its Vancouver passenger traffic to and from the east by way of Prince Rupert. The steamer Prince George, arriving at Vancouver this afternoon from her regular weekly voyage north, is turning back immediately to Prince Rupert with passengers from Vancouver who will go east from here by rail. The vessel, expected to arrive here Monday morning, will sail that day on her return to Vancouver with passengers for that city from the east who have been tied up at Kamloops since the first of this week owing to

### FARMING IN 1934

Decidedly Improved Over Preceding Two Years, Says District Agriculturalist

#### Good Seed Year

Further Progress Was Made in Development of Markets

"In the general aspect, conditions throughout the northern central interior showed decided improvement over those existing during the two years previous," stated Don Sutherland, district agriculturalist, Smithers, in a resume of agricultural conditions in the northern central interior in 1934, presented to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last evening. "Improvement is particularly marked in the Bulkley Valley and Lakes district where farmers succeeded in harvesting a big crop of timothy seed, prices for which are double ordinary values. Owing to crop failures in other timothy seed producing areas on the continent.

"Aside, however, from this unusually fortuitous occurrence, there has been a continuous improvement in the number and quality of livestock, a satisfactory harvest of fruit, garden and field crops, considerable development of markets for local produce, particularly at Prince Rupert, and a new cohesiveness and activity evident in farmers' organizations. These all reflect a broadening and strengthening of the foundation necessary for a more prosperous agricultural industry that requires only a continued rise in the returns received for farm produce in order to forge ahead rapidly.

"Seasonal conditions were much more favorable for plant growth than during either of the two previous years. Ample moisture in the spring and freedom from summer frosts, resulted in satisfactory yields of fruit, vegetables and field crops of excellent quality. Lack of summer rains checked growth somewhat so that yields were no greater than usual and, moreover, wet weather in the late fall caused difficulties and delays in harvesting. To compensate for this, however, the fall was open and the weather extremely mild so that there is ample assurance of sufficient supplies of fodder for livestock and of seed grain for spring requirements with the exception of individual cases due largely to lack of effort on the part of the settler himself.

"Particular progress was made with the development of markets for interior produce through the efforts put forth by agricultural and civic organizations and by local provincial and federal members.

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### Today's Limerick

A monster while out for a lark  
Was resting where sea lions bark  
Till some wise men came out  
Plucked the quills from his snout  
Then swore he was only a shark.

### Gives Up Business to Go Fishing



Mrs. Oliver Cromwell Grinnell, 57, turned over her million dollar lithographing business in New York to employees and retired to devote herself to her favorite pastimes, fishing and reading. She prides herself on having caught the first broadbill swordfish ever landed by woman on the Atlantic coast.

### TWO THOUSAND MEN ARE EMPLOYED BY MINES OF DISTRICT DURING YEAR

Not Including Prospectors and Smaller Outfits—Activity in All Branches of Industry Increased

"Activity in all branches of mining has increased during 1934," stated Dr. Joseph T. Mandy, resident mining engineer for the Northwestern Mineral Survey District, in a review of mining developments in 1934, presented to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night. "The various phases of the industry in this district are featured by business-like soundness and the absence of boom aspects. Employment has increased and about 2,000 men have been on direct payroll in about 40 separate operations, exclusive of numbers of individual prospectors and smaller outfits scattered throughout the district.

"The Stewart camp is in the soundest condition of any time in its history. Negotiations between the Premier Gold Mining Co. Ltd. and the B. C. Silver offer additional encouragement for continued and increased gold and silver production from this camp. At Alice Arm, besides the likely silver prospects, gold aspects are becoming apparent and the outlook for early activity is brighter than it has been for some time. Lode mining has been revived in the Atlin area.

"Placer operations have increased and exploration has expanded into outlying areas. Placer-gold production will probably show an increase for 1934.

"Eastern operating companies have become actively interested in the district during 1934. These include Mining Corporation of Canada, Bobjo Mines Limited and the John E. Hammell interests of Toronto.

"Operations have been mainly centred in gold and the prevailing high gold price has not only stimulated the activity of all gold producers but has offered further encouragement to undertakings characterized by low-grade gold ore occurrences such as Big Missouri.

"No important revival of activity relative to purely silver and base metal deposits has materialized. The prevailing low copper price and discouraging market outlook has had a depressing effect on present and future operations concerning this metal and has adversely affected the Granby Consolidated operation at Anyox.

"Outstanding prospecting and exploration has been carried out in the Unuk River area by Unuk Valley Gold Syndicate and promising discoveries in this area have been made by five outfits.

"The main production has come from Premier, Dunwell, Granby Consolidated at Anyox, Surf Point, and production of small lots from the Spider, Joker, United Empire, Lakeview, Blackhill, Jeannie and Princess Royal Gold Mines Limited.

"Premier production for 1934 has totalled 153,950 tons averaging 0.17 ounces gold and 4.38 ounces silver to the ton. With the resumption of negotiations the possibility for bringing the B. C. Silver into production is encouraged. The prevailing low copper price has adversely affected production and shipments of blister from Anyox. Ore-tonnage production from the Anyox mine during 1934 may, however, show a slight increase over 1933. At the Anyox operation about 1,100 men are employed with a monthly payroll of \$135,000.

"The 1934 gold production from the Surf Point mine on Porcher Island is estimated at 4186 ounces.

### SWORN IN AT DINNER

New Feature Introduced at Annual Meeting of Chamber of Commerce; Executive Chosen

A new feature was introduced at the annual dinner meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night. Judge W. E. Fisher was present as an honored guest and, after the election of officers, he administered the pledge of office to the new president. Vice-president W. M. Blackstock was not present so he will have to be sworn in later.

On motion of Theo Collart it was decided to refer to a committee of the new board the work of raising a few hundred dollars to bonus a trial shipment of hemlock logs out of Prince Rupert at the same time the next lot of aspen is shipped. The importance of doing this was stressed by several speakers.

President John Dybavon said that the ss. Prince Robert would not have her annual overhaul at this port. B. T. Chappell, C. N. R. superintendent for British Columbia, had spoken to him about it in Vancouver recently and had asked him to explain that it was impossible to have the work done economically in Prince Rupert. Most of the work was such as could not be done here.

Brief speeches were made by T. N. LePage, president of the Junior Chamber, M. P. McCaffery, Lieut. Col. J. W. Nicholls, W. H. Tobey, W. P. Armour and C. V. Evitt, the last mentioned of whom thanked the chamber for its confidence in electing him president and promised, with the help of the other officers, to make the work of the year a success.

The executive for the coming year was chosen as follows: W. J. Alder, W. P. Armour, W. E. Drake, W. O. Fulton, T. H. Johnson, S. D. Johnston, J. J. Little, G. W. Laidler, W. R. McAfee, M. P. McCaffery, G. W. Nickerson, J. W. Nicholls, C. H. Orme, S. E. Parker, W. H. Tobey and G. P. Tinker.

both railway lines into Vancouver being blocked. These passengers are being brought here by special train from Kamloops which will arrive on Monday via Jasper Park.

It is the first time in transportation history of the province that it has been necessary to resort to this expedient in order to handle Vancouver railway traffic. It will depend upon what progress is made in clearing up the southern railway lines whether or not it will be necessary to handle more business in this emergency fashion.

The special run north of the Prince George will involve a rearrangement of her regular schedule next week under which she should arrive here on Wednesday morning from the south. The expectation is that she will operate a day or so late until she is able to catch up the time lost owing to the special voyage.

The local line of the Canadian National Railways was reported to be in normal condition this morning with no interruption along the road. Tonight's train due from the last at 10:15, is, however, eleven hours behind time owing to a late connection at Jasper Park. This would bring the train in at 9:15 tomorrow morning.

No announcement was available up to early this afternoon in regard to times of special steamer and train movements.

### DENIAL BY HAUPTMANN

Declares on Witness Stand That He Did Not Kidnap Baby or Collect Ransom Money

FLEMINGTON, N.J., Jan. 26:—As had been forecast by his attorneys at the opening of the trial, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, charged with the kidnap-murder of baby Charles Augustus Lindbergh jr., took the witness stand in his own behalf and specifically denied having kidnaped the child or collected the ransom money. He said he had never seen the Lindbergh baby and had nothing to do with securing the ransom.

Hauptmann denied having been at or near Hopewell, N.J., at the time of the kidnapping and charged that New York police had submitted him to third degree methods in the attempt to force him by duress to admit the crime. He declared that he was at his home on the night of the kidnapping and denied ever having seen Dr. J. F. Condon until last September when he was arrested.

### Ward Line Figures For Third Time in Disaster Of Sea Off East Coast

Passenger Vessel Mohawk Crashes With Freighter Off New Jersey Coast—Death List May Be Even Higher—Frozen Bodies Washed Ashore

NEW YORK, Jan. 26: (CP)—At least thirty-two persons are known to have perished and fifteen are missing as a result of the sinking of the Ward Line steamer Mohawk following a collision on Thursday night off Seagirt, N.J., with the freighter Talisman. Thirty-one frozen bodies have been picked up including those of eight passengers, four women.

It is the third major marine disaster in which Ward Line vessels have figured during recent months. The first was the burning last summer with heavy loss of life of the steamer Morro Castle. The second was the stranding of the steamer Havana off Florida three weeks ago when one passenger died of heart failure.

### Saar Transfer Expected About Mid-February

GENEVA, Jan. 26:—While the date for the transfer of the Saar Basin to Germany following the recent plebiscite has not yet been definitely announced, it is expected it will be made by the League of Nations probably on February 16.

### Plane is Missing At Finlay Forks

A plane of the Two Brothers Mining Co., intending to make a search for Pilot "Ginger" Coote, missing on a mercy flight to the Finlay Forks district, was held at Prince George today by weather.

### TIE-UP IS COMPLETE

Three Men Killed by Avalanche Near Nelson While Clearing Railway Line

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26: (CP)—Train and other services of Vancouver are still paralyzed as a result of the unprecedented snow and rain conditions which have been prevailing here this week and it will possibly be next week before traffic can be restored. Meantime, heavy rain continues.

Three railway workers clearing slides near Nelson were killed by an avalanche.

Three men were killed and three seriously injured yesterday when a snowslide struck a government unemployed camp at Clan William, 11 miles west of Revelstoke.

Victoria and other Vancouver Island points are gradually recovering from the effects of the unusual weather.

Twenty-five miles of telegraph wires were reported yesterday to be down at one point not far from the city. Fifty poles had fallen.

### ADVENTURER IS MISSING

Harry Williams Missing on Overland Trip From Pouce Coupe To Mount Robson

A search party has set out from Pouce Coupe in the Peace River Block to look for Harry Williams, a young Australian, who left Pouce Coupe on December 9 with a view to travelling overland to Mount Robson on the Canadian National Railways. On leaving Williams had with him five dogs, a toboggan, a rifle and three weeks' provisions. Three of the dogs have returned to Pouce Coupe, divisional headquarters of the provincial police have been advised, but there is no sign of Williams either there or at his destination and some misgivings are now felt as to his safety. He had intended visiting friends at Loos station on the railway line.

THRONESPEECH ADOPTED WITHOUT DIVISION FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY  
OTTAWA, Jan. 26: (CP)—The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was passed by the House of Commons on Thursday without division for the first time since Confederation. Premier R. B. Bennett has suggested a national housing scheme.