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Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:30 a.m. 18.9 ft.
13:37 p.m. 21.0 ft.
Low 7:20 a.m. 8.5 ft.
19:52 p.m. 2.9 ft.

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert — Clear, light northeast wind; barometer, 30.40; temperature, 14; sea smooth.

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DISASTROUS BLAZE IN CITY TODAY

CAPTAIN OF SHIP LOST FOLLOWING STRANDING IN STORM

Hays Block Property and Other Second Avenue Buildings Burned Down in Morning Conflagration

Asks Government To Rid Country Of Harmful Drug

Rotary Club Passes Resolution Asking For Prohibition Against Heroin in Canada

The Prince Rupert Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting yesterday passed a resolution asking the government of Canada to absolutely prohibit the manufacture, use or possession of the drug heroin. In recommending that the club pass this resolution, the executive committee had before it the evidence of the American Medical Association, criminologists and others, all of whom were unanimously opposed to the use of the drug for any purpose. It was pointed out that most of the criminals were drug addicts and almost all the addicts used heroin. It was a drug that brought about very rapidly both mental and moral degeneracy. The resolution was recently passed by the Nanaimo club and sent on to Prince Rupert with a request for endorsement.

Giving Bursary To Student of City At University of B.C.

The Rotary Club, at its luncheon meeting yesterday, decided to give a bursary of \$100 to some local student to enable him to continue his studies at the University of British Columbia. The student will be chosen for his all-round qualifications and for his inability to finance his own career at the university. It is to be given for one year only unless it is decided next year to continue the donation.

Quietly Wed Last Evening

Miss Mary Ann Kurolock Became Bride of George J. H. Cam

The marriage took place quietly last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Astori, Seventh Avenue West, of Miss Mary Ann Kurolock and George J. H. Cam. Dean Gibson officiated and witnesses of the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Astori, Mr. and Mrs. Cam will reside in the city.

GRAIN SHIP DUE IN PORT TOMORROW

The British freighter Vancouver City, coming here to load a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom or Continent, is due in port tomorrow afternoon from the Orient. The vessel is expected to arrive about 10 a.m. at Triple Island to pick up her pilot.

HEAVY LOSS ONLY PARTIALLY COVERED BY INSURANCE—INTENSE COLD CAUSED HARDSHIP—CITIZENS SUDDENLY AROUSED FROM SLEEP, HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN NIGHT ATTIRE.

Fire of uncertain origin but which may have originated from the thawing of frozen water pipes during the most severe cold snap Prince Rupert has experienced in twenty years early this morning caused the most damaging conflagration in the history of the business section of this city. Preliminary estimates this morning placed the damage at \$50,000 which figure, however, is entirely tentative subject to revision. Taking into account contents of the buildings which were destroyed, the figure may be higher. There was insurance on the Hays Block, the largest building to be destroyed, and on the building of S. E. Parker which suffered extensive damage from smoke and water. There was little, if any insurance, on the other four buildings which were wiped out. Many persons, suddenly aroused from sleep, escaped the flames scantily clad in night attire but there were no serious injuries.

The fire is believed to have originated in or near the Hays Block on, under the sidewalk outside. The fire department was called at 6:45 a.m. and, on its arrival, the whole sidewalk on the south side of Second Avenue seemed to be ablaze for the length of a whole city block. The flames also had a firm grip on the Hays Block. Three hours of concentrated fire fighting followed and this afternoon the Parker building and sidewalk were still smouldering. It was at times a rather spectacular blaze as it swept through the timber construction. Several lines of hose were played upon it and, spreading under the sidewalk and into the basements of buildings in its path, the flames at various times broke out at new points. Although it was intensely cold, there was little wind which, undoubtedly, prevented a more serious conflagration.

No one suffered serious injury although several persons had only time to escape from their homes in night attire, some in bare feet. These included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hinton, Mrs. Douglas Sutherland, F. M. Davies and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Parker and C. O. Rowe and relatives all of whom suffered heavy losses. It was fortunate that some of these people were able to escape, such headway had the flames made by the time they awakened. Among those who had narrow escapes was Mrs. J. A. Hinton, who was ill in bed at the time. The fire hose had to be played around them as she and her husband made their getaway with assistance from the flaming Hays Block which, within half an hour, had been completely consumed by the flames. Frank Davies suffered a slight head injury as he made his escape with his son. It was a difficult fire for the department to cope with. Noble assistance was given the hard-pressed firemen by many citizens and generosity was displayed in giving shelter and such hospitality and assistance as was needed to the sufferers. Those who aided in various ways were too numerous to name individually but among them

were Joe Innes and Norman Lewis members of the fire department of the native village of Kitkatia, who happened to be in the city.

The Sufferers
The buildings destroyed were as follows:
Hays' Block, two-storey structure, containing office of Northern Shipping Co., P. M. Ray, proprietor; Socialist Party of Canada clubrooms and Prince Rupert Supply Co. store, J. A. Hinton, proprietor. Upstairs, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hinton.
Mrs. Douglas Sutherland's beauty parlor, also containing Mrs. Sutherland's living quarters.
A. T. Parkin's electric shop.
C. O. Rowe's sheet metal works and living quarters, a two-storey building.
White House Apartments, two-storey, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lewis, the proprietors, and F. M. Davies and family as well as A. M. Davies who left for Vancouver last night.
S. E. Parker's brick building, with storage facilities downstairs and Mr. Parker's living quarters upstairs, was badly damaged from the effects of smoke and water.
The old Pattullo Block, unoccupied and in a state of disrepair, was also damaged to a point where it may be necessary to demolish it altogether.

For a while, it appeared that the newly-built Leeds Apartments might be in danger and some of the occupants thereof moved out their effects. The building, however, was untouched in any way.

Second Fire
Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 the fire department had a call to Mr. Parker's building where a fire had started under the sidewalk outside from a blow torch being used in the thawing of frozen water pipes. This fire had, apparently, been completely extinguished.

At an early hour this afternoon Fire Chief J. R. Morison had no statement to make as to the possible origin of the fire.

Noted Canadian Socialites Visit Embassy at Washington



Mrs. W. D. Herridge, wife of Canada's minister to the United States, is shown with the guests who are staying at the embassy. Left to right are: Miss Christina MacNaughten, daughter of Major-General MacNaughten of Ottawa; Miss Nora Fleck, granddaughter of the late J. R. Booth of Ottawa; Mrs. W. D. Herridge, Miss Barbara Cowans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cowans, and the Honorable Hazel Shaughnessy, daughter of Lord and Lady Shaughnessy of England.

Sees Great Future For Coal In Spite of Present Conditions; Telkwa Mine Valuable to City

Declaring coal to be a cheaper fuel than any other available, showing its value as an industry in this district and prophesying that it will have a very bright future when science has played its part in converting it into liquid fuel either through hydrogenation or carbonization, Charles Graham, inspector of mines for this district, gave a most interesting address at the luncheon of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club in the Commodore Cafe yesterday afternoon, J. J. Little presiding.

Mr. Graham told of the decline of the coal mining industry in British Columbia in the past few years due to the popularizing of oil and the lack of scientific automatic burners for coal. In Nanaimo 1200 men were on relief, nearly all of whom were mine workers or dependent on the mines for employment. Eight mines on Vancouver Island had been closed and production at the others reduced in the past few years by approximately a million tons. The monetary loss has been something like seven millions. At the present time Canada is importing about twelve million tons of coal annually while Canadian mines are partially idle. In British Columbia, however, the chief competitor of coal is imported oil or the by-product of crude oil imported for refining purposes. When put to the test it was found that coal was a cheaper fuel than oil but little advancement had been made in installing proper combustion equipment. Obsolete methods were in use whereas for the most up-to-date scientific methods were employed. The most pressing need today, the speaker declared, was to acquaint the public as far as possible with automatic burning equipment which reduced costs. The Vancouver school board had been able, by using modern equipment, to reduce costs from \$74,263 in 1929 to \$52,323 in 1931 and this was in spite of the fact that more space was heated in the latter year.

Telkwa Coal
Speaking of the value to Prince Rupert of the Telkwa coal mine, Mr. Graham mentioned that the product of this mine ranked second in value as a fuel in British Columbia. Yet only ten percent of the coal sold in Prince Rupert was Telkwa coal. The future of Prince Rupert, he said, was bound up with the future of the district which surrounds it as much of the money spent there eventually came to this city while

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Capt. Milne Failed To Make Breeches Buoy Escape From Vessel

Ship Grounded in Terrific Gale and Heavy Snowstorm And Broke in Two—All Rest of Crew Saved

HALIFAX, Jan. 18: (CP)—Capt. Duncan Milne, last man left aboard the British freighter Kenkerry, bound from Liverpool to Halifax to load grain, was drowned as he attempted to get into a breeches buoy but missed and was swept away. The ship grounded in a terrific gale and heavy snowstorm last night on Black Point Rock. After several unsuccessful attempts, the breeches buoy was rigged up and twenty-nine members of the crew were landed safely. The captain and the chief engineer were the last to leave. The engineer made a safe passage and, as the buoy returned, the captain missed and disappeared just as the ship broke in two when struck by a tremendous wave.

COLD SNAP NOT ENDED

Thermometer Drops to New Low Level of Five Above Zero

There is every prospect today of a continuation of the cold snap which yesterday brought to Prince Rupert the lowest official thermometer reading to be recorded in many years—five above zero. Extremely cold weather is reported from all interior points with a minimum of 58 below at Endako.

DIES ON GASBOAT

District headquarters of the provincial police here have been advised that a man named Duncan Roberts died aboard a boat while being taken from Rivers Inlet to

Bella Bella Hospital for treatment. The body is at present at Dawson's Landing in Rivers Inlet. No particulars were given in the message.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN BROWNLEE CASE BY SUPREME COURT

EDMONTON, Jan. 18: (CP)—Judgment was reserved yesterday afternoon by the Supreme Court on the appeal of Miss Vivian MacMillan and her father, A. D. MacMillan, against the rejection by Mr. Justice Ives in lower court of a jury's award of \$15,000 damages resulting from a civil action charging seduction against former Premier J. E. Brownlee.

WILL AID SUFFERERS

Subscriptions Being Taken For Those Who Lost Everything In Fire Today

A subscription is being taken up for the purpose of helping some of those who suffered by the fire this morning and who lost practically everything they had. The list is at Dybhavn & Hanson's where Arthur Brooksbank is in charge. Up to noon about \$300 had been subscribed.

LIMERICK CONTEST

First Prize, Subscription to Daily News, 1 Year
Second Prize, Subscription to Daily News, 6 Months
Limerick must be original and must be signed by the author. Names of writers will not be published unless verse wins a prize. Many of verses submitted will be published, if thought of sufficient interest.