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WEATHER

Christmas Eve Marked by Coldest Temperature Reading So Far This Winter in Prince Rupert

While there is no snow, Christmas weather in Prince Rupert this year is seasonably cool. The lowest thermometer reading so winter was recorded 8 o'clock this morning s Prince Rupert folk came downtown to work. At that time the official thermometer at Digby Island had dropped to seventeen above zero, three degrees lower than it was at 4 a.m. The wind is in the north, skies are clear and barometer is high and steady, indicating a continuation of cool weather conditions over the week-end.

Elsewhere in the district, the cold snap is also being experienced, Burns Lake having 15

First frozen water pipes of the season in Prince Rupert were ported this morning.

BUCKLEY'S XMAS WIRE

Pulp Mill Assured As Soon As General Conditions Improve, Says Promoter.

The following wire nas been recoloud at the city Hall from F. L.

"Season's greetings to you, Commissioner Alder, the Board of Trade as a body, the press and those citizens who have co-operated by assisting personally and otherwise in the pulp mill project for your city which is quite definitely assured as soon as condi-

tions improve. "It was not due to any fault of anyone that we are delayed but just a condition at that particular time and continued which affected everyone and all business, making it impractical and impossible to bring out the issue but I again assure you it is but a temporary delay and trust I shall have your full co-operation in the future as in the nast for after all it is your industry."

Vancouter Wheat

Vancouver market yesterday.

within ourselves.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.) Vancouver B.C. Nickel, .081/2. Big Missouri, .39. Bralorne, 8.15. Aztec, .061/2. Cariboo Quartz, 1.65. Dentonia, .101/2. Golconda, .051/2. Minto, .023/4. Fairview Amalg., .041/4. Nobel Five, .023/4. Pend Oreille, 1.95. Pioneer, 3.00. Porter Idaho, .03. Premier, 1.88. Reeves McDonald, .38. Reno, .58. Relief Arlington, .15. Reward, .06. Salmon Gold, .061/2. Taylor Bridge, .04. Hedley Amalg., .043/4. Premier Border, .011/4. Silbak Premier, 1.90. Congress, .021/4. Home Gold, .011/4. Grandview, .08. Indian, .013/4.

A. P. Con., .35. Calmont, .60. C. & E., 3.15. Freehold, .071/2. Hargal, .30. McDougal Segur, .283/4. Mercury, .20. Home Oil, 1.40.

uatsino Copper, .03.

Quesnelle Quartz, .05.

Toronto Beattie, 1.27. Central Patricia, 2.35. Gods Lake, 45. Little Long Lac, 5.00. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.00. Pickle Crow, 5.20. Red Lake Gold Shore, .191/2. San Antonio, 1.35. Sherritt Gordon, 1.37. Smelters Gold, .013/4. McCleod Cockshutt, 1.32. Oklend, .14. Mosher, .12. Madsen Red Lake, .35. Stadacona, .43. Frontier Red Lake, .051/2. Francoeur, .52 Moneta Porcupine, 2.09. Bankfield, .63. East Malartic, 1.02. Preston East Dome, 1.03. Hutchison Lake. .08. Dawson White, .03. Aldermac, .55. Kerr Addison, 1.30. Hichi Gold. .91.

Martin Bird, 39.

Int. Nickel. 46 50.

Noranda, 55.50.

Smelters, 58.00.

to Vancouver.

EDITORIAL

RADIATE HAPPINESS

At this time of year most people radiate happiness. It seems to come naturally to them. Others find it more difficult to take on the Christmas spirit and exude joy. Only contact with others who bubble over with friendliness and happiness keeps them in touch with the season's requirements.

This is the time to eliminate the grouch, to cleanse the mind of all hard, bitter or injurious thoughts by breathing in the Christmas spirit.

This is the season dedicated to children and for those who are able to conform to the requirements of childhood. It celebrates the birth of a happy child with a happy mother.

It is only of recent years that people have realized that the message of Christmas was one of joy and that this message was the outstanding theme of the religion which originated with the birth of the Christ child. That is why we so often link up the "Merry Christmas" with the "Happy New Year." One is as much the Christmas theme as the other.

To have perfect joy there must be beauty, harmony, music, laughter of children, love, peace, understanding. Today we think only of the joy of life. Next week and the week after we shall again begin to realize what leads up to that perfect joy which only the elect can experience. It is difficult to find joy amid sordid surroundings without harmony, without music without laughter of children, without love, without peace of mind, without understanding of the forces of which we are a part.

So, for the Christmas message today may we suggest that we study the important things hearers believe in the Son of God in life and devote the coming year to cultivating them with a view to increasing the joy of each successive Christmas season.

PASSES IN

Death of Jack Oakes, Pioneer of Bulkley Valley

SMITHERS, Dec. 24-Another ci the old timers of the Bulkley Va!- bound letters and Japanese fishley passed away here on Sunday ing boat by customs agents hintwhen Jack Oakes died in the Bulk-Reid L. McLennan sailed on the ley Valley Hospital. The late Mr. Wheat was trading at \$1.311/2 on the Prince Rupert last night for a trip Oakes was a farmer and prospector of the Telkwa district district and widely known and extremely popular with all who knew him.

Last May deceased disposed of his farm near Telkwa to Emi! Waeffler, who had just arrived from Switzerland, and he had planned to visit his old home in the United States but he suffered a heart attack before he had gotten ready to leave and was rushed to the Smithers hospital. He renewer felt able to undertake his McEvoy of the Ontario Sunreme proposed trip. Very soon after- Court died after a brief illness wards it was necessary for him to from pneumonia. return to the haspital and he has remained there since that time.

mourn his passing.

NO PAPER UNTIL TUESDAY Christmas Day tomorrow and Boxing Day on Monday will be ob-

ESPIONAGE DRIVE LOS ANGELES - The Navy tightened guard over the Pacific Coast from Washington to California as seizures of Orient-

ed at a widespread espionage

TEREUL RESISTANCE CRUSHED MADRID-General staff headquarters on the central front announces that all insurgent resistance within Tereul has been crushed. Buildings in which four hundred insurgent troops made their last stand were taken this morning, an official announcement said.

JUDGE IS DEAD TORONTO - Mr. Justice J. A.

He leaves no relatives in this MINISTER

VICTORIA, December 23 (Special follow.

Neither nationally nor individually can we foreNeither nationally nor individually can we foreNews. The next regular edition of James Asselstine, M.L.A. for Atlin

Conference Hoop

this paper will appear next Tues, was sworn in at 11 o'clock vester. day morning at Government House by Lieutenant Governor Eric W Play Is Started I wish everyone the secret satisfaction that is general delivery and registration wickets at trade and industry in the presence SEATTLE, December 24—Univer 8 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Money orders cabinet ministers. L. W. Patmore sweep of the two-game basketball may be obtained at the registration K. C. of Prince Rupert and Glen series with University of Califor- wicket. The public lobby will be Braden, M.L.A. for Peace River nia Wednesday night by winning were also present.

BISHOP'S

Luncheon Meeting Yesterday Afternoon

Prince Rupert Rotary Club at its luncheon yesterday afternoon Right Rev. G. A. Rix. Bishop of Caledonia, said that Christmas had been stolen from its rightful place hy social life and by business. On that account the full and proper idea of the event was not sufficiently emphasized.

Christmas. the Bishop said ought to be an exceedingly important time, not only to true Christians but even to those who were non-believers. He quoted the words of a great skentic who wrote: "Among all the sons of men there never has been and never will be a greater than Jesus." The sneaker lalso urred that it was as important to the Jew as to the Gentile. Prachumanity emanated from the teaching of Christ. He was always teaching and thinking of the common man. Even the revolutionist would find much in common with the first great revolutionist.

The Bishon then read the account of the birth of the Saviour including the announcement of the angel to Mary, the most astounding event which ever took place in this universe.

Speaking of the authenticity of the event, the speaker mentioned that the disciples lived with Jesus for three years and, as a result of what they saw of his wonderful life; they believed in his miraculous pirth. The wise men came from afar to worship him and gave their offerings. He urged that his

Visitors at the luncheon were M. P. McCaffery, R. E. Moore, and A. W. Newman.

Important Chinese Seaport Capitulates Without Struggle-General Offensive Begins

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (CP)—The Japanese announce that Hangchow, rich Chinese seaport and capital of Chekiang Province, 100 miles south of Shanghai, has been captured, troops simultaneously entering all city gates. There is no indication of the extent of fighting but indications are that the city capitulated to avoid bombing, shelling and street

The Japanese spokesman also announced that a strong Japanese force had crossed the Yellow River in Shantung Province and obtained a foothold on the southern bank.

It is believed that the Japanese have begun a general offensive against Shantung.

To Make Amends In Tokyo the Japanese government delivered to the United States ambassador a note pledging amends for the sinking of the United States gunboat Panay and asserting that "definite and specific steps" to prevent a recur-

rence of same had been taken.

the second game 46 to 38.

MESSAGE Given Job Of Building New Post Office Here

Announcement Made of Awarding of Important Local Job To Bennett & White Construction Co.

Word has been received in the city that the contract for construction of the new federal building to be erected in Prince Rupert has been let to the Bennett & White Construction Co. Ltd. of Vancouver, B.C.

Now that the contract is let it is expected there will be a minimum of delay in getting construction of the building started.

As announced before, there is an eleven month limit for completion.

MAIL TRAGEDY BLOCKED

United States Sees Hand of Britain Preventing Use of Koute Over Canada

NEW YORK, December 24 (Canada Press) - A Washington dispatch to the New York Herald-Tribure today says that the United States plans a regular air mail route connecting the United States and Alaska, commercial proposition possessing a strong connection with national defence, but that the prohas run into difficulties with Canada.

The dispatch says that Canada has so far not given permission for the United States planes to fly over Canada on a

regular run to Alaska. In certain official circles, the

that the British government in London is responsible for the ATHLETES Commercial jealousy over the

established American transPacific plane service is reputed to maintenance of a British northern route to the Orient, this route to connect across Canada with the transAtlantic route of the Imperial Airways, the paper says.

Miss Leona Parker sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for a trip to Vancouver.

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Acknowledged\$	237.83
John and Jeanne	2.00
Forbes Lee	3.30
Radio Fund	3.00
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Mother and Father Dead in Alberta Farm Quarrel

> CASTOR, Alberta, December 24 (Canadian Press)—A father and mother are dead near here in the tragic climax to a family quarrel. Nick Soleronka was found dead last night in his farm home less than twelve hours after his wife was shot fatally at the nearby home of his son.

Roy Soleronka, the son, said his father threatened to kill the whole family but he escaped wnile the father was reloading a rifle after shooting the mother.

Roy said his father shot his mother as she ran from the home which had been fired by the fg-

have led to British insistence on Canadians Start Long Trip In uest of British Empire Games

> VICTORIA, December 24 (Canadian Press) - Seventy-eight Canadian amateur athletes are travelling the high seas today bound for Australia and the British Empire Games at Sydney in February.

> The athletic squad, selected from the survivors of recent trials, started on the search for Empire laurels eight hours behind schedule when lateness of mails in arriving delayed the Aorangi.

The first stop will be at Honolulu and then Suva and Auckland · before the liner steams into Sydney Harbor.

HOCKEY SCORES

New York Rangers, 4; Montreal · Maroons, 0.

Christmas and New Year Message From Olof Hanson

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To the residents of Northern and Central British Columbia, I extend my sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

PREMIER PATTULLO'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In felicitating each other for Christmas and the New Year I think that we should all be deeply appreciative of our good fortune in living upon this part of the globe. Blessed by Nature and favored by Time's permutations, we enjoy a measure of security not vouchsafed to many portions of the world. Not less, however, but even more should we

count our responsibilities. 1937 marks an important milestone on the viaduct of the world's march but it is only one of the many which bear so profound influence upon those

see all that 1938 may bring, yet I think we can look & this paper will appear next Tues- was sworn in at 11 o'clock yesterforward with confidence and an abiding faith that good will outweigh evil.