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RAILWA TRAFFIC INCREASE

Volume of C.N.R. Freight And Passenger Business Up During

MONTREAL, Jan. 12:-The volume of freight and passenger traf-1 fic carried over lines of the Canadian National Railways during the past year shows a considerable improvement over that of 1936. Alastair Fraser, Vice-Pdesident in charge of traffic, stated in a review issued here yesterday.

"The year 1937 was one of steady progress in the volume of freight traffic handled as well as changes and improvements effected in our service to the public" said Mr Fraser. "While there was a heavy, falling off in grain shipments refrom the very light! crop in parts of Western Canada this was more than offest by the improvement in general business. resulting in an increase in freight tonnage handled of approximately ten percent over that of 1936. Pickup and delivery freight service in Western Canada was extended to include practically all agency stations in the three prairie provinces and in Eastern Ca-1 nada to include all of the territory between Quebec-Levis in the East and Windsor, Sarnia and the Soo in the West. A collection-ondelivery arrangement applying between stations in Canada on practically all railways was also established, this provides a convenient and quick method for the collection and remittance of monies

load freight shipments. Mining Developments

due shippers on any less-than-car-

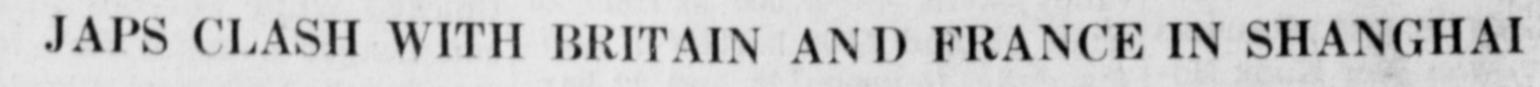
"Mining developments in northwestern Ontario and Quebec have shown remarkable progress during the past year. The opening of that portion of the Canadian National Railways new Senneterre Rouyn Line from Senneterre to Valdor on November 29 provided much needed rail facilities to the numerous mines located in that

Mr. Fraser stated that the passenger traffic on Canadian National lines had shown an increase of fifteen percent during the year Increase in train travel generally resulted from the upward trend in spending power that was noticeable during the greater part of the year" he said, "frequent low fare excursions between Canadian cities and towns to points across the international border brought hundreds of thousands of people to the railway for short coach trips. Good progress was made in the air conditioning of our passenger equipment. We had had EDMONTON, Jan. 12: (CP) -- & (CP) - Negotiations between 4 have attained the objective of conference, Asselstine said. having all principal main line trains fully air-conditioned."

Promotion For Old Policeman

York County Officer, Who Waited Long To be Made Sergeant, Is Now Inspector

liam Brimacombe, York County Prince Rupert and Queen Charpoliceman, who waited for years lotte Islands—Strong but decreasnow been made an inspector. He West Coast of Vancouver Island Jan. 12: In accordance with the NEW YORK: (CP) —Bar sil transactions on the Edmonton mier Chautemps to promote "social Buffam and the late Mrs. Buffam







Two of the international clashes which daily threaten to involve outside nations in the Sino-Japanese struggle are graphically pictured here in photographs from Shanghai. At the top French Consul-General Auge (Right), is strenuously arguing with Japanese representatives against their request that military supply trucks of the invading army be permitted to pass through the French concession. At the Left is Japanese Vice-Consul Fukuda and in the background an army officer. Britain is involved in the incident shown below, as a body of the Royal Welsh Fusileers, moving up to investigate throwing of a bomb in the International Settlement during Japan's victory parade, are halted by Japanese troops. The British commander is arguing his right to proceed with the Jap sentry. The Fusileers won their point and moved on; France finally permitted passage of the military trucks with stipulation that they be accompanied by an armed French escort.

Minister of Trade and Industry Leaves Edmonton For Victoria

air-conditioned standard and tour | Hon. W. J. Asselstine, newly ap- + Italy and the United States on + ist sleeping cars, dining cars, com- pointed minister of trade and in a proposed trade agreement - Andrew Moreau, who walked in- Gains Recorded partment, observation and lib dustry for British Columbia, was 4 were suddenly suspended last 4 to a Timmins newspaper office a rary cars, parlor cars, buffet club on his way back to Victoria last + night when Secretary of State + few days ago and confessed to the In Stock Mart coaches and lounge buffet cars night after a conference with the + Cordell Hull of United States + killing of a man at Sacramento, in service for some time. By the Alberta government. Closer co- refused to agree to de facto & California, twelve years ago, will purchase of fifty air-conditioned operation of the trade departments + recognition of the Italian con- + not be prosecuted, it was announcfirst class coaches of the latest of the two provinces was the prin- + quest of Ethiopia by addressing + ed yesterday. design during the past year, we cipal subject of discussion at the

Weather Forecast

the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from obversations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 36 hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow).

General Synopsis-Low pressure off the Queen Charlotte Islands Shetland Isles has caused high winds with rain on the coast. It has become mild TORONTO, Jan. 12: (CP)-Wil- with some snow in the interior. be promoted to the rank of ing south winds with rain. Not

expected to be superannuated winds. Part cloudy with light and ands yesterday observed New fine ounce on the New York met thousand head. Most of the stock would ban picketing and occupa- place quietly January 15 at Sioux scattered showers.

Italy-United States Trade

WASHINGTON D.C., Jan. 12: * + been reached.

New Year's Day

People North of Scotland Observe It by Julian Calendar

sergeant a few months ago, has much change in temperature. | LERWICK, Shetland Islands Year's Day.

FREE MAN

& Despite Confession, Prosecution for Homicide at Sacramento Will Not be Proceeded With

TIMMINS, Ontario, Jan. 12: (CP)

* King Victor Emmanuel of Italy * Word was received from Sacra-* as "Emperor of Ethiopia." An * mento that witnesses required for + interim agreement on most + the prosecution of such a case could + favored nation treatment had + not be located and that it was believed prosecution would fail.

sesion of the weapon. Since then actions totalled 1,500,000 shares. he had wandered thirty thousand! miles but the pangs of conscience had finally forced him to give him- Heavy Arrivals

self up and confess. Moreau was given his liberty after being fined \$10 on a drunken- Of Peace River ness charge.

BAR SILVER

is seventy-four years of age and is Strong but decreasing southwest Julian calendar, the Shetland Isi- ver was unchanged at 44% per market yesterday totalled over one peace in industry." The pact also of Perth, Ont. The wedding to take al market today.

Disaster Has Befallen Samoan Clipper On Experimental Trip From Honolulu To New Zealand

DECISION NOT KNOWN

Tokio Withholds Announcement of Future Policy in China-Opinion Veering Toward Peace?

TOKIO, Jan. 12: (CP)-Japanese statesmen, in conference yesterday with Emperor Hirohito, reached a decision in regard to future policy in China but, according to the Japanese news nounced. Meantime, there is a growing sentiment, even in some to be gained by further warfare in China. The feeling is generally for Auckland, New Zealand. expressed, however, that the war

From Shanghai came word today that the Japanese dominated ing over control of Shantung, were no passengers. China's "sacred" province. Rethe Peiping regime would as- lost last year. sume collection of taxes in the at Tsingtao, rich Yellow Sea port, BODIES AT which the Japanese have occu-

Stock Brokers Are Remanded

With Conspiracy to Defraud Public

VANCOUVER, Jan. 12: (CP) Three Vancouver stock brockers, charged with conspiracy to defraud on here. the public, yesterday were remanded for one week. All are members of one firm.

trial Uprise with Rails Tagging Along

NEW YORK, Jan. 12:- Fractional gains were recorded in yester day's trading on the New York Stock Exchange with steels and Moreau's story was that he had motors leading the advance and shot a man named Fred Miller with rails tagging along. Japanese a gun as the pair struggled for pos- bonds were lower. The day's trans

Cattle On Mart

Oil Slick at Sea Close to Pago Pago Leads to Finding of Wreckage-Capt. Edwin Musick, Veteran of Pacific Air Lanes, and Crew of Five Believed Perished

States Navy hydrographic department notified Pan-American Airways headquarters here today that an oil slick was discovered twelve miles west of Pago Pago and that a navy launch was recovering wreckage. "Identification satisfactory" said an unsigned message to the Navy. That phrase "identification satisfactory",

is understood by Francis Walton of the Pan-American Airways to mean that the wreckage was that of the agency, it will be two or three missing transPacific flying boat days before the decision is an- Samoan Clipper which was last! heard from late yesterday when the plane was reported to be turning military quarters, that nothing is back to Pago Pago on account of engine trouble after having set out

will continue unless China sub- an air route between United States; lip Green, Ernest Dudward, Petmits completely to Japanese and New Zealand, dropped out of er Wells and Mark Green (Ward communication about noon yester- One); Joseph Offut, James Henry, General Chiang Kai Shek is re- day (Pacific Standard Time). There! Sam Hughes and George Sankey ported to have left Hankow for | was a report late last night that | (Ward Two); Eli Pollard, Henry Soochow to personally direct the she had landed at Apia, British Helin and James Lawson (Ward defense of the Lunghai Railway Samoa, but this later proved to be Three). William Kelley is sccrewhich is now a Japanese object false. Soon after the big ship be- tary of the council and constables came missing, a search plane was for the year are Fred Campbell, dispatched.

Capt. Edwin Musick, noted 43- ir. provisional government at Peip- | year-old veteran transPacific air ing planned to keep pace with Ja- | trail blazer, and crew of five were pan's North China armies by tak- | aboard the Samoan Clipper. There

The Samoan Clipper was last reports through Japanese chan- ported a few hundred miles from nels told of a plan under which the spot where Amelia Earhart was

Remains of Victims of Air Liner Crash on Their Way to Bozeman

BOZEMAN, Jan. 12: (CP)-Rescuers last night had recovered the Three Vancouver Men Charged bodies of ten victims of the North west Air Lines passenger plan crash in the Bridger Mountain. fourteen miles northeast of her The bodies were hauled three miles through the snow to a farm house whence they will be brough!

> The bodies brought in include that of Douglas McKay, popular young Canadian newspaperman and director of publicity for the Hudson Bay Co., who is survived by a widow and three children a Winnipeg.

Steels and Motors Lead in Indus HOPES NOT SO BRIGHT

French Industrialists Decline Te Attend Chautemps' Peace Conference

for industrial peace in France been visiting in the city, will leave were darkened last night with the by this evening's train on their reannouncement that French indus- turn to Prince George. trialists had decided not to attend Premier Camille Chautemps' proposed conference between representatives of employers and em-

EDMONTON, Jan. 12:- Cattle bor agreement proposed by Pre- Buffam, younger son of Mr. F. V.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 12: (CP)—The United

PORT SIMPSON COUNCIL

Thomas Gosnell has been elected chief councillor at Port Simpson for the coming year. Other The Samoan Clipper, pioneering | members of the council are Phil-Charles Green and Phillip Green

RED REVOLT NIPPED

LISBON-The police today arrested a number of persons they described as communists for trying to incite a revolt in the Portugese army and navy. Many of the arrests were made after a pistol battle in a burning house said to have been the main communist headquarters. Uncensored reports reaching Gibraltar yesterday described a serious rift between Premier Antonio de Oliverio Salazar, Portugal's strong man, and officers of the regular army.

BEATS PERRY

LOS ANGELES - Ellsworth Vines of the United States defeated Fred Perry of Great Britain in a three-hour battle here last night in the opening of a projected transcontinental professional tennis tour. The score was 4-6, 13-11, 8-10, 6-2, 6-3.

SUB SINKS FREIGHTER ALICANTE, SPAIN-The Dutch freighter Hannah, laden with beans and wheat, was sunk yesterday off Cape San Antonio on the Mediterranean coast of Spain, reportedly by a Spanish insurgent submarine. It was the first incident of its kind since the antipiracy patrol was commenced last September. All members of the crew were rescued uninjured.

LONDON GOLD PRICE

LONDON, Jan. 12: (CP)- The London gold price yesterday was \$34.94 per ounce.

Miss Margaret L. Williams and PARIS, Jan. 12: (CP)- Hopes Miss E. Joyce Greenwood, who have

Lngagement

French employers will be per- Mrs. R. J. D. Smith announces the mitted to discharge workmen only engagement of her younger daughwith union approval under a la- ter Margaret M. to Dr. G. B. Bonar