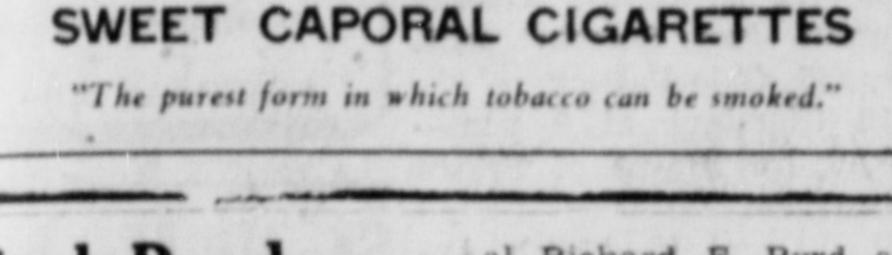


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al Richard E. Byrd arrived here Havana to join his exploration ship on Kaien Island across the steam-North Star for the Antarctic exploration expedition to claim polar second Byrd ship, Bear, is due at people moved and the Eagle) PANAMA, Nov. 28:-Rear Admir- Panama December 5.

#### Native Tribal History Recalled In Death Of Kitsumkalum Chief; Forbears Dwelt On Kaien Island

By WILL ROBINSON

Early on the morning of November 18 Chief Samuel did his part. Skoom Guiss had Kennedy of the Kalum Indians passed away at the Kitse- said to George Wright: "When anylas Reserve. His passing marked the loss of one of the thing happens I want you to stand few remaining Native links with the time when white men over me." At the funeral feast this were few on the Skeena River. Eighty years old at the done my first duty." George, in time of his passing the Chief, whose native name was keeping with the ancient ritual of

each generation.

of the Canyon."

kept his trust.

Power" of his people.

shew, who, in due course would

So it came to pass that years ago

Skoom Guiss undertook to keep

entered into his last sleep, he has

Now it passes to his successor to

his nephew, George Wright, who, in

due course will take a "Name" that

will signify his accession to "The

Skoom Guiss was born at Kalum

on the Indian Reserve in the days

Skeena. Most of his life was spent

come to the chieftainship.

teek quieter hunting grounds.

Skoom Guis, had seen the decadence of many of the old customs of his people and the disturbances brought to the native folk by the impact of white civilization.

Chief of the Flying Eagle totem, his name Skoom Guiss- "Early Large Eagle too heavy to carry and GIL-A-Wau, Chief Robert Har-Daylight"-was a remembrance of away. Lest it fall into the hands ris. the origins of his clan that several of unauthorized people the big He was borne to his last resting centuries ago migrated from Na-A. Known now as Loring Alaska) nd on a series of rafts made of. canoes lashed together moved down ried south. Since then the custod- Samuel Turner of the Grizzly Bear yesterday aboard the freighter the coast to re-establish themselves ship channel from Digby Island.

At Na-A they had lived side by regions for the United States. The side with the folk of the Wolf Tot-

At Na-A their totems had been of

ancestral home of Na-a. He has told how, from a boat, he has looked down at low tide and seen the Big Stone Eagle resting on the bottom of the salt chuck.

Traditions Invoked

Now he has gone and his passing was marked with all due ceremony. Ancient traditions were invoked. his people, had seen to all arrangestone. The Large Flying Eagle had ments for the funeral.

stood on the edge of a cliff. The Chifes from up-river had gather-Small Flying Eagle had been the ed to pay their respects to their symbol used in many ceremonies. | lost brother. From Kitwanga came When they moved they found the OOH Oar'd, Chief Matthias Bright,

earving was thrown from the cliff place by men of rank. Chief Matand lies in deep water at its base, thias Bright, Joseph Hudson of the The Small Flying Eagle was car- Wolf Totem, George Turner and anship of the ancient relic has folk, Solomon Bevan of the Wolves, rested with the ranking chief of and John Sebasta who came from Mauricetown. So in the pallbear-They stayed at Kaien Island for ers was carried out the tradition of many generations. They became the amity of the phratries living in established and strong and, once close fellowship.

more, disputes arose between them- Formal precedence marked all selves and other people and again steps of the proceedings.

hey moved. This time they travel- The honor of opening the grave ed north to find a home on the was given to Gordon Nelson of the lower reaches of the Naas River. Kalum People and Ben Seymour of Here, for generations they lived in the people of M'Deek, the Grizzly prosperity until, again, the pres- Bear.

sure of another clan led them to And when the aged chief had been given his last resting place Young men scouting for new ter- the chiefs and the people gathered ritory climbed the mountain range at the house of Chief Walter that flanks the south bank of the Wright. Here at the house of Neas-Naas. Across the divide they came D-Hoc, ranking chief of the M'Deek to the headwaters of the Beaver people the funeral feast was given white man was seen in the tributes River. They followed downstream by Mrs. George Turner, daughter that came from Kitwanga. and came to where the South Fork of Neas-D.-Hoc, and sister of Flowers from the Women's Aux- Vancouver left by the Prince Rupert ilary of St. Paul's Church lay side on his return to Premier. ioined the stream. South along George Wright.

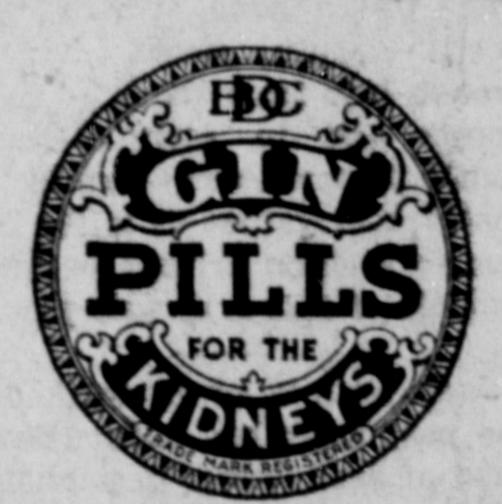
his valley they travelled, following The funeral had been conducted by side with those sent by Mrs. the river upstream. Well towards by another chief. Adjutant Mark Flora Sampare who is of the Advertising is an arvesiment. the headwaters they turned east, McKay, ranking chief of the Kitee- "house" of Chief Legaic of Port crossed another range and came to las Eagle folk, who centuries age Simpson. Chief Charles Smith of the Kalum River where it pours came from the Haida lands, com- Kitwanga sent his remembrancer. mitted his brother to the ground. So did Mrs. Sarah Benson and Jo-

through a canyon. Here they found the people of And in the feast that followed another Eagle Totem. Here they the ancient symbolism and law of were made welcome. They were in- succession was marked by the giver. vited to bring their people and as- Mrs. Turner, sister of the chief-tosume supreme rulership of the area. be, gave the feast and, in so doing So, after centuries of wandering, marked the next stage of the people Kennedy, of the royal blood of the people of the Flying Eagle found of the Flying Eagle. For a son of Chief McKay's totem, mourns the a permanent home at Kit-sum a sister of George will, in years Aalam-"The Dwellers on the Edge that he ahead, when his turn comes, loss of her husband and their son, assume the rank of chief of this Percy, grieves for the father who Stage by stage inn these wander- people and, in turn, becomes the zuided him from infancy to manings the Small Flying Eagle moved guardian of the stone of antiquity hood. with the people. It came to the —the small stone eagle that has its! canyon banks and since then has wings outspread for flight.

been jealously guarded by the Flowers mark the grave of the chiefs. In each generation only two chief who has passed. A mingling men have known where it reposed of ancient custom and that of the the Chief, and the Chief's ne-

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