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EDITORIAL

SUBSIDY FOR STEAMSHIPS

Providing the cost is not too great, it is evident that Prince Rupert is to have a line of steamships between Prince Rupert and United Kingdom ports with three sailings annually.

The government is asking for bids from steamship companies to make the three sailings a year with a view to testing out the possibilities of the port, presumably for a term of years. The ships, it is understood, will carry any kind of freight including grain or fish. Just what is meant by the vessels carrying mail we do not understand.

The proposed vessels will undoubtedly be British and of the size usually calling at this port for grain. More particulars will be available later.

The government already has some idea about what the cost of such a service will be as they have already had offers from steamship companies. However, the policy of the Department of Trade and Commerce is to call for tenders in such cases.

Olof Hanson has busied himself with a view to getting this subsidy for the past several years and this year he felt confident he was going to get it. The minister of Trade and Commerce notified him immediately it was decided to call for tenders. This seems very satisfactory. Although the sailings are not to be frequent, it is a beginning and the outcome will undoubtedly be pleasing to the people of Prince Rupert.

CIVILIZATION'S NEED

One of the newest books by a prominent writer is "Disputed Passage" by Lloyd C. Douglas, author of "The Great Obsession." In it there are some extremely interesting characters. Jack Beaven, a young doctor and lecturer on neurological surgery, is the central figure and one of his soliloquies makes rather interesting reading. He seems to be worried because so few people think of their jobs. In his own words "they did not care a damn for the ship as long as they got what they thought was coming to them in rank, wages, shore leaves, pensions." He continues:

"All the way down the line of human action, the machinery of progress was exceedingly hot with the friction of personalities yelping for preferments. What society needed most was the equivalent of the Hippocratic oath, honestly sworn and subscribed to and faithfully kept by men who held the world's welfare in their hands. When the whole legal profession acknowledged that justice was its God; when the attorneys and judges cast aside all their personal desires, their tedious bickerings, their envies and bowed themselves before the calm, majestic face of Justice, the public would respect the law and obediently walk in its ways. When teachers left off thinking about their jobs in terms of monthly checks and promotions, swearing fealty to the cause of education, their disciples would be ashamed not to follow them. When the people's elected representatives in legislative halls and executive offices abandoned their duplicities, their connivances, their unabashed knaveries, their lust for applause, front page publicity, and indiscriminate loot; when these so-called statesmen were willing to serve patriotism with something like the selfless devotion of the men who served science; well—the world would presently come out into the sunshine of a new day! What civilization needed was a crew that understood the nature of its obligation to the ship.

We expect to mention this book again soon because it is outstanding among the latest publications.

OPIUM TRAFFIC

The report of the League of Nations on the control of the opium traffic just received mentions that particular attention was paid during the past year to the situation in the Far East, especially in the part of China controlled by Japan where the Japanese had taken advantage of their advance to spread drug addiction among the Chinese population. Various countries were asked to take steps to stop this state of affairs, the prolonging of which, while seriously affecting China, also had repercussions in other parts of the world.

War is bad enough but when advantage is taken of war conditions to spread a drug plague through the opposing nation, it seems to be a condition that should receive the condemnation of the whole world.

SPORTS

LADIES' BOWLING

Blue Birds, Annette's, Maple Leafs and Rex are Winners Tuesday Night

All fixtures in the Ladies' Bowling League last night resulted in two game to one scores. Blue Birds won over Merchantettes, Annette's over Knox Hotel, Maple Leafs from Rex and Big Sisters from Rangers. High average scorer for the evening was Mrs. Thomas Boulter of Blue Birds with 229. Miss Dot Ballinger made a high single game score for the season to date of 320.

Individual scoring:

Merchantettes	**1**	**2**	**3**
Ciccone	104	159	156
Houlden	120	134	209
Vandersluys	147	114	164
Obuchina	145	119	129
Stone	160	193	174
Handicap	56	56	56
Total	**732**	**775**	**888**
Bluebirds	**1**	**2**	**3**
Pierce	230	160	304
Turgeon	197	147	127
Boulter	234	250	203
Croxford	235	144	
Keron	112	131	148
Hartwig			86
Handicap	15	15	15
Total	**1023**	**847**	**883**
Annette's	**1**	**2**	**3**
Basso-Bert	192	132	138
Johnson	135	129	141
Skattebol	186	153	200
Owen	130	171	115
P. Dickens	179	180	124
Handicap	22	22	22
Total	**844**	**787**	**740**
Knox Hotel	**1**	**2**	**3**
Scharff	133	184	171
Schaeffer	116	150	149
Fritz	155	55	229
McKeown	144	101	162
Low Score	130	129	113
Handicap	77	77	17
Total	**755**	**696**	**803**
Maple Leafs	**1**	**2**	**3**
M. Norton	88	160	191
McLeod	151	137	125
M. Glass	96	127	204
H. Glass	165	150	152
LaBelle	152	189	248
Handicap	112	112	112
Total	**764**	**875**	**1032**
Rex	**1**	**2**	**3**
Ethel Bury	197	118	165
Mrs. Morrison	103		167
Eileen Bury	162	175	
Amy Bury	139	204	174
West	136	152	173
N. Morrison		168	200
Handicap	45	53	58
Total	**782**	**870**	**877**
Rangers	**1**	**2**	**3**
Berg	179	112	147
Petersen	228	186	226
Yager	210	187	93
Hallberg	112		155
Ballinger	168	320	171
Moss		136	
Handicap	21	21	21
Total	**918**	**962**	**857**
Big Sisters	**1**	**2**	**3**
B. Dickens	172	186	153
E. Dickens	303	127	181
Rothwell	160	122	205
Bond	153	168	125
Alexander	152	204	172
Handicap	83	83	83
Total	**1023**	**890**	**919**

Ladies' League

The league standings to date:

	W	L	Pts
Annette's	10	2	6
Big Sisters	7	5	5
Blue Birds	8	4	4
Maple Leafs	6	6	3
Knox Hotel	4	8	2
Merchantettes	4	8	2
Rangers	4	8	1
Rex	5	7	1

Gottselig Is Still Leading

Tops National Hockey League Point Getters With Small Margin Over Schriner

MONTREAL, Jan. 25: (CP) — Johnny Gottselig of the Chicago Black Hawks still leads the National Hockey League in individual point getting with a slight margin over Sweeney Schriner of the New York Americans. Tommy Anderson, also of the Americans, is in third place with Gordon Drillon and Syl Apps of the Toronto Maple Leafs following.

L. W. Patmore K.C. returned to the city on the Prince George this morning from Victoria where he has been spending the past few weeks.

Grimsby Town Beat Millwall

Will Play Sheffield United in Fifth Round of English Football Cup Competition

LONDON, Jan. 25: (CP)—Grimsby Town defeated Millwall by a score of three to two Tuesday in a replayed fourth round English Football Cup competition game, moving into the fifth round against Sheffield United.

Heart of Midlothian and St. Mirren tied one all at Edinburgh in the Scottish League, First Division.

Further games were played today as follows:

English Cup, Fourth Round Replays

Chester 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1 (overtime).

Newcastle United 4, Cardiff City 1.

Tottenham Hotspurs - Westham United postponed.

Scottish Cup, First Round Replays

Babcock and Wilcox 3, Kings Park 2.

Partick Thistle 1, Cowdenbeath 2.

Stranraer 1, Edinburgh City 2.

English League, Division One

Blackpool 1, Sunderland 1.

Leeds United 0, Huddersfield Town 1, (abondoned after sixty-one minutes).

Liverpool 1, Bolton Wanderers 2.

Middlesbough 2, Preston North End 2.

Scottish League, Division One

Ayr United 2, Queens Park 0.

Celtic 4, Albion Rovers 1.

St. Johnstone 3, Queen of South 0.

BOSTON IS MOVING UP

Defeated Montreal Canadiens Last Night—Americans Win Over Maple Leafs

BOSTON, Jan. 25: (CP)—Boston Bruins defeated Montreal Canadiens by a score of 6 to 4 here last night and extended their margin of leadership in the National Hockey League to six points over the New York Rangers.

In the only other scheduled game last night New York Americans won over Toronto Maple Leafs 4 to 1 at New York and improved their hold on third place, being only two points behind the Rangers. The defeat just about dashed the third place hopes of the Maple Leafs who have lost four of the six games they have played with the Americans so far this season.

Tomorrow night Americans and Rangers will play in New York while Detroit will play at Chicago.

The league standing to date:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boston	20	1	7	79	36	41
Rangers	16	3	7	74	48	35
Americans	13	7	9	73	85	33
Toronto	11	4	14	64	61	26
Detroit	9	4	15	57	75	22
Chicago	9	5	14	56	70	23
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WINTER IS VERY FINE

People Like Mild Conditions At Smithers Which Are Not Interfering With Sport

SMITHERS, Jan. 25: —One of the most congenial winters ever experienced in the north is the description of the old timers for the brand of weather throughout this district, this winter.

While reports bring news of gales, storms and cold weather all over the continent, the Bulkley Valley is having an excellent winter with the temperature standing between 10 degress above zero and the freezing point.

Vendors of wood and coal are not so well pleased with the slackness in their line of business as a result of the comparatively mild winter but there are not many kicks from the householders and it is a treat for them to be able to let the fires go out every night rather than turning out of bed several times during the night to stoke up.

Winter sports are running along on schedule with the games in the hockey league being played regularly and the tournament for the Hanson Cup in the Curling Club progressing a few games behind schedule on account of a mild spell a short time ago that softened up the ice. When the present tournament has been completed there will be a series of bonspiels to complete the regular season which has been a very successful one from the club's standpoint. Twelve rinks are in competition in the Hanson Cup tournament.

The Ski Club is making preparations for its tournament which will take place in February and conditions at the present time are ideal for skiing. The big "jump" is in perfect shape. This organization has ambitions to have the Dominion ski championship tournament held at Smithers next year and is working toward that end. It is claimed that the Smithers club has the second best jump in British Columbia which probably also means Canada. It also has an excellent slalom course which can be made still better if such a competition could be arranged for this field. A distance of 200 feet has been jumped at Smithers by the local star, Chris Dahle, and also by the well known jumper Tom Mowbraaten of Vancouver, who was at Smithers for the provincial championship tournament several years ago.

The Smithers junior hockey team will leave town this week to travel to Prince George to play return games with the Prince George team which visited Smithers recently but failed to win any games from the local boys on their home ice. If the regular team is able to make the trip they will be certain to give a good account of themselves against any outside teams they may meet.

In the last regular league game played on Sunday afternoon the Native Sons were going strong and cleaned up the ice with the league leading Elks team by a score of 7 to 1. The game was very fast and a number of penalties were handed out by the eagle eyed referee.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 25: (CP)—It is announced that John Henry Lewis, fresh from the light heavyweight ranks, will spot Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, twenty pounds when the two negroes meet in a fifteen round title bout tonight in Madison Square Garden. Lewis today weighed in at 180½ pounds and Louis at 200¼. Joe is the favorite to win at odds as high as ten to one.

Lewis is five pounds lighter than he had expected to scale and Louis is about two pounds lighter than had been expected.

It will be Louis' fifth title defense and the first all-negro championship bout in a quarter of a century.

Estimates are that about 17,000 persons will see the fight, paying $100,000.

Peter Lakie returned to the city on the Prince George this morning from a brief business trip to Vancouver.

A. O. Franks returned to the city on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver where he has been visiting for the past month with his son, Stanley, who is ill and who is expected to be able to return to the city in the summer.

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