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FREIGHT RATES ARE TO BE EQUALIZED

FLOODS IN SOUTH AND AT PRINCE GEORGE ARE DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Freight Rate Equalization to be Subject of Legislation this Session; Peace River Dropped

VANCOUVER, May 20.—"I am not optimistic regarding the probability of anything being done this year to relieve transportation difficulties for the Peace River," Premier Oliver stated on his return this morning from Ottawa.

Regarding the question of freight rate equalization, the Premier expressed confidence that the proposals to be brought before Parliament shortly by Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, will solve the problem. The Premier admitted that he did not know definitely what the proposals were but added: "All I can say in this particular is that I have confidence the situation will be relieved."

FOUR CHINESE WERE POISONED BY TOADSTOOLS

Lived Together in Camp at Kingcombe Inlet Cannery Near Alert Bay

VANCOUVER, May 20.—The deaths of four Chinamen on Saturday at Kingcombe Inlet cannery a few miles north of Alert Bay were caused by their eating poisonous toadstools, according to information reaching the Chinese consul here. All four victims, it is stated, had gone from Vancouver to work at the cannery, which is now being prepared to resume operations.

The Chinese were living in a camp by themselves.

TRAIN DELAYED BY MCBRIDE WASHOUT

Will Not Arrive Here Until Six Tomorrow Morning; No Floods Yet

Delayed by a washout just east of McBride, the train due from the East at 3.30 this afternoon will not arrive until about 6 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Though the water has been high on the Bulkley and Skeena Rivers, it was reported at the superintendent's office this morning that the situation was being watched carefully and no trouble on this end is anticipated. Reports received from the interior today were to the effect that cooler weather had arrived and the waters were subsiding.

HEAD OF MOUNTIES IS VISITING CITY

Col. R. S. Knight, B.C. Officer Commanding, Arrived From Vancouver This Morning

Col. R. S. Knight, commanding officer in British Columbia of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is visiting the city in the course of a general inspection trip. He arrived on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver and is stopping at the Prince Rupert Hotel.

STOCK MARKET

	Bid.	Asked
Indian	.09 1/4	.09 3/4
Surf Inlet	.05	.05 1/2
Dunwell	3.25	3.70
Premier	2.36	2.40
Terminus	.50	.70
Daly-Alaska	.22	.30
Bayview	.10	.11
B.C. Silver	1.40	1.50
Howe Sound	15.50	
L. & L.	.25 1/2	.27
Douglas Channel		.01
Granby	14.00	
Selkirk	.04 1/2	.04 3/4

BLOCKADE OF RUM RUNNERS

New York Officials Say Only One Boat is Now Left of Big Atlantic Fleet

NEW YORK, May 20.—Halifax reports state that thirteen liquor laden vessels have docked here. Some are discharging cargoes preparatory to re-entering more peaceful freighting business and others are taking on provisions before again putting out to sea.

By officials here interpret these reports as confirmation of their assertions that the "Rum Row" blockade is proving effective. It is stated that only one vessel is left of the eighty odd that were off the coast of United States before the campaign commenced on May 5.

EIGHT KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Damage Estimated at Million Francs Caused by Storm in Belgium

BRUSSELS, May 20.—Eight persons were killed by lightning and damage estimated at a million francs was caused by storms in this section. The principal damage was to farm crops although the houses in towns and cities were battered by heavy hail that broke thousands of windows. All traffic and communication was impeded and in some places stopped.

Frank Phiscator of Terrace was an arrival from Seattle on the Prince George this morning.

LAST DAY FOR HOSPITAL WARD

Subscriptions Will be Received Any Time Today or May be Mailed Tonight

This is the last day for receiving donations toward the children's ward at the General Hospital. Subscriptions may be sent in any time today or may be mailed tonight, as long as they arrive in time for the final acknowledgment in these columns tomorrow.

Amounts received today include:

Previously acknowledged	\$1177.36
Ladies of Mooseheart	
Legion	25.00
Rotary Club	50.00
Miss Lola Bailey	1.00
Acme Importers	5.00
Knights Pythias	25.00
Phillips, Evitt Co.	5.00
Thye, Lodge, A.F. & A.M.	50.00
Joe. Howe	5.00
L. Sunderland	2.00
John Blow	2.00
Ormes Ltd.	50.00
Gyro Club	50.00
L. W. Waugh	1.00
Maintenance of W. Way	
Clerks	40.00
F. R. Biffou	2.00
O. Besner	10.00
Fraser Valley Rancher	10.00
Mrs. J. Meeton	.50

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS PRINCE RUPERT TODAY

The American dollar is quoted here today at par and sterling very close to it. Following are the exchange prices paid locally:

Sterling, 4.83.
Hong Kong 55.15.
France, 5.17.
United States, 400.

BASEBALL

American League	
Philadelphia 3,	Chicago 4.
New York 5,	Detroit 11.
Washington 4,	Cleveland 3.
Boston 2,	St. Louis 8.
National League	
Pittsburg 5,	Brooklyn 9.
Chicago 8,	New York 2.
Cincinnati 7,	Boston 3.
St. Louis 4,	Philadelphia 8.



A new type of ultra-violet ray by means of which "sun-light" can be administered internally is being demonstrated in England. Used in the mouth and throat it has proved beneficial in cases of several diseases.

Fraser Valley Floods Cover Thousand Acres

Low dykes protecting Dewdney district failed to hold and ranches are covered with water

VANCOUVER, May 20.—A thousand acres of land in crop has been flooded out in the undyked areas of Glen Valley, Fort Langley and the lowlands of Nicomen Island and South Westminister as a result of flood conditions in the Fraser Valley under pressure of the rising waters of the Fraser River.

The low dykes protecting the Dewdney district east of Mission failed to hold and last night great quantities of water poured through the breaks, flooding the fertile ranches.

Efforts to stop the progress of the waters were confined to protecting the main Dewdney dykes which are holding.

Glen Valley and Fort Langley districts are inundated to a depth of three feet at some places and road communication is suspended.

ENGINE WAS TURNED OVER

Everything Now in Readiness for Hop-off of Airplane to Telegraph Creek

The engine of the Vickers Viking flying boat, which will be flown from here to Telegraph Creek by Archibald Little, Detroit mining engineer, and his associates within the next few days was turned over for the first time yesterday afternoon and worked very satisfactorily.

Col. Williams, pilot of the machine, stated last night that everything was now in readiness for the hop-off which will take place just as soon as favorable reports from the north are received.

In the fall the plane will be flown back to Prince Rupert and probably on to Vancouver. It may even be flown from Vancouver to its headquarters at Three Rivers, Quebec, although this has not yet been definitely decided upon.

COLONEL RYERSON DIED AT TORONTO

TORONTO, May 20.—Major General George Ryerson, 71 years of age, a colonel-in-chief of the Canadian army medical corps died here this morning at the hospital.

Prince George Partly Flooded as Result of Rise in Fraser River

Railway Grade Partly Washed Away and the Passengers had to be Transferred; Water Still Rising

PRINCE GEORGE, May 20.—Prince George is threatened with considerable inconvenience and danger as the result of the stage of water. This year the Nechako and Fraser Rivers have reached the flood stage about the same time, the Nechako being two or three weeks earlier than usual. The water is within a foot of its high mark of 1919. It is still rising and made five inches last night. Unless there is a change in weather conditions the water will continue rising for another four or five days, and two or three feet may be added to the present high mark.

The west bound train was not able to reach Prince George last night. The railway grade acts as a dyke against the waters of the Nechako. Yesterday the water had risen on the river side until it was standing six feet above the level on the south side. There was a gate in the grade a short distance from the western end of the big bridge which spans the confluence of the Nechako and Fraser and the pressure of the water became so strong that it tore through the gate and carried away a section of the grade necessitating a transfer of passengers on the incoming train. The effect of the breach in the railway grade was to raise the level of the water several feet over that portion of the townsite east of George Street. It is within two feet of some of the warehouses and preparations are under way to remove merchandise stored in them.

The water today is within two feet of the crown of the road which connects Prince George with the highway to Quesnel. The prospect is that the road will be put out of business within the next two days.

For weeks past the railway company has kept a gang of men working on a jam which has been forming against the piers of the big bridge but the drift is coming down the Fraser in such quantities that the debris is piling up faster than it can be broken away. All authorities agree that the water will continue to rise for another four or five days. It will mean inconvenience at this end and probably serious danger and damage along the lower reaches of the river.

L. W. Patmore was a passenger last night on the Cardena for Vancouver on business.

STERLING IS HIGHEST TODAY SINCE THE WAR

Quoted Very Close to Par on Both London and New York Markets

LONDON, May 20.—Sterling today reached 4.86 1-8, the rise in rate being assisted by the Bank of England's purchase of nearly a million pounds of gold bars.

Sterling has been making a gradual and apparently sure progress toward return to parity which is 4.86 2-3 under the steady support of American and local interests. Today's point is the highest reached since the re-umption of the gold standard.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Sterling exchange today was quoted at the New York market at 4.85 7-8, the highest price since November 1914.

CHINAMAN MAY GET LIBERTY

Effort to be Made by Counsel for Wong Sing to Get Him Released

VANCOUVER, May 20.—In order that Wong Sing, committed for trial on a charge of murdering Janet Smith, may not remain in prison for from five to six months until the next assize court convenes, J. H. Senkler, counsel for the accused, yesterday took steps to lay the foundation for an application aimed at the release from custody of the prisoner. What form the application will take has not yet been decided, said Mr. Senkler.

GERMANY AT WORLD COURT

Has Entered Appeal Against Action of Poland in Upper Silesia

GENEVA, May 20.—It is officially announced today that Germany has appealed to the world court of justice to settle her dispute with Poland concerning the expropriation by Poland in Upper Silesia of German owned industrial rural property.

Airplane Here is Only One of its Kind on Continent Guarded with Jealous Care

The Vickers-Viking amphibious flying boat, which is now all assembled at the dry dock here awaiting receipt of favorable weather reports from the north before taking off with Archibald Little, Detroit mining engineer, for Telegraph Creek on a prospecting expedition into the Gassiar gold fields, is the only machine of its kind on the continent.

The machine was built by Vickers in England and imported to Canada by its owners, the Laurentide Air Service Co. Ltd. of Three Rivers, Quebec. It is powered with a 450 horse power Napier Lyon engine and is equipped with the latest of everything in safety and efficiency devices. It has a wing spread of 50 feet.

The fuselage and wing floats are of mahogany bronzed where they touch the water and the wings are of bronzed fabric, the struts, of course, being of the conventional airplane spruce.

The landing wheels are lowered or raised by means of a quadrant. They are controlled (continued on page six)

