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SKEENA IS ROUTE FOR NEW HIGHWAY

EXPLOSION ON ESSINGTON BOAT BLOWS OWNER INTO AIR

Skeena River Gorge Only Possible Route Highway to Interior

P. M. Monckton Scoffs at Idea of Going by Way of Naas River Which Would be far off Direct Route

The only way to connect Prince Rupert and Terrace satisfactorily is by the Skeena River valley, according to P. M. Monckton, civil engineer and land surveyor of Terrace, who arrived from the interior yesterday and left this morning by the steamer Prince George ehroute to Victoria to complete departmental work for the provincial government on which he has been engaged.

Mr. Monckton scoffed at the idea of building by way of the Naas River as it meant going many miles out of the way without any compensating advantages. He said the route from the mouth of the Naas River to Prince Rupert would prove more difficult than that up the Skeena River and there would be more of it. As a man who knows the interior country well he assured his interviewer that no pass could possibly be satisfactory except the Skeena gorge.

Asked as to the difficulties of building that way, Mr. Moncton said he was inclined to favor the other side of the river, although he recognized that it might not be open quite as early in the spring. The physical difficulties would not be as great. It has been estimated that the road would cost three million dollars and he did not think it could be built for less than that amount. Whatever the amount it would be much less than would be the cost of going by the Naas River, which was far out of the way. As for any other pass through the mountains, if it was found it would be so difficult and so clogged with snow that it would have no practical value.

Mr. Monckton saw considerable advantage in connecting up with the canneries on the Skeen River, that being an additional reason for following the Skeena route.

After completeing his departmental work, Mr. Monckton plans to drive Mrs. Monckton and family to California before returning to Terrace in the spring.

LABOR PARTY IS CHASTIZED

Premier Baldwin Tells Ramsay Macdonald Vital Questions Will not be Reopened

LONDON Nov. 18.— J. Ramsay Macdonald, leader of the Labor party in the House of Commons, yesterday asked Premier Baldwin if he would not take an early opportunity to make a statement on the general intentions of the government in regard to coal and unemployment.

The Premier replied that the government's position would have been fully explained by the President of the Board of Trade had it not been for the "unfortunate incident" yesterday. Under the circumstances he could not afford an opportunity for further parliamentary discussions.

NEW YORK IS AGAIN VICTOR

Beats Ottawa Champion Hockey Team Last Night Three to Two

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—The world champion hockey team, Ottawa Senators, suffered the second defeat of the season last night when they met the New York Rangers at New York, the loss of the game being largely the result of penalties and lack of combination.

Chicago defeated Montreal Maroons at Montreal by a last minute rally in the final period, both teams playing a nip and tuck game. The scores were:

Chicago, 3; Montreal Maroons, 2.
New York Rangers, 3; Ottawa, 2.

EXPLOSION ON J. LUKENBACH

Vessel Torn by Impact When Being Scrapped at Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Nov. 18.—A terrific explosion tore the steamship Jacob Lukenbach apart this morning, killing one man and injuring four others, while another was blown overboard and is believed to have been drowned.

The vessel was being scrapped and the blast is attributed to the use of an acetylene torch near a fuel tank.

FORMER RESIDENT OF PRINCE RUPERT DIES

Pat Sharkey was in Forestry Department Before Going to Ferndale, Washington

Word was received in the city by Mrs. Peter Byrne of the death of Pat Sharkey, formerly of the forestry department in this city. He and Mrs. Sharkey lived in Prince Rupert for about three years, moving then to a farm at Ferndale, Washington, where he died.

Mr. Sharkey leaves a widow and three little girls

NEW COMPANY TO OPERATE PASSENGER SEAPLANE SERVICE

VICTORIA, Nov. 18. — Incorporation of British Columbia Airways Ltd. was announced today. The new company plans to operate a sixteen passenger seaplane between Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle.

The service will be commenced shortly with a smaller plane, the size to be increased as business warrants.

FISH ARRIVALS

Three American Vessels Sold Broken Catches Totalling 29,000 Pounds Today

Three American halibut vessels sold broken catches totalling 29,000 pounds at the Fish Exchange this morning as follows:

Majestic, 10,000 pounds, Royal Fish Co., 12c and 6c.

Ithona, 10,000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 12.3c and 6c.

Imperial, 9,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 12.1c and 6c.

The Alaska, with a catch of 11,000 pounds, not satisfied with a bid of 11c and 6c, went on to Seattle.

Though the season is now closed, a number of boats are still out with catches.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid	Asked
Wheat	1.43¼	
Cork Province	.10	.10¾
Dunwell	.15	.16½
George Copper	1.90	2.30
Gladstone	.15	
Independence	.04	.04¾
Indian	.05	
L. and L.	.08	.09¼
Leadsmith	.03	
Lucky Jim	.27	
Premier	2.33	2.36
Porter Idaho	.28	.30
Sunloch	.70	.80
Toric	1.90	

DR. BLEECKER PASSES AWAY

Well Known Physician, Formerly of Terrace and Queen Charlotte City, Succumbs

A telegram received yesterday afternoon by R. V. G. LePine announced the death in Trenton, Ontario, deceased's birthplace, on Wednesday of Dr. G. H. Bleecker, well known medical practicioner of this district.

Accompanied by his widow, the late Dr. Bleecker, after having been a patient in the Prince Rupert General Hospital for some time suffering from a serious malady, left for the East only two weeks ago. While it was realized that his condition was grave, word of his demise was quite unexpected.

The funeral of the late Dr. Bleecker, who was 49 years of age, will take place in Trenton under Masonic auspices deceased having been a member of the blue lodge, chapter and preceptory as well as of Wa Wa Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Calgary. He practised in Terrace for a number of years and also conducted a drug store there. For the past few years he had been at Queen Charlotte City where he had charge of the hospital.

Relatives of the late Dr. Bleecker include his brother, W. A. Bleeker of Trenton.

PURSE SEINES ARE TROUBLE

A. W. Neill, Member for Alberni, Suggests Reduction or Abolition

VANCOUVER, Nov. 18—A. W. Neill, member for Comox-Alberni in the Federal House, returned last night from Ottawa where he spent ten days chiefly connected with the fishing industry.

Apart from uncertainties as to the powers of the Dominion Government, Neill thought the greater part of the fishing trouble today was due to the use of too many purse seines. If this were remedied, he believed the industry would prosper.

"The obvious remedy is for the cannerymen collectively and voluntarily to agree to a reduction of the number of seines among themselves." If they were unable to do this, Mr. Neill suggested an increase in the number of gill net areas and prohibition of the use of purse and drag seines for a period of years.

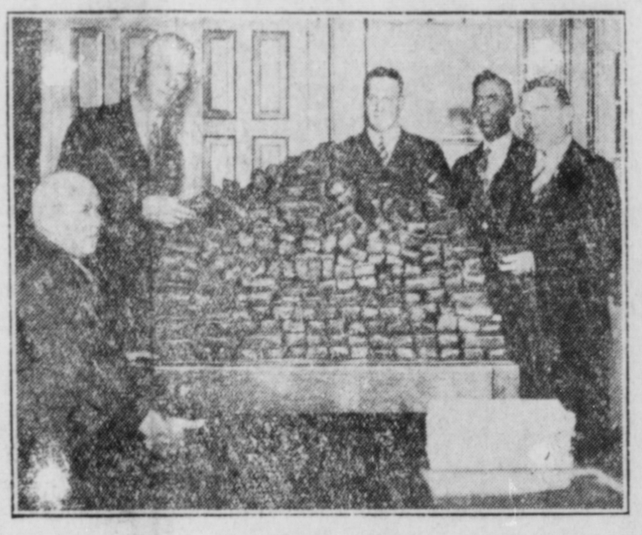
"This may seem revolutionary and impractical," he declared, "but more drastic action has been taken in Alaskan waters."

BEAR HOLED UP IN BOYS' PLAY CAVE AT SELKIRK, MANITOBA

WINNIPEG, Nov. 17.—A three hundred pound bear holed up in a Selkirk boys' cave on the Red River. On Friday morning Jack and Bill MacKnermy concluded to examine their retreat. It was their first visit since snow arrived and they had started a fire before the visitor had been discovered. The big fellow regarded the intruders sleepily. Having been on the trap line with their father the boys did not get excited. They made a dicker for half the value of the pelt and all the carcass before they told a half breed neighbor of their find. The animal was shot where he lay. The larger variety of black and brown bears are more numerous near Winnipeg this winter than ever known and so plentiful are elk that the government has included them for the first time in the open season this year.

SKATING ON ROAD LAKE GOOD AGAIN

Doug Frizzell reports skating on the lake near the end of the Kaien Island Highway good again. Taxi concerns went out yesterday to sweep the snow off. It is suggested that persons going out tonight would help to increase their subsequent enjoyment by taking brooms along.



BIGGEST HAUL of contraband narcotics ever made in America; 750 pounds of pure gum opium seized by United States officials at Isle La Moote, Vt. Oscar Mouvet, a 65-year-old French hotelkeeper, and an unnamed Canadian millionaire were declared to be implicated in smuggling this into the United States

CATALA SALVAGE IS PROCEEDING NICELY

No Change in Situation Reported by Local Lloyds' Agent Following Visit to Stranding

Salvage work on the steamer Catala, stranded on Mist Island near Port Simpson, is proceeding satisfactory, announced Philip M. Ray, local sub-agent for Lloyds', this morning. In company with T. C. Warkman, surveyor for Lloyds', Mr. Ray paid a visit to the wreck yesterday. There has been no change so far in the Catala's position.

It is expected that the rock will be out of the way in a few days now. The equipment is in place to put the ship on an even keel as soon as possible.

SPEEDING UP GRAIN SHIPS

Sixteen Took Whole or Part Cargoes at Vancouver During Week

VANCOUVER, Nov. 18.— During the week just ended there has been a speeding up in grain shipments, no less than sixteen boats loading either full or part cargo at this port. The following are the shipments:

Baron Loudon, to Colon for orders, 178,666 bushels.

Pisco, for London, 378,231 bushels.

Trelawny, to Colon for orders, 287,467 bushels.

Ferento, to Fayal for orders, 283,843 bushels.

Fella, for Genoa, 54,133 bushels.

Pacific Trader, for Manchester, 37,333 bushels.

Greylock, for Glasgow, 37,333 bushels; for London, 74,667 bushels; for Liverpool, 18,667 bushels.

Wm. A. McKenny, for Avonmouth, 74,666 bushels; for Avonmouth with option of Belfast or Dublin, 74,667 bushels.

Drakepool, to Kingston for orders, 275,373 bushels.

Cardiganshire, for London, 3,734 bushels; for Rotterdam, 37,374 bushels.

George Washington, for U.K. or continent, 190,135 bushels.

Justin, for Antwerp, 37,333 bushels; for continental ports, 37,333 bushels.

Yokohama Maru, for Kobe, 33,334 bushels.

Hofuku Maru, for Tsurumi, 135,694 bushels.

Norfolk Maru, for Yokohama, 33,333 bushels.

Svealjarl, for Buenaventura, 500 bushels.

WIRELESS REPORT.
8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Part cloudy, light north wind; barometer, 30.12; temperature, 27; sea smooth.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Overcast, calm; barometer, 29.92; temperature, 28; sea smooth.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND.—Part clody, fresh east wind; barometer, 30.10; temperature, 31; sea smooth.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Overcast, calm; barometer, 29.92; temperature, 35; sea smooth.

BLIZZARD IN ONTARIO AND RAIN QUEBEC

Eastern Townships Again Flooded and Damage Reported Quebec City

OTTAWA, Nov. 18. — The eastern section of Ontario was visited by a blizzard last night. Sleet and a heavy snowstorm wrecked wire communication.

In the eastern townships section of Quebec, heavy rains caused flood conditions and considerable property damage is reported at Quebec City.

GAVE PREMIER BALDWIN BIG CHERRYWOOD PIPE

Birmingham University Graduates Please Premier With Presentation

BIRMINGHAM, Nov. 18.—A three-foot cherrywood pipe, modelled on one of his favorites, was presented to Premier Stanley Baldwin by the undergraduates at Birmingham University when he opened the new biological block of the University recently.

The pipe appeared to give the Premier as much pleasure as the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws which had just been conferred on him. He smilingly swung the pipe over his shoulder, entered a burlesque Roman chariot (drawn by a pantomime "horse"), and escorted by a bodyguard of students in weird costumes and wearing false painted noses, he made a triumphant exit.

Undergraduates crowded the galleries in the hall where the degree was conferred and showered confetti on the robes of the professors.

SLEEPING SICKNESS DIVORCE GROUNDS

TRENTON, N.J., Nov. 18. — Sleeping sickness, when concealed prior to marriage, has been added to the grounds upon which annulment may be obtained in New Jersey.

A preliminary decree has been granted to Mrs. Kathleen Dry McAlvey setting aside her marriage to Vincent McAlvey, a former army officer. She charged that her husband was a victim of the disease, but had not informed her of the fact.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY COMMERCIAL CLASS IS GIVEN EXAMINATION

In the mid-term examinations held in St. Joseph's Academy commercial class, the following students obtained highest standings: L. Gain 93 per cent. E. Letts 86, D. Ross 81, R. Gillies 80, B. Horstman 79, V. Whitlow 77, M. McKay 77, G. Kenny 73, R. Couture 73, M. Lawrence 70, E. Unger 70.

Gas Boat Explosion Throws Saw Mill Operator Into Air and Injures Him Severely

James A. Brown of Ecstall River was on his Boat at Port Essington When Accident Occurred: Now in Hospital

Victim of an explosion at Port Essington last night which virtually wrecked his gasboat and hurled him twenty-five or thirty feet into the air, James A. Brown, well known Ecstall River sawmill operator, is today a patient in the Prince Rupert General Hospital suffering from severe fractures of both legs as well as burns about the head and face.

It was about 8.45 when the accident occurred. Mr. Brown went down to his boat, which was moored at a float, to see that all was in order for the night. He carried a lantern and, as soon as he got to the door, the explosion occurred. Mr. Brown was hurled clear into the air, landing on to his boat again. One of the fractures was at the ankle and the other at the knee. The wheelhouse was blown on to the dock.

Had it not been for the prompt action of Mr. Brown's stepson, Stewart Donaldson, who pulled the victim out of the flames, there might have been much more serious consequences. Mr Brown took it coolly himself, inquiring as to the time immediately after the accident occurred.

Dr. W. T. Kergin was called to the scene by wire immediately and, with his nurse, Miss Dorothy Gillingham R.N., left aboard the B.C. Towage & Lighterage Co.'s powerboat Naas River for the Skeena slough where transfer was made to the Salvage Princess, which had come down from Balmoral and took doctor and nurse on to Port Essington.

Mr. Brown's injuries were dressed during the night and he arrived in the city this morning to enter hospital where, according to last reports, he was resting as easily as could be expected.

AIRMEN WERE LOST IN EASTERN GALICIA NOW RETURNING HOME

WARSAW, Nov. 18.—Captain McIntosh and Bert Hinkler, British aviators, who left Upavon Tuesday afternoon on a distance record flight to India is reported as landing in southern Poland late Tuesday, having lost his bearings. After securing his direction he resumed his flight.

WARSAW, Nov. 18.—(Later).—McIntosh and Hunkler left Eastern Galicia at 9:45 this morning en route for London, according to a telephone report.

WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert. — Part cloudy, light north wind; temperature, 27.

Stewart.—Calm, clear, temperature 9 above.

Anyox.—Clear, calm, temp. 20 above.

Alice Arm.—Clear, calm, temp. 20 above.

Atyansh.—Clear, calm, temp. 5 below.

Rosswood. — Clear, calm, temp. 4 above.

Terrace. — Clear, windy, temp. 12 above.

Telegraph Creek.—Clear, calm, 10 below.

Smithers. — Cloudy, calm, temp. 5 above.

Burns Lake.—Clear, calm, 7 below.

Hazelton.—Part cloudy, calm, t10 below.

Whitehorse.—Clear, North wind, 2 below.

Selkirk.—Clear, north wind, 32 below.

Dawson.—Cloudy, north wind, 28 below.

REPORTS OF SCHOONER ALASKA'S DAMAGE ON FISHING BANKS FALSE

The big American halibut schooner Alaska, which was reported to have been badly damaged in a storm up north, was in port this morning. Capt. Conrad Petersen denied reports as to the ship's plight. Reports received here as well as at Ketchikan said that the vessel had been practically split open. Happily, they were unfounded.

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SUTTON SCHEME OF SETTLEMENT

General Leaves Early Next Month to Place Plans Before British Financiers

OTTAWA, Nov. 18. — General Sutton will sail from New York early next month to put his Peace River outlet plans before British financiers.

Last night in an interview he outlined his proposal for linking up the C.G.E. with the Peace River country.

Referring to his settlement scheme in conjunction with the railway, General Sutton said a half section of land would be turned over to each settler on an easy twenty year repayment terms and farm implements and essentials for breaking new ground would be provided.

BRIGANDAGE IN MEXICO

Soldiers Guarding Trains are Killed in Two Different Parts of Country

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 18. — Eighteen soldiers, including an officer, were killed when bandits attacked a passenger train between Palmira and Aguas Calente. Three soldiers and six passengers including a woman and children were wounded. The bandits executed the engineer and firemen.

Nine soldiers engaged as train guards were killed and thirteen passengers injured while several coaches on the Puebla-Vera Cruz passenger train were derailed near Jalapa.

PETER WALLACE, A FORMER RESIDENT OF CITY, DIES IN SOUTH

Word was received yesterday by C. L. Youngman that Peter Wallace, formerly of this city, had died Wednesday in Vancouver and the funeral will take place Saturday. He leaves a widow and two children.

Mr. Wallace was well known here. He formerly travelled for Malkin's and lived in the Clapp Block. Latteriy he has been agent for Crosse & Blackwell and only three weeks ago was in the city on business. Last summer T. McMeekin rode with him in his car from Hazelton to Vancouver

B.C. WINNER IN THE ROYAL WINTER FAIR DELICIOUS APPLES

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—In the Royal winter fair British Columbia won the first place in five box lots of Delicious apples. Ontario won in McIntosh Reds. In the single box lots B.C. came first in Delicious, Jonathan, King and Wagner.

BLACKNESS WINNER DERBY CUP TODAY

DERBY, Nov. 18.—Blackness won the Derby Cup today by a neck from Ivershin. The French horse Sampire came third. Eleven started.