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GT. BRITAIN RESENTS BOMBARDMENT OF BIERUT

ANOTHER ENGLISH SYNDICATE TO DEVELOP GRAHAM ISLAND

Have Transported Seventy-Five Tons of Drilling Machinery Thirty Miles Through the Brush—To Test One Hundred Sections

F. C. Greene, a visitor who is staying at the Inn, is the general manager of the Graham Island Coal & Timber Syndicate, Limited, of London, and has just returned from the island after taking in seventy-five tons of machinery. To get this landed on the coast was comparatively easy, but to get it through the brush, without any roads, was an arduous and tedious job. It was effected by means of a donkey engine.

Mr. Greene is not only the general manager but was the promoter of the syndicate. He made investigation of coal and oil lands on both Graham and Moresby islands last year, and as a result purchased one hundred sections of coal lands on Graham. He then went to London and succeeded in floating his company. H. E. M. Bourke is chairman of the board of directors and H. Noel Hoare, coal merchant and banker, and Gerald Brown directors. W. H. Armstrong of Vancouver is the resident director. The head office is Capel House, New Broad street, London.

F. C. Wright is Mr. Greene's field superintendent, and they have now about forty men employed. Mr. Greene says that geologically the hundred sections is a coal area extending between Masset Inlet and Skidegate, and his idea is to thoroughly prospect it, using core drills for the purpose. There are good indications of oil on some of the land and they will drill for this also. He says there is no stock on the market and none will be issued until the company has definitely decided the values of the property. Then some development stock might be offered or might not.

THIS AFTERNOON'S BATTLE

Mexicans at It Again Around San Antonio Today.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) San Antonio, Feb. 26.—Despite rumors there has been no fighting actually in Juarez today, but seven hundred rebels have landed from a Mexican Central train ten miles from the city and have engaged federal troops. It is certain that a decisive battle will take place this afternoon.

GOVERNMENT TO RUN MINES

Radical Report in Event of British Coal Strike Being Declared.

London, Feb. 26.—It is reported in Radical circles today that Asquith has determined that in the event of a coal strike the government will take over and work temporarily all the coal mines and thus prevent panic in prices.

Electrician Electrocuted.

Vancouver, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Wayne Bennett, electrician at the Arena ice rink, was found dead this morning, having been electrocuted. He came recently from the east.

A PIONEER OLD-TIMER DIES AT LITTLE CANYON UP RIVER

Dan Stewart, Veteran Trail Blazer of Hudson Bay Company and Early Rancher of Skeena Valley Succumbs to Advancing Years

By yesterday afternoon's train there arrived in Prince Rupert news of the death of Dan Stewart, rancher of Little Canyon and one of the very oldest of the veteran pioneers of this coast. Dan, or Dave, as some called him, died on Saturday at his ranch, where he leaves a grown-up family, including a daughter. His death resulted practically from reduced strength due to advancing years. His age was about eighty, and though hale and hearty up till recent months, he had of late become more enfeebled.

Dan Stewart at the time of his death could look back on a period of some fifty or sixty years on this coast. He knew the history of its development better than most men, and had always held supreme confidence in its qualities for agricultural and industrial enterprise. He came out here originally as a Hudson Bay pioneer, and did considerable trail blazing for the great company in his youth. From his knowledge of the country, its paths and passes, he was able to forecast accurately the main direction of railway enterprise and was seldom out in his estimate regarding probable locations of centres of population.

As an old timer he was well known and much respected along the whole of the Skeena valley and coast district. His funeral takes place today.

STEEL IS STRIDING ALONG TOWARDS SKEENA CROSSING

Track Reaches Mile 140 Tonight and Will be at the Crossing by Middle of March---General Superintendent Mehan Reports Rapid Progress---Local Development Work Merely Waits Removal of Buildings in the Way

"Tonight steel will reach Mile 140," said General Superintendent Mehan this morning. "Progress with track laying has been rapid recently owing to improved weather conditions. We shall be at the crossing by March 16th at the rate we are now going."

This information, although given out in quiet matter of fact manner, means exceedingly good work done in railway construction during the past few weeks. At Mile 140 steel will be only

thirty miles from Skeena River crossing. Track has been laid at the rate of well over thirty miles in six weeks in spite of snow hindrances, and mild weather up river is increasing the speed now.

The general superintendent was able to mention this morning that the first divisional point out from Rupert is to be at Mile 149, a station not yet named, but the third one out from Van Arsdol toward Hazelton.

Regarding the forthcoming work within the city Mr. Mehan remarked that he is only waiting

now for the removal of the buildings in the way before commencing to move the G. T. P. Inn and start grading the depot site. This morning Mr. Mehan was measuring up the ground available at Pat Burns old meat market site, to which he said the Inn will be removed if there proves to be a great deal of rock excavation necessary at the first site proposed near the Kelly-Douglas store. The city hall is moving fast, but so far the post office is delayed, awaiting instructions from the department.

NEW DRAGON PRESIDENT

Yuan Shi Kai, to Administer the Chinese Republic, a Mighty Personality—Called Crooked as They Make Them.

Yuan Shi Kai will probably become the first president of the Chinese republic, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the provisional president, retiring. Yuan is about 55 years old. In younger life he was sensual and reckless. He has a whole-some respect for the foreign powers, which put great confidence in him. His critics, however, say he has always been a trimmer and guilty of double dealing. Certainly, he has been hand in glove with the republicans while professing to be striving with might and main to save the monarchy, and has now given the Imperialists the "double cross." Stories of his cunning and ruthlessness would fill a book.

POWERS SEND STRONG PROTEST

British and French Cruisers Steam Full Speed to Beirut, Which Italians Bombarded, to Protect Interests.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Feb. 26.—The powers have sent a strong protest to Rome over the bombardment of Beirut, declaring that Italy has violated her promise to confine the war to Tripoli. The British cruiser Lancaster and one French cruiser are steaming full speed to Beirut in order to protect the respective interests of their countries.

NOT RUPERT WEATHER

Blizzards Rage Over the Border—Trains Tied Up.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Kansas City, Feb. 26.—Heavy snows with a forty mile gale are general throughout Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado. Scores of trains were stalled on the main lines of the various transcontinentals. All trains are running ten to twelve hours late and owing to the wires being down several have been lost altogether. In some places drifts are twenty feet high.

NEW ANGLICAN BISHOP

Rev. Dr. Roper Consecrated as Third Bishop of Columbia.

(Special to Daily News.) Victoria, Feb. 26.—With Archbishop Matheson, primate of all Canada, officiating, and assisted by the Bishops of Caledonia, Alaska, Qu' Appelle, Westminster, Olympia, Oregon and East Oregon, Rev. Dr. Roper was consecrated and enthroned yesterday as third bishop of the Anglican diocese of Columbia.

Baptist Social.

Best time in town—Brotherhood social tonight at 8 o'clock in McIntyre Hall.

G. Laforest Peck, the lumber magnate, is in town.

LAWRENCE STRIKERS SHOT

Police Fire on Parade to Celebrate Seventh Week of Strike.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 26.—Stormy scenes marked the beginning of the seventh week of the strike. A dozen shots were fired into a parade of strikers. One was wounded and many women and children were again clubbed by the police following the break up of the procession.

THE WEATHER.

For twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., February 26, 1912: Bar., 30.249; max. temp., 39.0; min. temp., 31.0; precipitation, rain .22, snow 1/2 inch.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

City Engineer's department installed complete in fire hall. Up river right-of-way arbitration again in session. City Clerk Woods announces "No Council tonight." Special meeting of hospital board sits in police court room. Steel strides another few miles up the Skeena. Fire helmet extinguishers proposed for long winded aldermen.

SMALL STAMPEDE FOR THE NORTH LEAVES ON MAY THIS AFTERNOON

Some Are Making for the New Discoveries Reported on Sixtymile in Yukon and Others are Heading for Liard Country

The Princess May is due to arrive about 5 this afternoon and she will carry away with her to the northward some thirty persons, principally prospectors badly smitten with the placer fever. Of these the most important party is a quartet headed by A. R. Young, for many years engaged in mining in Yukon and at Nome, but for over a couple of years a contractor in this city for the moving of buildings. The other members of his party are H. McDougal, T. Wilson and H. Shaw, all soundrough mushers. They purchased nearly a year's supplies here and have a dozen to fifteen dogs.

These stampedeers are backed by Hazelton capital, the nomied

men who stay at home being I. Rosenthal, Hugh Harris and Edgar Harris, the well known mining operators; Frank Martin, James Latham, McBain Bros. and E. Jurgeson. For this party and others, including Captain Bragg, the May will on this trip put in at Wrangell and then pursue her regular course to Skagway, many of the passengers from here to the latter point being bound for Sixty Mile River in the Yukon, which was recently stampeded again and in regard to the discoveries there no definite reports have yet been received. Among these are: John McGuire, W. Sullivan, W. K. Beekingham, A. E. Pehler, J. Levy, M. Sarm, Mrs. Julia B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs.

P. J. Clemenson, A. Johnson, T. M. Peterson, Mrs. L. Stanley, J. Samans, W. Seelig, B. Buckingham.

The Young party and its outfit and dogs will be landed at Wrangell and will have a strenuous mush up the Stikine River to Telegraph Creek, then along the McKenzie & Mann trail to Dease Lake and over the divide into the Liard country, their objective point being Turnagain Creek, a tributary of the Blackwater, which flows into the Liard. Good reports have recently been received from trappers in this wholly unexplored country, and the party has hopes of striking another Klondike before next winter's snow flies.

RAPID REPAIR WORK ON LINER

Leviathan of the Atlantic Laid Up and Entirely Renovated in Nine Weeks—An Engineering Feat So Far Unparalleled.

The Mauretania left her dock at Liverpool the other day. Her repairs have occupied nine weeks, an achievement, says the Journal of Commerce, that is most interesting, for the engineers' operations occupied three shifts, the men working day and night seven days a week.

The extent of their task may be gathered from the fact that nearly 700 tons of new plating and other iron material had to be worked into the hull.

The time saving feat is probably unequaled in shipbuilding records.

The Union Steamship Company's new steamer Chelohsin left Vancouver Saturday night on her first trip to Prince Rupert, arriving here this evening.

WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

Grand Opening

Wednesday Evening Feb. 28

Engagement Extraordinary Of the Famous Bell, Barnes & Dale Trio

Direct from the Pantages Circuit

ADMISSION: — 25c, 35c, 50c Box Seats 75c

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30

ROOSEVELT WILL CONTEST

Letter to Governors Made Public Today—"Teddy" Says People and Not Party Machines Should Control Elections.

Boston, Feb. 26.—Theodore Roosevelt in a letter to the governors made public today has signified his intention of running for a third term if nominated. The letter published today did not come as a surprise. The only other thing of note in it is a demand for direct primaries for President Roosevelt. Roosevelt says the people and not party machines should control the election.

Fire Fiend Fatal.

Portland, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—In a fire which destroyed the Hotel Gillman last night two men were killed, three are missing and seventy had narrow escapes in their night clothes.

For sale—Soda fountain and all appurtenances. C. H. Orme, tf

MAJESTIC THEATRE SOLD

Will Be Run as Picture Show Still by New Owner.

The Majestic Theatre on Third avenue has been sold by the owners, Messrs. Strassburg and Koller, to Messrs. Hawley and Witt, who will continue to operate the building as a moving picture theatre. The former owners of the Majestic will in future own and manage the new Westholme opera house on Second avenue, which will be opened on Wednesday evening, February 28th. Operations were in progress at the Majestic this morning to convert the front into a handsome cigar stand and box office combined.

Indoor Baseball.

Crescents vs. Pirates, at Auditorium, Feb. 27th. Game called at 8:15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skatin gafter the game. 2t

VALHALLA HELD LEAP YEAR BALL

Saturday Night Saw Charming Social Under Auspices of Prince Rupert Scandinavian Society in K. of P. Hall.

(Special to Daily News.) Victoria, Feb. 26.—The debate on the budget was concluded Saturday and estimates passed authorizing an expenditure of \$16,000,000. Among the speakers on the budget was William Manson of Skeena, who outlined the needs of his district. A vast amount of work was cleaned up and it looks as though prorogation will come tomorrow or Wednesday.

In the K. of P. Hall on Saturday evening there was held most successfully a special Leap Year ball under the auspices of Valhalla No. 67, S. H. and E. F., the Scandinavian Society of Prince Rupert. Members of the society and their friends one and all were present in force despite the inclemency of the weather, and a bright and happy gathering was the result. Music by Gray's orchestra was of the very best, and the dance moved with swift merriement throughout the whole of the evening. Refreshments were abundantly served and the arrangements made for the comfort and pleasure of the guests were of the very best. Conspicuous in energy toward the success of the evening was Alderman Dybhavn, whose devotion to the interests of the Scandinavian society has made it one of the most enthusiastic in the city.

For row boats and launches telephone 320 green. Davis boat house.

Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White lost their daughter Helen, aged four months, yesterday. Funeral from the residence tomorrow afternoon, in charge of E. L. Fisher, undertaker.

Best meal in town at Savoy.

PRESBYTERIANS CANNILY CONSIDER CHURCH UNION

Ballot Papers Distributed at Service in Empress Theatre Last Night Mostly All Taken Home by Members and Adherents

Ballot papers were distributed in the Presbyterian Church last night in order that the members and adherents might vote on the proposed union between Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches. It had been half expected by the pastor, Rev. F. W. Kerr, that ballots would all be in and the vote counted last night at the close of the service, but though a number of the congregation handed in their ballot papers marked, the majority preferred to take them home and consider the question quietly before marking their ballot for or against union.

By March 15th the result of the ballot as far as Prince Rupert Presbyterian members and adherents are concerned will be made known. From indications ascertainable so far it has been stated that the vote will be practically unanimous in favor of union. Pastor F. W. Kerr believes there will be a great majority. The ballots already in indicate, in fact, an overwhelming majority.

Amongst the announcements made at the Presbyterian Church last night was one that there will be no evening service on Sunday next, March 3rd, in order that members of the Presbyterian Church may be present at the opening services of the new Methodist Church.