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FROM JUNEAU TO NANAIMO IN FORTY FOOT MOTOR BOAT

Young Men, an Englishman and an American, Who Left Alaska November 25th, Arrived Here Yesterday, Minus a Rudder—Their Tale of Adventure Reads Almost Like the Days of the Spanish Main and Quite Unsuited to the Twentieth Century.

Majority of city dwellers, of real adventure, of battling the elements every hour of the twenty-four with the odds very greatly in favor of the elements, of being so near starvation that the cooking and eating of a pet cat was actually discussed, would seem probably to have passed with the advent of ocean greyhounds, and electricity and the hundred and one other inventions to which city dwellers have become accustomed whenever they go a-travelling. That such is not actually the case, however, is proved by the advent of two young men in the harbor of Nanaimo yesterday evening in the 40-ft. motor boat Genesta in which they had just concluded a voyage from Juneau in Alaska, more than 700 miles away, over some of the most dangerous waters which even the coast of B.C. can boast.

Leaving Juneau for Victoria on Nov. 25th, these two young fellows, N. E. Robbins, an Englishman, who has taken up his residence in Victoria, and G. J. Quinn, who hails from Oakland, California, were only a few hours out when they learned that navigation in those northern waters in the winter months is anything but child's play, for they ran straight into a northerly gale. Their dingy was washed overboard, and they shipped so much water that one coil was short-circuited and they could only run on one cylinder of their engine. The blinding spray froze where it fell and it was not very long before their craft was encased in a covering of ice 6 inches thick. They were forced to keep ploughing into the gale, however, until they could make the shelter of Taku Inlet, which was not until quite late at night. Here they lay at anchor until the next afternoon, when the weather seeming settled they started off again. But with darkness the wind sprang up again, and soon developed into a thorough blizzard. They made Capt Strait about 9 p.m., and then in a blinding snowstorm literally groped along in search of some shelter from the violence of the wind. As it was impossible to see more than a few feet, it is little wonder that they finally ran on the beach luckily on a sandy spot, at dead low water. Here they perforce had to wait for daylight and for the tide to rise, bumping badly all the while. Once again luck was with them, for had they carried on in the dark for another hundred yards they would have crashed onto a jagged reef of rocks. Reaching Petersburg the next day, they put in for repairs, for their boat was leaking badly. From here to Ketchikan they made a quick passage, the weather continuing fair until they reached the Portland Canal, where the sea got up very quickly, and having narrowly escaped piling up on Dundas Island, they finally reached the shelter of Port Simpson. Here they stayed until the sea subsided and eventually reached Prince Rupert where they stopped a week refitting. While here they discovered that their storage battery had been burnt out by being overcharged and from that time on they were compelled to travel on a magneto and hot-shot only, depending for light on the former, so that when the engine was not running there was no light.

Leaving Prince Rupert they made a good run to Swanson Bay and then started to cross the ever treacherous Queen Charlotte Sound. Here the sea again rose quickly forcing the Genesta to run for shelter off Egg Island, but just as they were heading into quiet water the earth wire from the battery switch became disconnected, the engine died, and they rolled helplessly in the trough of the sea. They launched their dingy and though she filled, managed to get the Genesta clear of the rocks where they [illegible] smooth water. Finding their boat was leaking badly through the intake pipe, the outside nut of which had become loosened, they decided to beach her stern first to effect repairs, but in doing so she pounded so badly in the surf that the rudder guard broke and the rudder carried away bodily. They found it half buried in the sand and twisted like a corkscrew, the next morning, so building a fire they succeeded in heating it and having beaten it out straight, shipped the rudder once more suspended to the stern post by wire cables. With this makeshift they ran for Miles Inlet, and here they had to go a-hunting to replenish their larder which was well nigh bare. Fortunately they found plenty of ducks, and so the cat's life was spared.

After 4 days' hunting here a sudden calm fell, so the Genesta was put to it to make a quick run across the Queen Charlotte Sound, and Port Hardy was reached without incident. Thence all was comparatively plain sailing to Alert Bay, Shoal Bay, where they ate their Xmas dinner, and were glad of it, and finally, though operating with a fixed clutch by this time, to Lund, thence across the strait to Northeast Point, Texada Island, where they sheltered on Monday night.

With a fair wind yesterday morning these two adventurers believed all their troubles were over and the run to Nanaimo was all that could have been wished until some seven miles out, when the rudder stem broke clean in half at a point where they had so rudely beaten it out straight before. Luckily it was guyed up so that it was not lost, but since it was merely trailing behind was quite useless for steering purposes. With two short dingy oars they made shift to steer, and then came the crowning catastrophe, the discovery that their dingy which had not been securely made fast, was adrift. As it was impossible to steer after it they perforce had to let it go and had the satisfaction of seeing a southbound vessel pick it up. And so they limped into port yesterday afternoon, where repairs to the broken rudder stem were quickly made at the Foundry, though owing to the state of the tide it was late last night before they were able to ship it again.

This morning this adventurous pair of young men leave on the last lap of their trip to Victoria, and hope to spend New Year's Day in that city after surely as exciting a sea-voyage as could be wished by the most exacting, and with a boat which shows ample evidence of the hard knocks she has received.

THREE LIVES WERE SAVED AFTER ALL

From The Wreck of The Dutch Steamer Van Driel Which Went On The Rocks On The Newfoundland Coast On Sunday Morning.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 30.—Three men were rescued today from the wrecked steamship Anton Van Driel, which struck on the rocks at the entrance of St. Mary's Bay at midnight Sunday. They are the only survivors of the crew of twenty-nine. All were frightfully frost-bitten from their long exposure on the bridge, which was the only portion of the ship remaining above the water.

The rescued men are the second mate and two firemen. They were taken to Trepassey by the rescue steamer Ingraham, which was sent out from that port to the scene of the wreck early to-day.

Shore observers at the village of St. Shotte were unable to see any sign of life on the Anton Van Driel when daylight permitted a view of the exposed part of the ship, and it was feared that all of the five men who were seen yesterday during the storm clinging to the bridge had perished in the constant wash of the icy seas.

There was just a chance that the men had taken refuge in the wheelhouse, and although the seas were still running so high that approach to the wreck was perilous, the captain of the Ingraham decided to take the risk. The lifeboat crew that he sent to investigate succeeded in working the little craft under the lee of the wreck. The rescuers' hails were answered feebly from the wheelhouse, and, going aboard, they found the three men, all very helpless from the numbing cold

The transfer to the Ingraham was effected with some difficulty and the men were in a serious condition when taken to Trepassey. Physicians said it was uncertain whether they would recover.

Bodies of a number of the sailors who were lost yesterday in attempt ing to escape from the vessel in [illegible] Shotte.

THE MOOSE WHIST DRIVE

The Whist Drive which was held in the Oddfellows' Hall last night by the local lodge the Loyal Order of Moose, was an unqualified success, and attracted quite an unusual number of players.

The fortunate winners of the valuable prizes offered were as follows: Ladies: 1st, Miss C. McCourt; 2nd, Mrs. Simpson; 3rd, Mrs. W. Thorne. Gentlemen: 1st, J. Ferguson; 2nd, J. R. Simpson, 3rd, W. Neen.

XMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT AT FIVE ACRE MISSION

The Sunday School Christmas Tree of St. Paul's Five Acre Mission was held yesterday afternoon and evening, that for the juveniles lasting from 3 to 6, while the evening session from 6 to 9 was devoted to the entertainment of the grown-ups. As usual the utmost good-feeling prevailed, the real Christmas spirit being very much in evidence, with the result that the occasion was a memorable one, more especially so for the youngsters, whose delight in their presents knew no bounds.

Inspector Tupper, of the R. N. W. M. P. arrived in the city yesterday on a tour of inspection of the Island detachments of that famous force. The Inspector is a son of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, of Vancouver.

Skating in the Rink on New Year's Day. Afternoon 2 to 5. Evening 8 to 10. Come and have a good time.

ICE FIELDS ROUND BELLE ISLE ARE IMPASSABLE

Seventh Attempt to Take Provisions to the Lighthouse Keepers Had to Be Abandoned, but Another Effort Will Be Made.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Stopped by a huge barrier of ice and fields of icebergs, the sturdy little Government ice breaker Montcalm and her gallant crew, were on Sunday forced to abandon their attempt to take the lighthouse transport provisions to the lighthouse keepers and wireless [illegible] marooned at Belle Isle with but scant supplies.

Capt. John Hern reported at North Sydney that the ice fields encircling Belle Isle were impassable. The Minister of Marine has ordered the Montcalm to put coal in every available nook and tot put to sea again in an eighth attempt. This will delay by five days at least the arrival of the much needed provisions at the isolated colony.

JUVENILES GAVE A FINE CONCERT AT ST. ANDREWS

The attendance at the juvenile concert held in St. Andrew's Church last night exceeded the most sanguine expectations, the pews being well filled long before the opening duet was announced. The audience was treated to a continual delight of original and varied numbers, with many pretty costumes, all the children excelling themselves.

The programme which was under the supervision of Mrs. Frank Reynolds, was carried out without a hitch, the artists being well chosen. Lullaby Land, Dolly-le-Wee-wee, Missouri Lullaby, My Little Sunshine, The Doll's Lesson, and the Primary Demonstration were very enjoyable. Other attractive parts were a solo by Abe Hamilton, who as the possessor [illegible] Tuxis Square and Kant-I-Kum contributions. During the evening Mrs. Reynolds received a gift of flowers from Dr. and Mrs. Unsworth. Miss Wilcox also was presented with flowers for her valued services.

To the following, who assisted in training and conducting the several numbers, special thanks and credit are due Mesdames D. Ford, A. Gibbons, A. Cunningham, F. Clark, Misses Edna Cunningham, Myrtle Allen, Sadie Vater, Betty Wilcox, Edna Johns and Vera Gordon.

NEUTRALS MUST ACT AS THOUGH VANQUISHED

Swiss Federal Counsellor Says That to All Intents They Have Been Adversaries of the Allies.

Geneva, Dec. 30.—Federal Counsellor Scheurer, speaking before a large audience at Berne today, said that the general political and economical situation of the neutral nations was a difficult one.

"They must consider themselves as among the vanquished and on the same basis as adversaries of the Allies," he declared, "and they must work and produce in order to regain the confidence of the Allies."

The speech created a sensation

NEW YEARS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Annual New Year's entertainment will be held in Headquarters tomorrow evening and will consist of a supper from 5 until 6.30, followed by a musical evening at which the following programme will be rendered. An admission fee of 50 cents will be charged:

Programme.

Opening remarks by the Chairman Mr. F. Busby.
Star Exercise by 8 girls.
Violin Solo, by Mr. Jones.
Recitation, Miss Mary Carman.
Miss M. Wallis (Somebody Knows).
Tinsil Drill by 12 girls.
Recitation by L. Rouvier.
Duett by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.
Piano Duett, the Misses Hickman.
Violin Solo, by Mr. Jones.
Song, Mrs. Grayshon.
Recitation, Miss Jarvie.
Song, Mr. Phillips.
Dialogue, "Exciting Times," Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family.
Piano Solo, M. W. Nicholson.
Song, (Selected) Mrs. Grayshon.
Recitation, Mr. Bertram.
Violin Solo, Mr. Jones.
Recitation, "Papa's Letter," Mrs. Taylor.
Pianist—Mrs. Emery.

TAX ON PROFITS EXPIRES TODAY

It is Estimated That Since its Inception in 1916 This Tax Has Yielded Almost a Hundred Million Dollars in Revenue.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Tomorrow the business profits war tax will expire and the question will arise of its renewal or discontinuance. During the four years the tax has been in force, it has provided the major share of receipts from war taxes. Including the present year, returns for which are not yet available, the exception is in the neighborhood of one hundred million dollars. For the four years, the revenue has been:

1916-17	$12,506,000
1917-18	21,271,000
1918-19	32,970,000
1919-20 (estimated)	30,000,000
Total	$96,747,000

The tax is imposed on a sliding scale and designed to strike at big profits. From a rate of 25 per cent. on business profits between 7 and 15 per cent., the tax reaches as high as 75 per cent. on profits in excess of 25 per cent. Although in view of the war conditions, objection to the tax has not hitherto been wide, manufacturers hold that it hinders expansion of industries.

In fact, in his last budget speech, Sir Thomas White took up this point. "Our business profits taxation," he said, "unless repealed as soon as war conditions terminate, must have an adverse influence upon the investment of money in business enterprise in Canada. At present there is a widespread tendency throughout the world to severely tax profits. Within bounds, such a policy is not open to criticism, but certainly beyond a reasonable point it can only defeat its purpose with consequences detrimental to capital, labor and the community as a whole."

The government's policy in regard to continuance or discontinuance of the tax is not likely to be announced before the budget speech. Then it considered advisable (as has been done before) the tax can be renewed. The suggestion is made that instead of renewing the business profits tax, the government might make provision under the income tax for further taxation of corporations

In any event there is evident need for revenue. Before the war, the net debt of the Dominion stood at one billion eight hundred million dollars. Immediately before the war interest charges on the national debt were under thirteen million dollars. For the present year they are estimated at one hundred and fifteen million dollars.

WILSON—COY

St. Paul's Church was the scene last evening of a very pretty wedding, when the Rector, the Rev. S. Ryall, was called upon to perform the ceremony which united Miss Helen Lucy Wilson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Wilson, of this City, to Dr. Filmer E. Coy, of Invermere, B. C. Miss Angela Wilson, sister of the bride and Miss Norah Coy, sister of the bridegroom acted as bridesmaids, while Dr. C. H. Lipsey officiated as best man.

After the ceremony the wedding party which included the parents of both bride and groom, a number of close relatives and several intimate friends of the young couple, sat down to a quiet dinner at the Windsor Hotel, following which Dr. and Mrs. Coy left by motor for Duncan whence they will go to Seattle for a short honeymoon, finally taking up their residence in Invermere.

Don't forget to bring all books that you can possibly spare to help form the nucleus of our Public Library, to the Athletic Club Building tomorrow.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN IS NOT EXCESSIVE

London, Dec. 30.—In connection with a visit made some time ago to the Prince of Wales by former service men who were out of employment, Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labor, has written to the effect that the trade and industry of the country is on the whole, satisfactory.

Sir Robert says that when allowances are made for the unemployment caused by recent trade disputes the number of persons who are today unable to obtain work, does not give occasion for any great anxiety.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Fearon, of Northfield, wishes to give credit to Andrew Ogden, general Auctioneer, for the excellent manner in which he conducted their Farm Sale on the 29th Dec. Also to thank the public who helped to make their sale a great success. 1t

MILNER ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION BY EGYPTIANS

In Order That Their Aspirations May Be Reconciled With Britain's Interests

Cairo, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.—A serious situation as a result of a Nationalist demonstration seemed imminent this evening. The demonstrators paraded the streets, riding in cabs. There was no resort to violence, however, and the meeting ended tranquilly.

A statement was issued today by Lord Milner, Secretary for the Colonies, who heads the Mission that came from London in an effort to compose the Egyptian difficulties, in which he declares that the Commission plans to reconcile the aspirations of the Egyptians with the interests of Great Britain and other peoples. Lord Milner expresses a desire to see all friction come to an end and he requests all Egyptians freely to express their opinions.

The statement appears to have been well received by leaders of Egyptian opinion.

THE NIGHT SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY

The City of Nanaimo Night Schools held under the direction of the Board of School Trustees will reopen after the Christmas vacation on Monday, January 5th, 1920 and will continue in operation till the end of March.

Classes will be conducted in Mining for Shotlighters', Overman's and Mine Manager's papers; Cookery, Shorthand and Type Writing; Magnetism and Electricity; and continuation work of Arithmetic and English.

A new instructor having been secured for the Magnetism and Electricity Class it is hoped that there will be a large enrollment for that class.

New students will be enrolled on Monday or Thursday evenings during the first two weeks of the term at Quennell School, where the classes are held. It is hoped that all old students and many new ones will be present at the re-opening session on Monday, January 5th.

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Mrs. McCape is spending New Years with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Reifel, in Vancouver.

FUNERAL PROCESSION LEADS TO A RIOT

Havana, Dec. 30.—Twenty-five persons were wounded today in encounters between the police and the persons attending the funeral of a laborer who was killed during Sunday's demonstration against the high cost of living, and the spectators gathered along the route of the funeral procession. Ten of the wounded are gravely injured.

On Monday evening a dance was given in Young's Hall by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt to their friends. About 100 were present, and all had an enjoyable time.

All children having unsold tickets for St Andrews Juvenile Concert must return them with all money collected not later than Sunday afternoon.

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PEACE TREATY TO BE RATIFIED ON JANUARY SIXTH

All Preliminaries in Connection With The Final Signature Were Settled Last Night, Except That Relating to Naval Material.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The exchange of ratifications of the Treaty of Versailles will take place on January 6th at the Quai D'Orsay.

Baron Lerener head of the German delegation, and Paul Dutasta, Secretary of the Peace Conference, tonight settled all the points in connection with the signature, except that relating to the naval material, which is expected to be soived shortly

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Canadian organized labor is preparing for its annual interview with the Dominion Government.

The Dominion Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress has now in hand its proposals to lay before the Government in an interview on January 8. Chief among this year's requests will be one for legislation reducing the hours of labor.

The labor men lay emphasis on the fact that in the treaty of Versailles, Canada has already recognized the principles of an eight hour day or 48 hour week, while the Canadian Government delegates at the International Labor Conference voted for an international convention providing for an eight hour day for all industrial workers.

Whether the Dominion Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress will be content merely to press for the terms of the convention remains to be determined, but it seems highly probable that the Executive will decide in favor of urging a 44 hour week

The new term begins at the Sprott-Shaw Business College on Monday, Jan. 5. Enroll on the opening date. 4t

Dr. L. T. Davis and Mr. Tunny Davis of Parksville, were in town last night for the purpose of attending the private dance given to the nursing staff of the hospital.

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