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MORE MAYOITES LEAVING

PLANES HELD UP, FOG

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BRITISH FLIERS BLAST BERLIN FOR SEVEN HOURS SOLID

140 GERMAN PLANES SHOT
DOWN BY RAF FRIDAY

LONDON, Sept. 26: Berlin received its heaviest pounding of the war last night when waves of RAF bombers attacked the city for seven hours. Kiel naval base was also attacked and channel ports blasted again. London outskirts were heavily bombed but centre of the city was comparatively quiet. The new defence of outer London came into action last night for the first time and proved effective.

The Admiralty announced that the British submarine H-49 sank two merchant ships and Italians admit a torpedo boat was sunk in the Aegean sea by British sub.

General De Gaulle's force and supporting British warships were withdrawn from Dakar, on the African coast, when it became apparent that the port could not be taken without a major military operation. Two of three French submarines which left the harbor to engage the warships were sunk. The Vichy government announced they now consider the Dakar incident closed.

British warships again shelled Italian positions at Sidi Barani and British planes bombed Italian base at Tobruk.

French planes bombed Gibraltar in retaliation for the British attack on Dakar.

LONDON, Sept. 27 - One hundred and forty German planes were shot down in air battles over England in Friday's fighting. Eighty Nazi raiders were downed Thursday while the RAF lost 25 machines but many of the pilots were saved.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 - There are some hints in controlled German and Italian sections that Hitler's scheduled invasion of Britain may be postponed until next year. It is the first time since the battle of Britain opened that the Axis commentators have admitted such a possibility.

LONDON, Sept. 23 - It was officially announced Sunday that a refugee ship en route to Canada had been torpedoed with the loss of 293 lives, 83 of which were evacuee children. The attack occurred 600 miles from land. Many who got away from the ship, which sank in 20 minutes, perished from exposure before being picked up 20 hours later.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23 - Officials announced that Canada's second war loaned has been oversubscribed by \$42,000,000. \$300,000,000 was asked.

FIRE RUINS BANK OF MONTREAL PREMISES ON FRONT STREET

A. T. HALL, MANAGER OF THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE BANK OF MONTREAL ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE BANK WILL BE CARRIED ON IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS, FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT LEAST, IN A SUIT OF ROOMS IN THE MERVYN HOTEL. MESSRS HALL AND McNAUGHTON PLAN ON MOVING INTO THE TEMPORARY QUARTERS THIS WEEK END AND WILL BE CONDUCTING THE BANK BUSINESS THERE, STARTING MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 30TH.

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Fire, which broke out with explosive swiftness in the kitchen of the Bank of Montreal building on front street about 6.30 o'clock Thursday night, practically ruined the interior of that two-story frame structure, Mayo's busiest and most up-to-date business centre.

None of the bank's books, currency or important papers, which were locked up in the big safe at the end of the building, were damaged. But the bank's furniture and fixtures and the furnishings and personal effects of both A. T. Hall, Manager, and Fraser McNaughton, Teller, were a total loss. These included a large amount of clothing, furniture, radios, cameras and other personal belongings to the value of \$1,000 apiece.

CARRY ON MORNING AFTER: With their bank premises gutted and charred by the flames & smoke, Bankers Hall and McNaughton "carried on" Friday in temporary quarters in the White Pass office, pending instructions from the Superintendent's Department in Vancouver.

Only fifteen minutes before the fire broke out, Mr. Hall had left the bank to go out to dinner. Everything was O. K. in the building when the manager locked up. Fraser McNaughton, Teller, had gone out to dinner a short time before Mr. Hall. A small fire had been left burning in a heater in the kitchen but this stove had been turned off tightly.

Mickey Nobuto, baker at the G. N. Cafe; this side of the bank building, was packing in an armful of wood behind the cafe when he heard what sounded like an explosion, he related. Then he saw flames sprout up inside.

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THE MAYO MINER
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RAIN, SLEET FOLLOWS IN WAKE OF IDEAL FALL WEATHER

Following a week of perfect fall weather with bright, hot, sunny days, albeit a little chilly at nights, the weather man changed mood on Thursday night. Rain and sleet set in early Friday morning, continued thru-out the day and all night and again to-day with prospects of a break now in sight. A heavy frost descended on Mayo Valley Wednesday night.

With the silver valley hemmed in Friday with rain and fog all plane movements were definitely "out" pending better visibility. So far to date Mayo has enjoyed a superfine fall with signs of early winter still hanging in the offing.

YOUNG MAYO WOMEN LEAVING ON FIRST TRIP TO THE COAST

On their first trip to the coast, two popular young Mayo women, sisters, and both born in Dawson City, will leave shortly for Vancouver.

They are Mrs. Sinc. Dunnett, Jr. and her sister Mrs. Alex Smith, daughters of Mrs. Alice McLennan, of Mayo.

It is understood that "Mickey" plans on leaving the first of the week to catch the CPR boat of October 3rd. Sinc. isn't certain whether he will be going out or no. Mrs. Dunnett expects to be in Vancouver for about two months.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be leaving for Vancouver where they will visit Alex's mother this winter. It is not known yet whether they plan on catching the October 3rd. boat or the following sailing on October 15th.

Both Mrs. Dunnett and Mrs. Smith are looking forward to their first visit to the big city with no little interest and enthusiasm.

JIMMY LANG, ex-T. Y. miner at the Calumet left on Monday's plane en route to Vancouver. Jim received word recently advising him that he had a job waiting for him at his former trade of moulder in one of the Vancouver factories.

NORMAN MERVYN returned to Mayo last week after a five day trip down river from the headwaters of the Stewart where his brother Kaiser and the Kelly brothers are running a trap line this winter.

Two well-known young Galena men, engaged with the T. Y. up until the recent shutdown, left by small boat to-day on a prospecting trip down the river.

BURNS' MANAGER HOME FROM TRIP OUTSIDE

George Andison, local manager for Burns & Co. Ltd., returned home on Thursday's plane following his lengthy trip outside. Mr. Andison came up the coast on the boat which arrived in Skagway last Saturday but remained over in Whitehorse for a few days to confer with T. C. Richards, Yukon manager for the firm.

Leaving here last April Mr. Andison visited his father and brothers in Edmonton and Calgary and other relations before returning to Vancouver. There he underwent an operation for an injured knee. He spent three weeks in hospital and, all told, had to remain in Vancouver for three months while his knee healed. He still has to use a cane but expects to take over his duties in the local store Oct. 1.

During his absence, his step-son, Fred Marshall, has been acting manager in the Mayo store.

Despite his knee ailment, which detained him three months longer than he had intended to stay outside, the well known Mayo business man is looking hale and hearty following his holiday and anxious to get back into harness again.

MR. and MRS. H. LOVDAL drove in from their home at the Calumet on Tuesday and returned to Galena Hill the same afternoon, taking their infant son with them. So tiny at birth that he had to be kept in an incubator for the first few weeks, the little fellow made fine progress during the past several weeks in the hospital.

IN COMPLIMENT TO a departing member - Mrs. Carl DeClarke, the Mayo Chapter, IODE, held an afternoon tea in IODE House this afternoon in her honor. Mr. and Mrs. DeClarke and young daughter Fern are leaving in a day or so en route to Vancouver where they will make their home for the winter. Both popular young Mayo-ites regret leaving the North but carry with them the good wishes of a large number of friends in the Silverland.

JACK BACKMAN, pioneer Sourdough of Yukon and long-time resident of Mayo, was an outgoing passenger on the last trip of the S. S. Keno, en route to Vancouver where he plans on spending the winter. Jack has sold out his cabins and holdings here to Murdock McLean.

NEW NURSE ARRIVES: On her first trip into the North, Miss A. Neal arrived here with Pilot Kubicek last Sunday to take over her new duties as staff nurse at Mayo General Hospital. Miss Neal comes here from Vancouver where for the past several years she had been connected with the Crippled Children's Hospital in Marpole. It is understood that Miss Neal's home is in Kamloops, B. C.

IN FROM DAVIDSON CREEK, Mayo Lake district, to shake the gold dust out of his hair and shoe packs following another season's mining operations, Dan Ferguson, sourdough placer miner of that area, hit town last Wednesday and has been busy getting his winter's outfit ready. Crandall Dickie, "The Smiling Irishman" who had been working with Dan this summer, also came in with him. The pioneer Davidson Creek miner planned on getting away to-day to continue his prospecting operations at Mayo Lake this coming winter. Dan never lets the moss grow under his feet as long as he is able to keep on mining gold.

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REGULAR MAIL, AIRMAIL
IN ON THURSDAY

Chief Pilot Lionel Vines and Co-pilot Vaughn Wood brought the White Pass Bellanca BLT, now on wheels, in from Whitehorse Thursday with mail from the CPR boat of last Saturday and this week's airmail.

George Andison, Manager for the Mayo branch of Burns & Co. Ltd., was an incoming passenger for Mayo. The White Pass fliers went on to Dawson; Bill Devlin, White Pass checker boarding the big ship here for the flight to the Gold City.

Rain and fog kept the Bellanca grounded in Dawson Friday awaiting favourable weather before returning south.

Thursday's incoming mail was the last dispatch under the summer contract. From now on the regular winter service goes into effect.

KUBICEK NORTH, SOUTH
WITH FAIRCHILD

Pilot Ernie Kubicek came over from Whitehorse with the Fairchild Sunday, went on to Dawson & returned south via Mayo Monday.

Miss A. Neal was an incoming passenger for Mayo on Sunday's flight while Johnnie Leontowich explained here for Dawson.

Southbound Monday Pilot Kubicek had aboard "XJ" Inspector Grennan, RCMP, for Selkirk while Jimmy Lang caught the plane here for Whitehorse.

4686 TONS OF ORE
SHIPPED THIS SEASON

Including the 108.8 tons which the SS Keno took out on its last trip, 4,686.3 tons of ore concentrates were shipped out of port of Mayo this season.

START WORK ON
ELSA LAY

It is reported that George Bacon and Charley Beck have taken a lay for the winter on the Elsa from the Treadwell Yukon Corporation Ltd, and that they have already started their winters work. Frank Sodec is working for Messrs Bacon and Beck at the Elsa.

WERNECKE IN FROM
MAYO LAKE

Livingston Wernecke and Pilot Chuck Gropstis came to Mayo, from Mayo Lake, in the Bellanca Wednesday, returning the same evening. It is rumored around town this week that Mr. Wernecke is interested in Charley Brefalt's property on Mt. Hinton and may have some prospecting done there this winter.

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W. J. (Bill) DEVLIN, genial White Pass checker during the summer months at the local dock, crossed up the experts this week by heading North, not South. It was only a temporary lapse from custom, however, as Bill wanted to revisit the old Gold Town where he used to be stationed. He left there last in 1913. Bill planned on heading South on the return flight of the Bellanca from Dawson. He will again winter in Vancouver.

Johnnie Leontowich hit the air lanes for Dawson last Sunday and planned to spend a week or so in the Goldland before proceeding outside for the winter. It is understood that Johnnie, one of the star players of the champion Calumet Bombers, has signed a contract to play for a well-known touring team in the south this winter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking members of the Mayo Fire Department and all other volunteers who so willingly helped in many ways in connection with the fire in the Bank of Montreal building Thursday night of this week.

FRASER McNAUGHTON
A. T. HALL

BANK FIRE (Cont'd)

Running to the siren on the corner opposite Mervyn's Hotel, Mickey turned in a general alarm. Fortunately there was scarcely any wind blowing at the time.

Dozens of Mayoites, including members of the volunteer fire department, leapt up from their dinners upon hearing the siren's whine and rushed downtown.

By that time the red glare of the flames could be plainly seen against the black curtain of the night.

Valuable minutes were lost in getting a line of hose into action when the fire department's truck wouldn't start, allegedly because there was no gas in the tank. A good outburner, such as the famous old fire horse in Dawson years ago, would have been at the fire in jig time.

Willing volunteers jumped into the breach and helped rush the hose line from the pumping plant to the burning building where flames roared out the kitchen window and up the east side of the building, spewing twisting billows of smoke thru-out the interior. As soon as the fire fighters got the hose pounding full blast, the blaze was quickly put under control and extinguished. Members of the volunteer squad under Fire Chief Joe Longtin and energetic helpers, did yeoman service in checking the fire. George Nagano and Mickey Nobuto lent valuable aid by running a smaller line of hose from the hotel to the blazing building.

FLYING GLASS: An exciting moment occurred when either pressure of a blast from the big power hose or the force of the heat drove one of the large, plate glass windows in front of the bank building, hurtling out across the street. A number of spectators had to duck the flying glass.

It is generally believed that some sort of explosion in the kitchen caused the fire to break out and spread so rapidly. One or two other Mayoites who were passing near the bank building at the time the blaze broke out, say they also heard a sharp report, then saw the flames.

The kitchen is located in the north-east corner of the building and that's where the worst damage was done as revealed by the crisp, charred crumbling walls afterwards.

MODERN BUILDING: Situated on the second lot removed from the Mervyn Hotel, going east, the two-story frame building was erected two years ago by Eugene Binet, former pioneer Mayo businessman, for occupancy by the Bank of Montreal on a rental basis. The structure was the most modern of its kind in Mayo, if not in the whole Yukon, while the finishings were all done with outside lumber brought in specially for the purpose. Manager Hall and members of his staff during the past two years had spent much time and effort in fixing up the banking lobby and living quarters. Only recently Fraser McNaughton, present Teller, completed a very thorough painting and varnishing job on the interior, in his spare time. The furnishings were all....

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MAIL PLANES SOAR TO-DAY AS FOG VANISHES

BANK FIRE (Cont'd)

new and modern, many of them installed by Mr. Hall and members of the staff personally, from time to time.

As recently as last Saturday McNaughton had moved a newly-purchased studio couch into his apartment. That, too, went up in smoke.

Mr. Hall believes that owner Eugene Binet holds a three-year insurance policy on the damaged building. This policy, he thinks, was due to expire in about ten days time.

YUKON EXPERIENCE: Since he has been manager for the Bank of Montreal in Mayo, Mr. Hall has undergone a major flood (the flood of 1936 when he transacted banking business from the wallet in his hip pocket) and now a serious fire. It is a strange coincidence that nearly twenty two years ago, to the very date and hour of Thursday night's fire, he was a participant in another great conflagration - the battle during the Great War at Canal du Nord on the western front. He was eighteen then, in active service with the British army at one of the toughest and hottest spots on the entire battlefield. Jack Hawthorne, well known Mayo silver miner, was in the same outfit; there at the same time.

Fortunately Thursday night's fire occurred at a slack time as far as the bank staff is concerned. Had the fire happened a week earlier the bank staff would have been greatly hampered in handling the big rush of business occasioned when the main T. Y. operations closed down and so many Silverites were in town fixing up their affairs before heading south.

HON. JUSTICE MACAULAY COMPLETES LONG TERM ON YUKON BENCH

Says the News: Mr. Justice C. D. Macaulay and R. J. Love, Clerk of the Court, were southbound steamer passengers Wednesday. The Judge was accompanied by Mrs. Macaulay and they will continue to their home in Vancouver after the court business in Whitehorse is over.

Before leaving Judge Macaulay stated he had spent his last term on the Yukon bench. Due to ill health he felt that he would take up permanent residence in Vancouver. Many friends were at the dock to bid him and Mrs. Macaulay good-bye and good luck on their departure from their Yukon home.

PIONEER DAWSON WOMAN MARRIED

Madame Emily Tremblay, pioneer Dawson woman, and Louis Legras, of Bonanza Creek, were married by the Rev. Father LeRay Thursday morning of this week. The news of the wedding came as a pleasant surprise to their many friends who were quite "taken in" by the happy couple. Shortly after the marriage they motored to their fine home on Bonanza.

"Dawson News"

AGE LIMIT RAISED. OTTAWA, Sept. 23 - The age limit for enlisting prospective RCAF pilots has been raised from 28 to 30. 150 United States pilots are now serving with the RCAF Air Minister Power declared. Sixty five more are waiting to join or on their way to enlist.

FAIRCHILD SOUTH TO-DAY VIA MAYO; BELLANCA & VINES WENT DIRECT

Fog and rain, those twin hoodoos of the men who fly, began to beat a hasty retreat to-day after holding sway throughout the Yukon valley Friday and the airmen took to their wings after yesterday's enforced holiday.

Pilots Vines and Wood flew the Bellanca direct to Whitehorse from Dawson while Pilot Ernie Kubicek came via Mayo; arriving at 12.45 p. m. Through passengers from Dawson on the White Pass Fairchild were Dave Wilson, Bill Devlin and George Miller, Skagway Customs Inspector. Rennie Burian was a returning passenger for Mayo.

After lunching here "Doc" Kubicek hopped for Whitehorse with his passengers. He brought regular mail and airmail from Dawson; took the Mayo airmail south.

Whipped along the skyway by a strong headwind, Pilot Kubicek made a record trip to Mayo last Sunday of 1 hr. 15 minutes and only 2 hours flying time from Whitehorse to Dawson, not counting his brief stop here. Kubicek also made remarkable time flying south Monday but remarkable for its slowness. Bucking a terrific headwind most of the way, it took him nearly six hours elapsed time to reach the Gateway City, from Dawson, via Mayo.

WERNECKE MAY LEAVE TO-DAY

Pilot "Chuck" Gropstis, crack American ace who handles the controls of the Wernecke Bellanca, was scanning the skies at noon to-day and picking up weather reports in contemplation of a flight south. "Chuck" wasn't quite sure whether he and Mr. Wernecke would hop off for Whitehorse to-day but all signs point towards an early departure.

PLANE, DOG COLLIDE ON FLYING FIELD NEAR FAIRBANKS

When Pilot Bob Ausley of Fairbanks circled low over the Chena Hot Springs landing field Sunday to shoo a couple of stray nags off the narrow runway, he figured he was in the clear to land.

Just as he set his Fairchild 24 down and streaked across the landing area a large, white dog raced across the field. Result: one broken landing gear, one damaged wing tip, one shattered propellor, one dead dog.

Pilot Ausley was shaken up but uninjured. Mechanics John Hood and Jim Hutchinson were flown to Chena by Pilot Terrence MacDonald, the landing gear welded, a new prop affixed and Ausley flew the Fairchild back to his Fairbanks base.

The Pollack Flying Service pilot reports low flight is frequently necessary at Chena Hot Springs to scare horses off the runway.

So far, no pilot has had the ill luck to land on a horse. "News-Miner"

The last boat of the season out of port of Dawson will be the steamer Casca about Oct. 8.

Charley Brefalt, pioneer silver miner and prospector, paid Mayo a quick visit on Wednesday.

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