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## RUMANIA ON VERGE ANARCHY AFTER IRON GUARD PURGE

### KNOCKOUT BLOW AT MUSSOLINI FORSEEN

(The War in Brief)

RUMANIA, Nov. 29 - Armed rebellion bordering on anarchy and civil war breaks out following Iron Guard purge of 66 former high ranking Rumanian political prisoners who were shot to death earlier in the week. Hundreds of other Rumanian prisoners reported slain by Iron Guard. Michael, the Boy King, virtual prisoner in his own castle where he was confined all day Friday in conference with German officers. The situation may lead to a serious problem for Hitler now trying to align Rumania with the Axis powers.

ITALIAN SHIPS HIT HARD. London, Nov. 28- In a surprise attack upon the remnant of the Italian fleet Wednesday British navy squadron chases Mussolini's ships into shelter of their own shores after damaging additional enemy warships. The naval action took place off the island of Gardania.

British bombing planes carry out heavy attacks on Italian shipping and supply bases and blast munitions factories in Turrin & other vital Italian centres. Strong pressure being brought to bear on British government to launch knock-out blow at Italy, rendering Germany's right hand ally useless for further action.

GREECE DRIVE AHEAD, Athens, Nov. 29 - Greek forces continued to drive the fleeing Italians ahead of them in Albania while British and Greek bombers harass retreating lines and demolish supply bases. Italy's Tripoli and Dodecanese Islands bombed by British. British and Greek forces capture second vital Italian supply base at Argrosto, and huge quantities Italian munitions & supplies. Heavy casualties in southern Albania where stubborn hand to hand fighting between Greek & Italian forces is taking place.

LONDON, Nov. 29 - London suffered its heaviest attack from German bombers in the past ten days, to-night when raiders made a concentrated attack upon the city. German bombing attacks continued throughout the week, directed mostly at Liverpool and other towns in the Midlands.

R. A. F. INFLICT MUCH DAMAGE. Nov. 29 - As German bombers flashed over England long-range bombers of the Royal Air Force ranged far and wide over Germany, attacking and damaging vital synthetic gasoline factories and submarine plants on the Baltic.

(More war news on Page 6)

### GORDON LEE NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

In what turned out to be a near record vote for Mayo, Gordon Lee, Progressive candidate, was elected as the new member for this district to the Yukon Council in the election Monday.

Lee polled 152 votes as against 79 for E. J. Corp, of Keno City, who was seeking re-election.

The four polls of this district gave Gordon Lee his majority as follows:

	LEE	CORP
Mayo	108	34
Huffman's	9	0
Calumet-Elsa	23	23
Keno City	12	22
	<u>152</u>	<u>79</u>

Two ballots were spoiled at the Mayo Poll. If a candidate fails to poll half of the total votes of the winning candidate, he automatically loses his deposit of \$200.

As will be seen from the above figures this did not happen in the recent election.

In Dawson, according to reports, Andrew T. Taddie, former councilman, won by the close margin of 60 votes over J. A. McDonald, who sought re-election. McDonald defeated Taddie in the last Yukon Council election three years ago.

According to reports only three voters failed to cast their ballots in Mayo. The 144 votes cast here is believed a near record poll for Mayo.

As a result of the election Mayo District's new Councilman will go to the next session well prepared to voice the needs and requirements of this district. A resident of the silver camp these past twenty years Gordon Lee is thoroughly conversant with conditions and the problems of Mayo District and promises to serve the interests of this community ably and sincerely. Gordon ran as a Progressive and his supporters may rest assured that progress for the silver camp will be the keynote of his activities during his tenure of office as representative for Mayo District.



## LOCAL &amp; PERSONAL

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## PROGRESS ON THE WING

Probably the biggest news of the year as far as Yukon progress is concerned is that reported on page 4 of this issue to the effect that a huge aviation development program is now under way in the North. Decision of Pan American Airways to use the Canadian air route to Yukon and Alaska via Prince George and Whitehorse is of utmost significance to this Territory. It not only means the expenditure of large sums for airport development and installation of the very latest radio and air navigation facilities but the establishment of an air route that will soon compare with the most modern and up to date air routes in the world. Giant stratoliners flying commercial and U. S. and Canadian army planes will undoubtedly use this new, perfected route. As will also the Yukon Southern mail and passenger planes between Whitehorse and Vancouver and, in fact, all forms of plane traffic in and out of the North.

The cooperation of the United States and Canada in establishing this logical air boulevard connecting Yukon and Alaska will open a new era in the progress of the Northland and establish the Canadian towns of Prince George and Whitehorse as airport centres of the first magnitude. The actual beginning has already been made but it is only a beginning. What a few more years may bring in the way of progress and development to the Yukon and Alaska as a result of this new air route linking up with the outside world, can only be speculated on now. But it will be beyond the greatest dreams of present day hopes and aspirations.

The actual inception of this new U.S. - Canada air route will do more for the Northland in one year than all the idle talk of a proposed Yukon-Alaska overland highway could do in twenty years.

More power to Pan American Airways and Yukon Southern Air Transport. Their cooperation on this modern project ushers in the second and by far the most important and ambitious phase of aviation progress in Alaska and the Yukon.

Progress in this great North country is on the wing. We all know now what the past twelve years of aviation have done. This has been the initial phase - the aviation era pioneered and brought to life by such sky blazing pioneers as Ben Eilson, A. A. Bennett, Oliver Prest on the American side and our own Canadian fliers - Andy Cruickshank, Tommy Stevens, Ev. Wasson and Pat Patterson.

What the next ten years will bring in progress and expansion built by aviation in the North, none would believe now. But in another decade, wait...and see.

MRS. WM. JEFFREY, Sr. AND  
DAUGHTER RETURN TO  
MAYO HOME

After an absence of eight years, Mrs. Wm. Jeffrey, Sr. and daughter Nancy returned to Mayo by plane Thursday, having come up the coast on the last CPR boat. Needless to say Mr. Jeffrey, genial merchandise manager at the Taylor & Drury Ltd. store, is a verria, verria happy man this week at having his wife and daughter home again.

Since leaving Mayo in 1932 Mrs. Jeffrey and Nancy have journeyed far afield, residing in the Old Country for several years where Nancy completed her schooling, winning several scholarships and other high scholastic honors while doing so. For the past two years they had been residing in Victoria, B.C. Since going away from Mayo eight years ago Nancy has grown from girlhood into a tall, self-possessed, striking-looking young woman but has lost none of that friendly personality which made her so popular with her many friends here before she went away.

Both Mrs. Jeffrey and Nancy are busy these days renewing friendships and acquaintances of long standing and becoming established again in their Yukon home.

SEVERAL WELL KNOWN SILVERITES got away by plane Monday, en route to Vancouver and other parts. Among them were Jack Nicols and Jack McCrimmon, erstwhile T. Y. employees who volunteered here and are en route to Vancouver to report for duty.

George May, father of Cecil May, Manager of the Mayo Radio Station, is en route back to his home in Ottawa. Mr. May, who came in last spring on a visit, found the North very much to his liking and made a host of new northern friends. He planned on stopping over in Vancouver for a couple of days to visit his Mayo sidekicker, Bill Devlin. Mr. May said he fully intended on returning to Mayo come Spring again.

Jimmy Clarke, the pioneer Silverite of the outgoing Mayoites Monday, is heading for Vancouver to join his wife. Jimmy, it will be recalled, sold the famous Sadie claim to the Keno Hill Ltd. "away back when" for \$60,000. A few years of outside life found Jimmy broke but his longing for the Silverland strong as ever. So he came back and prospected and worked for the various companies on Keno and Galena until recently when he decided to dust the silver from his muckluks and give the outside another fling.

Don Poole, member of the Barker crew on Haggart during the past season, is heading for Vancouver and thence to the Bridge River country where he will join his brother Alan, mining engineer at the Bralorne mine. Don wasn't positive about his plans as he has his application in for the Air Force and stands ready to report as soon as he is called to the colors.

Charley Nord, familiar character of this district, left for Atlin where he has a job awaiting him upon arrival there. Charley came from Atlin to Mayo quite a few years ago.

Jimmy Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Palmer, of Mayo, was among those who joined up with the Yukon volunteers and has left for the coast to report for duty. Other former Mayoites who have left include Marvin Good and Malcolm McLeod and Harold Cam.



# YUKON FLIERS KEEP AIR LANES HUMMING

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## PLANES & PILOTS

"DOC" KUBICEK BUSY PILOT: At least three  
times up to Friday Pilot "Doc" Kubicek landed  
and departed from the local airport and if  
he goes south via Mayo to-day it will mark  
the fourth appearance of the elongated sky  
acc on the Mayo field this week.

SOUTH MONDAY: Delayed by the thick weather  
over the week end, Ernie flew the Bellanca  
direct to Dawson Monday morning, picked up  
6 passengers there and returned to Whitehorse  
via Mayo. Incoming passengers for Mayo from  
Dawson were J. D. McDonald and Jack McDiarmid,  
the "flying prospectors." Outbound from Mayo  
were: Jack Nicols, George May, Don Poole,  
Jack McCrimmon, Jimmy Clarke and Charley Nord.  
Through flighting that day were four Dawson  
passengers, among them Jimmy Ballentine, bro-  
ther of Mrs. Elmer Gaundroue of the Elsa.  
Jimmy joined the Yukon volunteers recently &  
was headed for Vancouver to join the other  
Yukon recruits now in the army.

TRAVELAIR FLOWN BY WASSON: That genial,  
ever-smiling and familiar character of the  
Yukon air lanes, Ev. Wasson did a stint at  
the controls himself Monday, bringing the  
svelte White Pass Travelair to Mayo to pick  
up mail and baggage here, returning to the  
home base direct. Although Ev is now Assist-  
ant Superintendent for the White Pass & Yukon  
Route's Airplane Service and directs the  
company's flying operations from his White-  
horse office, nevertheless he never passes  
up the opportunity of getting up in the  
saddle for a hop over familiar territory.

ERNIE BACK THURSDAY: Pilot Kubicek winged  
in from Whitehorse Thursday, bringing air  
mail, regular mail from Tuesday's CPR boat  
and the following for Mayo: Mrs. Wm. Jeffrey,  
Sr. and daughter Miss Nancy Jeffrey.

From Dawson, the same day, Pilot Alex Dame  
flew to Mayo with the following for here:  
Miss Dorothy Durie, Mrs. A. Bates, Albert  
Pelland and Harvey Pelland. Pilot Dame took  
airmail south.

TWO IN FRIDAY: Pilot Dame with the Fairchild  
and Pilot Kubicek with the Bellanca returned  
from Whitehorse to Mayo Friday afternoon  
bringing additional mail and freight from  
this week's CPR boat.

CONDOR TO DAWSON: Chief Pilot Lionel Vines  
and Co-pilot Vaughn Wood flew the big White  
Pass Condor "BQN" to Dawson Monday, returning  
south direct with a load of Dawson passengers  
who were catching Tuesday night's southbound  
steamer out of Skagway.



# NEW AIR BOULEVARD TO ALASKA & YUKON COMING

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A check will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Act, 1938; on and from the 10th. Dec., 1940.

Notices to this effect have been posted around town by the R. C. M. P., Mayo.

It may be pointed out in this connection that a large proportion of the revenue derived by the Government for the operation of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is derived from these private licenses and radio owners can do a great deal for a good cause by buying his or her radio license willingly and patriotically.

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## CANADA AND UNITED STATES COOPERATE ON NORTHLAND AVIATION

\$100,000 to be Spent on  
Fields & Radio Equipment

Canada and the United States are joining hands in Alaska and Yukon air transportation.

In this important new aviation development, which was briefly reported in last week's Mayo Miner, Pan American Airways and Yukon Southern Air Transport are working hand in hand. As a result Prince George, B. C. and Whitehorse, Y. T. will become two of the most important airports in the Canadian North.

Hereafter American passenger and mail planes will be routed through from Seattle to Fairbanks via the inland plateau route across British Columbia, making stops at Prince George and Whitehorse. Extensive airport improvements and development work, including the very finest radio and radio beam facilities, will be installed. The present program involves an expenditure of \$100,000 on landing field improvements and radio facilities. An unstated amount, in addition, will be spent for at least six new fields on the Vancouver Whitehorse route. Pan American will have the use of every navigation facility available, Joe Crosson, general manager of Pacific Alaska Airways (Pan American subsidiary) announced recently. Crosson, with officials of the Civil Aeronautics Board of the United States, and pilots familiarizing themselves with the route, flew over the Canadian route in a giant Douglas transport plane only recently.

Joe Morrison, Pacific Alaska airport manager at Whitehorse, left recently for Prince George to supervise construction of new facilities.

As a result of this new aviation program Prince George and Whitehorse will become key points of a great and growing north-south plane traffic - Spokane to Prince George to Whitehorse to Fairbanks.

Yukon Southern planes plying the air lanes between Vancouver and Whitehorse will also benefit from the new facilities; thereby making possible a bigger and better Canadian service.

Pan American Airways pioneered a coastal route during the past summer between Seattle and Juneau with a Clipper ship connection with the Pacific Alaska Lockheeds at Juneau. Fog and too much rain along the coastal route led Pan American to abandon this route in favor of the Canadian one.

Douglas DC-3's are now operating mail & freight service via the new route but will soon start carrying passengers as well as soon as giant Lodestar stratoliners have been put on the run.



## NEWS OF THE NORTH

## AROUND TOWN

**HOSPITAL MATRON GRANTED LEAVE:** Miss V. Page, matron of Mayo General Hospital has been granted an extended leave of absence by the Hospital board and will be leaving for the outside shortly in the interest of her health.

During her holiday outside, Miss Ina Purvis of St. Mary's Hospital staff, Dawson, will be acting matron until Miss Page returns. Miss Purvis, who visited Mayo this past summer in company with Miss Margaret Cunningham, is expected to arrive here Tuesday by plane.

**PROSPECTORS FLY HOME:** Johnnie McDonald & Jack McDiarmid, well-known young men of this district who were engaged with the T. Y. on Galena these past several years, stepped off the Dawson plane Monday, glad to be back home following their recent prospecting trip down the river.

Johnnie and Jack staked ground on Barker Creek this fall, came back to Mayo, got an outfit ready and headed back by small boat just before the freezeup. Back at Barker Creek they spent five days freighting their supplies by pack sack from the mouth of the creek to their mining property fifteen miles up that tributary. They then proceeded to sink about a dozen holes to bedrock; testing the ground. Last week the two young prospectors, satisfied with their findings, munched overland from Barker to Dawson, a hike of nearly 100 miles. They were stormbound in the Gold City for a few days before boarding the Mayo bound plane Monday. The two Johns lost no time after arrival in Mayo before heading up to the Elsa to rejoin their families.

According to Johnnie McDonald they could have skated all the way from Stewart City to Dawson, the ice was frozen that smoothly but, unfortunately, neither took their skates along on the prospecting trip.

Both young prospectors are enthusiastic over the values they found on their Barker Creek property.

**CARIBOU MYSTERY:** Nothing definite has yet been learned regarding the strange bug or parasite which has been found in a number of the caribou killed around this district these past few weeks. Apparently the "bug" has appeared in some carcasses, but not in others.

Various types of parasites common to animals, especially buffalo and reindeer are known, and the one affecting the Yukon caribou this season may possibly be one or any of these. However nothing definite has been ascertained.

Dr. Robertson, Medical Health Officer, has suggested that if any person interested wishes to have the infected meat analyzed, he will be only too glad to forward a sample of it to the Government Laboratory at Kamloops for inspection and a report.

If the caribou meat is cooked thoroughly, it is believed that the "bug" is harmless but, nevertheless, it would be a good idea to have a sample analyzed and the "bug" identified.

Up to this fall no such parasite has been found in the Northland caribou previously.

**YOUNG MAYO MAN IN AIR FORCE** - Mrs. Ed. Kimbel, of Mayo, received word by airmail Thursday from her son Norman Hartnell in which Norman conveyed the news that he had successfully passed his exams for the Royal Canadian Air Force. To prove it Norman sent his mother a picture of himself in his new air force uniform. He has already started on his training course. Norm left Dawson only a few weeks ago with one of the volunteer contingents from that city.

To date, therefore, at least three young Mayo men are now serving with the RCAF - namely Norman Wightman, Art Lanyon and Norman Hartnell. There may be others whom we have not learned of as yet.

**TWO MORE YUKONERS JOIN COLORS** - Two more well-known young Yukon-born men have joined up and expect to be leaving shortly to report to headquarters in Vancouver. They are Albert Pelland and his brother Harvey, both of whom volunteered recently in Dawson.

Albert and his brother came to Mayo by plane Thursday and are remaining here awaiting their final medical O. K. from the coast. Albert left here during the summer to help Ed. Kimbel take his lumber raft to Dawson; remaining in the Dawson district to work there for the balance of the summer & fall season. His wife and two young sons reside in Mayo.

**BETTY FOURNIER WEDDED:** From the Dawson News we learn that Miss Betty Fournier, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier, Klondike Valley, was married last Tuesday evening to Armand St. Jean, well known Dawson district athlete.

Rev. Father E. LeRay performed the ceremony at the bride's home before a host of friends and relatives. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Annette Thibault while J. D. Dines supported the groom. A reception was held after the ceremony. The newlyweds will make their home in Dawson.

The bride, it will be remembered, was a member of the Bear Creek Golden Bears who came over to Mayo to play a softball game with the Mayo girls on July 1st.

**MOOSEHIDE CHIEF IN THE ARMY:** Charlie Isaac, son of the late Chief Isaac, of Moosehide Indian Village, near Dawson, has joined up with the Yukon volunteers and left recently for Vancouver to become a full-fledged soldier of the King. Charlie is one of the few of the Moosehide braves who has ever ventured a trip to the big outside although his late father once made the journey to attend the Worlds Fair in San Francisco many years ago. Chief Isaac was widely publicized as a result of that journey but was heap happy to get back North and home again. He didn't like the outside, not at all.

**THE F & F CAFE** has again changed hands. This time it has been taken over by Clarence Stevens and Arthur Featherstone who bought it from Arthur Elliott who, in turn, bought it from G. Martin last spring.

**OTHER DAWSONITES** who left recently with the Yukon volunteers for army service were: V. C. Mellor, E. E. Carswell, Len Ling, E. Smith, Geo. MacDougal, Dave Bunberry, Joe McDonald, David Keeling and Jimmy Ballentine.



# BC FLIER SIX PASSENGERS IN THRILLING ESCAPE

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the voters of the Mayo Electoral District and those who helped by giving their services in making possible my election as Councilman.

R. G. LEE

### HOSPITAL NOTES

**BIRTH:** An 8 pound, 11 ounce baby girl was born in Mayo General Monday, Nov. 24th., to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rear, of the Calumet. Mother and child are reported doing well.

Mrs. Rear's mother, Mrs. Alex Profeit, was admitted to the hospital this week.

Bill Hare was discharged Thursday.

Also entering the hospital this week were Mrs. Jimmy Fulton, whose husband is still confined with a severely fractured leg; Amos Noyd and Sam Harrada.

### PERSONALS (Cont'd)

Miss Dorothie Durie returned by plane Thursday from Dawson where she had been visiting her father.

Mrs. A. Bates, the former Yvonne Besner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Besner, pioneer Mayo residents, came over from Dawson by plane Thursday and is visiting her parents and other relatives in Mayo this week.

**PLANES:** The two White Pass planes in Friday from Whitehorse brought freight only for here; going on to Dawson. Pilot Dame went South to-day, via Mayo and Carmacks & Selkirk. He brought mail from Dawson and took out mail from Mayo.

**SINCE LAST FRIDAY** nearly sixty persons left Dawson by White Pass planes, en route outside. Six of these came to Mayo.

**26 BELOW TO-DAY:** From snowy, blustery stuff to cold, clear skies and skidding temperatures, the Weather Man ran through a varied repertoire during the past week.

Stormy weather of last week end gave way to clear skies and lower temperatures Monday and through to Friday when the skies clouded with a trace of snow. But last night the spirits dropped and Silverites awoke to 26 below zero this morning with all signs pointing to a continued zippy spell.

### MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM FLAMING DEATH IN MIDAIR

**VANCOUVER, Nov. 29** - Pilot Jack Hames & 6 passengers flying with him from Vancouver to Zeballos in a Ginger Coote Airways plane had a miraculous escape from flaming death in midair to-day when the plane caught fire at 3,000 feet, just over Nanaimo. Hames skill in landing the flaming ship and quick work by the passengers who snuffed out the fire with their hands, undoubtedly saved a major tragedy. Wm. A. Parker and Jack Steeves, both of Vancouver, suffered severe burns. Steeves said that if they had been in the air another five minutes, they would all have crashed to death in a flaming coffin.

**GERMAN NAVY CHASED TO PORT.** London, Nov. 29 - A naval engagement occurred in the English Channel early to-day when units of the British navy sighted German ships and chased them into the port of Brest.

A German freighter, believed to be a re-fuelling ship for a Nazi sea raider, slipped out of Tampico, Mexico Friday. British and Canadian ships have orders to capture the German fueler.

**FOOD SHORTAGE, ITALY.** Nov. 29 - Italy is confronted with a serious food shortage as it is now estimated 80 % of Italy's imports have been cut off by the British blockade.

**NEW WEAPON,** London, Nov. 29 - A new defence weapon, said to be a fast type of fighter plane with giant flashlight and a small cannon forward, is reported in action against German night bombers. Observers have noticed a powerful, horizontal light beam in the skies over England, sometimes at 10,000 feet and at other times as high as 20,000 feet.

**PEACE TREATY,** Nov. 29 - Japan has signed a peace treaty with the Japanese controlled puppet Chinese Government set up last year to fight against the Chinese leader, General Kiang Chek.

**UNION BRITAIN & U. S. A.** Nov. 29 - Hon. Gregory, M. P. at Ottawa, proposed on Friday in the House of Commons that steps be taken to foster a federal union between Great Britain and the United States with Canada acting as a proposer of the scheme and general go between in bringing about such a bond.

**ALLIES FIGHT, PRISON.** Nov. 29 - The Canadian military command has been forced to separate German and Italian prisoners of war locked up together in an Eastern Canadian prison camp. The Nazis provoked open strife by taunting the Italian prisoners of war over recent Italian losses against the Greeks until the situation had to be taken in hand.

**CONN BEATS SAVOLD.** Nov. 29 - Billy Conn gained another step up the championship ladder by winning a 12-round decision against Leo Savold in Madison Square gardens Friday night. Sportswriters agreed that, despite his win, Conn is still not ready to match blows with Joe Louis for the heavyweight crown.

**BIG INCREASE.** Wash, D. C. Nov. 29 - George Marshall, Chief of the U. S. Army, declared to-day that the United States army has been more than trebled since last year on land, sea and air. The U. S. A. now has 500,000 soldiers in arms and is increasing the number to 800,000 soon. The air arm has 109 squadrons to-day with 4,000 pilots as compared to 56 squadrons last year and only 2500 pilots.

**STUDENTS CRY FOR FREEDOM,** Paris, Nov. 29 - Eleven college students lost their lives in Armistice Day riots when some 500 French scholars demonstrated in favor of the Free French movement of General DeGaulle.

**NORWEGIANS REBELLING.** Nov. 26 - Mysterious landslides which have disrupted important rail and communication lines in Norway and the sudden disappearance by unexplained methods of a number of would be "Quislings" are reported the work of Norwegians who are openly revolting against German tyranny. Sabotage has become so general in Norway that Germany may turn that nation into a Nazi protectorate.

**WASHINGTON,** D. C. Nov. 26 - The question of credits and financial aid to Great Britain has been put off until Congress convenes in January.