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TWENTY MEN ARE FLOODED IN A NANAIMO MINE

PREMIER McBRIDE FEELS KEENLY THE EFFECT OF DOMINION TRUST FAILURE ON GOVERNMENT

PREMIER SQUIRMS AT EXPOSURE OF DOMINION TRUST FAILURE

SEVERE CRITICISM OF HIS OPPONENTS AND ATTACKED NEWSPAPERS—BUDGET SPEECH TOMORROW—JITNEY BUS LEGISLATION.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Feb. 9.—Premier McBride heard today in a defence of the government severely criticized his opponents and certain persons for what he called using the Dominion company failure as a point of attack upon the "Pro-government." In this

attack upon the government he said they had quite overlooked or were purposely indifferent to the damage which might be done to the credit of the province.

It was announced that the budget speech would be delivered tomorrow and would be brief. It is also understood that legislation dealing with the jitney busses will be brought down.

SESSION REPORTS ON REDISTRIBUTION

Feb. 9.—The Redistribution Commission's report brought down in the Legislature recommends that the number of seats be increased to twenty members for the

Rupert is to get a city seat. The Omineca mining division to have another, the riding being from about Kitse to the end of Fraser Lake.

It is recommended that the extended to take in the part of the Skeena Discontinuing Portland Canal to Naas River.

HOTELS NEED NO CIGAR LICENSE

Salisbury Plain, Feb. 9.—Major Maurice Alexander, paymaster of the Second Canadian Contingent, has arrived at Salisbury to arrange for the next expeditionary force.

S TO FORM AN ARMY RESERVE

Give Them Employment Military Training Proposed in Congress.

Feb. 9.—Representative Loft, of New York, has introduced a bill to provide for a corps of the unemployed and the President to enlist persons for labor on public works, able bodied males between the number to be detailed for four months, and at that time the men re-military training would go into army reserve.

SUE DIRECTORS OF DOMINION TRUST

Liquidator Gets Leave to Start Civil Actions for Misfeasance.

Civil proceedings against the directors of the Dominion Trust Company for alleged misfeasance and breaches of trust were indicated in Vancouver Supreme Court Chambers, when Chief Justice Hunter gave leave to Mr. Andrew Stewart to commence actions against the directors and other officials of the company for misfeasance.

The affidavit of Mr. Stewart, read to the court, was as follows:

"During my investigations of the affairs of the Dominion Trust Company, I have ascertained various acts of directors and other officials of the company, in respect of which I have consulted my solicitors and counsel with the result that I am advised by them that the said acts amount to breaches of trust and other offences against the provisions of the Winding Up Act, and that it is my duty to institute proceedings against various persons who occupied the said positions for misfeasance."

SECOND CONTINGENT TO TRAIN AT SALISBURY

Salisbury Plain, Feb. 9.—Major Maurice Alexander, paymaster of the Second Canadian Contingent, has arrived at Salisbury to arrange for the next expeditionary force.

Five hundred reinforcements for the Princess Pats reached Tidworth, attached to the 12th Battalion.

Twelve pilots are wanted by the War Office for the aviation corps of the Canadian contingent, and the majority will be brought from Canada.

Colonel Reid takes command of the base pay office headquarters at Tidworth.

Only five chaplains will proceed to France, including Captain Almond, of Montreal.

The shipment of the patent mixture pork and beans donated by Sir Hiram Maxim to the Canadians reached them after being lost three months. They are greatly enjoyed.

The chances are that the fellow who has never made any mistakes has never plugged any bullees.

BRIDGE WRECKER GETS THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL IN MAINE

Horn Convicted of Damaging Property When Windows in Town Were Broken—Canada's Next Move.

Vanceboro, Me., Feb. 9.—Pending a determination at Washington of his political status, the state made sure today of the custody of Werner Horn, the bridge dynamiter, by causing him to be sentenced for thirty days in the county jail.

It is expected that before the expiration of this period he will be surrendered to the Federal authorities for a hearing on the application for his extradition to Canada filed by the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

The complaint was made by Deputy Sheriff Ross, who was anxious to get the prisoner off his hands, and had been promised the support of the State Attorney General's office in the procedure. He alleged that when Horn discharged an explosive under the Canadian end of the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge over the St. Croix River he maliciously damaged property in this town, where windows in a few residences were broken.

Horn was a willing party to the proceedings, and pleaded guilty. Asked if he had anything to say, he replied in the negative, adding only, "My turn will come later."

Next Move Is Canada's.

Washington, Feb. 9.—State Department officials said that the next step in the case of Werner Horn, who attempted to destroy a railroad bridge at Vanceboro, Me., would have to be taken by Canadian authorities before a United States commissioner in Maine.

Until the hearing is completed and all the evidence gathered there no action will be taken on the formal application for extradition made by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, on behalf of the Canadian government.

The points raised by Horn that he was not on Canadian soil, and that his act was an act of war, are expected to be fully developed at the hearing before the commissioner.

Case Is Complicated.

Officials pointed out that it was a most unusual and complicated case and one of the most interesting legal questions that had arisen since the outbreak of war.

When the evidence is received by mail the application for extradition and evidence will be sent to the local magistrate in Maine, where Horn is held on charges preferred by the State. The Secretary of State, finally, however, has discretionary powers, and if he has reason to believe that a prisoner may be tried for a political offence he withholds extradition.

Whether Horn's act was a violation of American neutrality was discussed among officials, as that question might raise another complication in the proceedings.

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SIR EDW. GREY + DR. VON BETHMANN-HOLWEGG THE "SCRAP OF PAPER" STICKS.

The German Chancellor, Bethmann-Hollwegg, in an interview with the American Associated Press tried to explain away the "scrap of paper" expression and other incidents, but meets an immediate and crushing reply from Sir Edward Grey.

SHORTAGE OF LABOR BRITAIN'S TROUBLE

Question Becoming More Acute—Thousands of Men Wanted in British Isles.

London, Feb. 9.—Reports from various parts of the country indicate the increasing shortage of labor. At a meeting of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce the chairman said the question was becoming more acute. Many firms could employ thousands more men if the men were available. In Llanelli one firm alone requires a thousand men.

A report to the Stepney Guardians from their engineer states that he is unable to carry out certain repair work, because he cannot procure the assistance of casual laborers, all in the district being now employed.

SOCIAL EVENING.

A most enjoyable evening was spent last evening by the members of the Young People's Society of the Methodist Church. The meeting took the form of a Shakespearean evening. A paper giving a brief account of the life of Shakespeare was given by Miss F. Eason, and two Shakespearean songs, "Orpheus With His Lute," by Mrs. Ling, and "Where the Bee Sucks," by Miss Ethel Eason.

Three splendid recitations were given by Mrs. H. Birch, "The Banishment Scene" and "The Seven Ages of Man," from "As You Like It," and Katherine's speech to King Henry and Wolsey in the trial scene from "King Henry VIII."

They were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by every one in the crowded room. Meetings are held every Monday evening.

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WORK IN CAPITAL FOR FISH TRADE

Seattle Men Try to Save Big Business From Going to Foreign Cities.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Jones, Representative Humphrey, Judges Thomas Burke and R. A. Ballinger and E. F. Blaine for the last few days have been laboring to secure some Federal action to prevent Prince Rupert and other British Columbia ports winning from Puget Sound the halibut and deep-sea fishing trade.

In their work they have the sympathy and co-operation of the Bureau of Fisheries.

Urge Restoring Tariff.

To Secretary Bryan and other officers they have explained that by Dominion government subsidy, by preferential rates on the trans-continental rail haul and by port and wharf concessions, the Canadian ports have secured advantages in the trade that threaten the Sound.

Restoration of the tariff, they point out, would serve to save the Eastern United States market to the American trade, but any tariff amendment at this session is impossible.

An alternative of a rigid enforcement of the shipping in bond regulations has been suggested to treasury officials and seems to meet approval.

Seattle Men Entertained.

Consultations are to be held with railroad traffic officials now here and the Interstate Commerce Commission with a view to securing permission for the carriers to meet the preferential rates given by the Canadian roads.

Judges Ballinger and Burke and Mr. Blaine were among the guests at a luncheon given at the Metropolitan Club by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, in compliment to the delegates from several Western and Southern cities attending the conventions of the Chambers of Commerce of the United States.

THE WEATHER.

By F. W. Dowling, Observer.

(5 a. m., February 9, 1915.)

Barometer 29.593
Max. temp. 46.0
Min. temp. 34.0

ACCIDENT AT NANAIMO MINE—SUDDENLY FILLS WITH WATER

TWENTY-ONE MEN ARE STILL MISSING AND ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO RESCUE THEM—BELIEVED MINERS BROKE INTO OLD FLOODED WORKS.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, Feb. 9.—Another terrible accident occurred here today by which twenty-one miners have likely lost their lives. The shaft of the North Wellington mine suddenly filled with water this

morning at 11:30. It is supposed that the men broke into the old workings which were near and which have been flooded for some time.

Twenty-one men of the crew employed in this shaft are still missing and attempts are being made to rescue them.

NO SOCIAL PARTIES AT THE FRONT NOW

Even Wife of British Premier Was Stopped on Way to Visit Officers.

London, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Asquith, wife of the Premier, with three other women, left London a week ago to spend the week-end at a villa in the rear of the British line, as guests of an officer of the Guards. His wife was one of those with Mrs. Asquith.

Mrs. Asquith and her friend left Calais about mid-day in two motor cars. At a farm some six miles from the villa to which they were going they were held up by a French cavalry troop, which declined to let them either proceed or return. Mrs. Asquith, who speaks French fluently, was informed very politely by the young officer in charge of the cavalry troop that he had strict orders to stop all civilians at that point and to keep them there until a large number of baggage, ammunition, and food wagons, which were coming from the rear to La Bassee by that road, passed by.

All civilians, the officer said, would then have to return at once to the rear. It was in vain that Mrs. Asquith showed her permits and passes. The French officer declared with many regrets that his orders were positive and that he must carry them out.

It is surmised that these week-end parties at the front are not approved of at French headquarters, and that General Joffre gave instructions last week that visitors be stopped, in order to give them a lesson that would discourage this sort of visit to the front in future.

SAYS THAT AUSTRIA HAD LONG DECIDED ON WAR ON SERBIA

London, Feb. 9.—"Until revelations were made in the ministerial statement before the Italian Parliament the other day we had no knowledge that Austria-Hungary contemplated hostile action against Serbia in 1913," said Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons. "The fact that hostile action against Serbia was contemplated in 1913 shows that the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, which occurred in 1914, was not the cause, though it was made the pretext of the war."

CANADIANS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR FRONT

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 9.—The Canadians at Salisbury Plain have been served with metal identification discs preparatory to their leaving for the Continent. New equipment has been issued to them.

NO EASY MONEY FOR METLAKATLA INDIANS

The city solicitor presented the Council with a report on the demands of the Metlakatla Indians for a yearly payment of \$500 for certain imagined damages to their reserve at Shawatlans by the city hydro-electric.

Before the city commenced operations the Indian Department was communicated with and replied that the charge for crossing the reserve would be nominal apart from any damages done to the property.

The reserve in that district contains ten acres and according to the city solicitor is worth about \$5 per acre. The city has already paid \$250 for this concession, which would buy out the land several times, and besides this no damage was done to the land.

With regard to the Indian claim that the blasting of the stream has damaged their fishing grounds, the Fishery Department declares that it has improved them, as Shawatlans Lake is now far more accessible as a spawning ground than formerly. Indeed, the department had this in view, in any case. No damage was therefore done to the fishing grounds. The advice of the city solicitor, therefore, was that the Indian Department be notified that the sum would not be paid under any circumstances. If the nominal sum paid for crossing the land was not enough, then an impartial party should go over it and assess it. He opposed the local Indian agent having anything to do with it.

MARKET BYLAWS.

When the City Market was started last year it was decided that the market be tried out first as an experiment without it being covered by any bylaw until its utility was demonstrated. Last night Alderman McClymont asked if a bylaw covering this institution was to be introduced this year. The chairman of that committee said that as far as he knew there was the formation of one underway.