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Drydock Situation is now Improving

SIR GEORGE FOSTER TAKES BRIDE AT GENEVA BEFORE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Engineer Preparing Estimate On Completing Ships at Yard

H. A. Butt has Telegraphic Instructions to Proceed and Full Details of Work are Expected by Mail Tonight or Sunday

H. A. Butt, the British marine engineer, who is here representing the Dominion Government in connection with the completion of the ships, has received a telegram from Ottawa instructing him to proceed with the preparation of an estimate of the cost of completing the vessels. On this estimate, it is understood, will be prepared a tender which will be submitted in competition with other tenderers.

Full instructions are expected by Mr. Butt by mail, possibly tonight, but not later than Sunday next.

In view of the tender being submitted to the Government by S. S. Magoffin and associates to complete the ships on a cost plus commission basis, it is possible that the estimate of Mr. Butt may be required before any definite arrangement can be arrived at. Mr. Magoffin is now on his way to Ottawa and, on his arrival there, will at once take up the matter of the contract with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

FORT NORMAN OIL IS MAGNET

Some Expect to go to Oilfields With Mounties Who are Bound to Arctic.

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—Particular interest is being taken in the northward trip of the Northwest Mounted Police from Dawson this year on account of the fact that a good many people from this city and Vancouver are proposing to go in with them as far as the newly discovered oil fields on the Mackenzie River.

Special preparations are being made to carry passengers and their outfits from Whitehorse to Dawson in connection with this trip.

RENTS CONCRETE MIXER FROM CITY

Dale Pitt Makes Arrangements to Use Part of City's Building Plant.

This morning Dale Pitt, manager of the Premier mine, made arrangements to rent the city's concrete mixer for use in connection with the new plant being erected at that place by the mining company.

The mixer has not been used here for several years and it is considered a good thing to have it drawing some revenue for the city. It will be taken north on Saturday.

ALLEGED MURDERERS ACQUITTED OF CHARGE

Peace River and Grand Prairie Mysteries are Still Unsolved.

EDMONTON, Dec. 9.—A Grand Prairie dispatch states that Daniel Lough who was charged with the Snyder murders last June, has been found not guilty. Reports from Peace River state that the case against Munichose charged with the Hillas murder has been dismissed.

The acquittal of Lough leaves the mystery of the killing of six men at Grand Prairie unsolved.

PREPARE TO PAY WORKMEN AT SHIPYARD

Money Has Not Arrived But Preliminary Arrangements Are Being Made.

While no definite word has been received locally in regard to the payment of the wages to the shipyard workmen, preparations are being made for the payment of the money on behalf of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and a contract has been let to A. O. Franks to print a thousand copies of a power of attorney form to be used in connection with the assignment of the pay checks. It is a rush job and the intimation is that the money is expected here very soon.

ST. ANDREW'S BEAT ELKS AT BILLIARDS

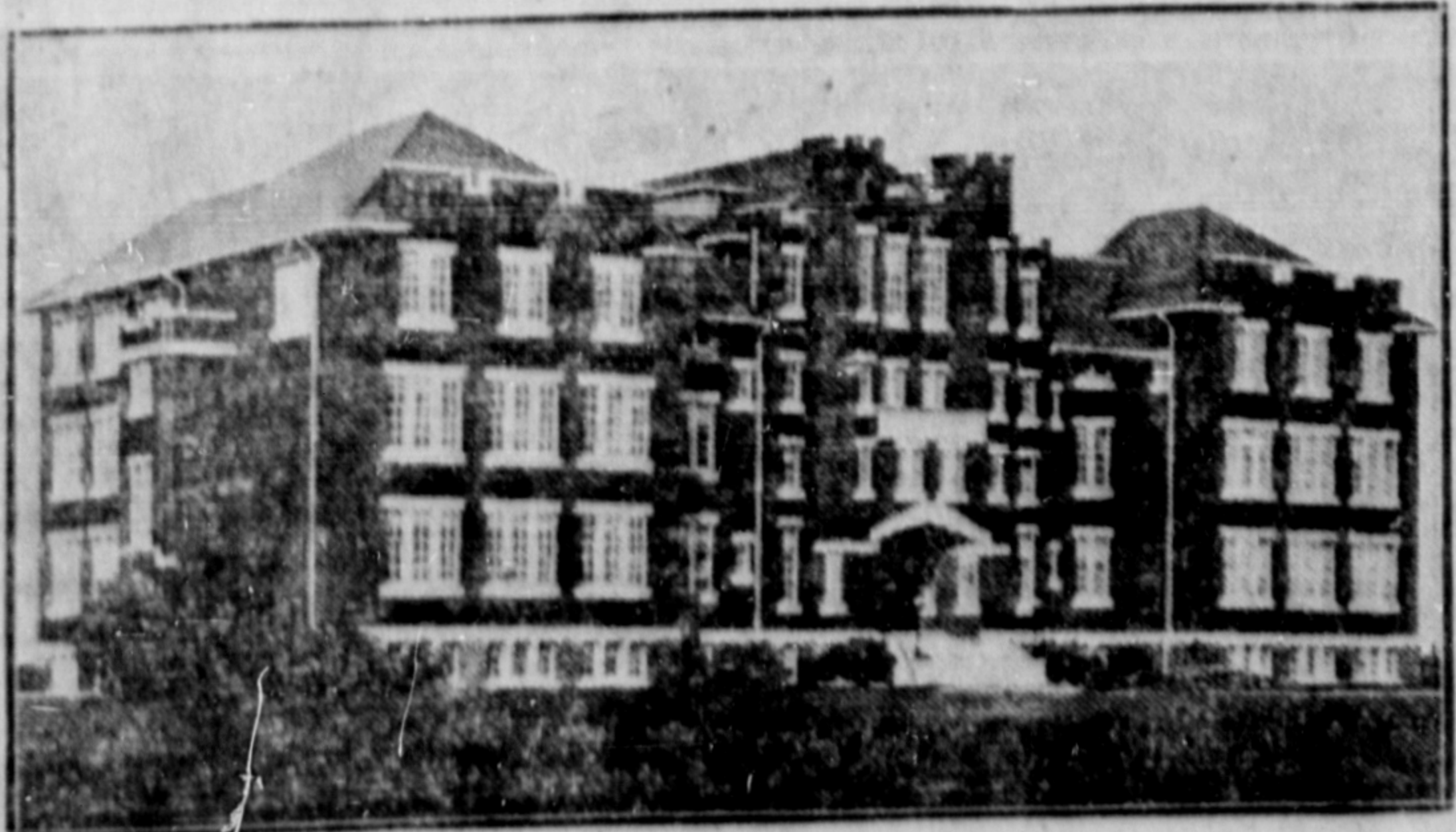
Wide Margin Separated Winners from Losers—Practice for Great War Veterans

The Elks were defeated at billiards last night by the St. Andrew's Society, the wide margin of 157 points dividing the winning and losing sextettes. The next game on Monday night will be between the G. W. V. A. and the Wanderers. Paul Avizoff has offered the tables in the Prince Rupert Pool Room to the G. W. V. A. for practice purposes.

Following were the results last night:

Robertson (St. Andrew's), 200; Pillsbury (Elks), 193.
Martin (St. Andrew's), 173; E. A. Wakefield (Elks), 200.
Murray (St. Andrew's), 149; Robertson (Elks), 200.
Charlton (St. Andrew's), 200; H. White (Elks), 76.
Allan (St. Andrew's), 200; McLaughlin (Elks), 152.
A. Kinghorn (St. Andrew's), 200; S. Howe (Elks), 135.
Totals—St. Andrew's, 1,413; Elks, 956.

WHERE ALBERTA TAKES CARE OF ITS TEACHERS IN TRAINING.



This is the most recent photograph of the normal school at Camrose, Alta., where Alberta takes care of its teachers in training.

PROMINENT MEN AT LEAGUE OF NATIONS.



Sir George E. Foster, whose marriage is announced, at the right; Hon. J. Wesley Rowell next him, and Hon. E. J. Doherty to the left.

Sir George Foster Marries at Geneva

Bride Given Away by Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Representative of Britain at League of Nations Assembly

GENEVA, December 9.—Sir George E. Foster, head of the Canadian delegation to the League of Nations, was married here this morning to Miss Jessie Allan at Holy Trinity Church.

The wedding which was a most interesting one, was attended by many of the delegates to the historic assembly, Sir George being one of the spectacular and influential members of that august body.

Special dignity was lent to the occasion by the fact that the bride was given away by a former premier of Britain, Right Hon. Arthur Balfour of the British delegation, one of the best known men in the British Empire, and a prominent member of the famous Cecil family.

Sir George was attended by Hon. N. Wesley Rowell of the Canadian delegation and until recently a member of the Canadian Government, and by Chester Payne of Canada.

Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, B. A., LL. D., K. C. M. G., minister of Trade and Commerce, was born in New Brunswick in 1847 and is therefore 73 years of age. He has been a member of several Conservative governments and has always taken a prominent part in the affairs of state either on the Government or opposition side of the House of Commons. He attended the coronation of King George and has held many important positions outside of those connected with the Government.

OCEAN FALLS MAN FINED AT VANCOUVER

Rode on Prince George Without Securing the Necessary Official Slip.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—John Golzan was arrested as a stowaway after sailing south on the last trip of the Prince George from Ocean Falls to Vancouver without paying his fare. He was brought before the magistrate here and fined \$20 or one month in jail.

Monster Pipe Line to the Northern Oil Fields

Sanction will be Asked at Next Session of Parliament; One Route Proposed to Skagway

OTTAWA, December 9.—The conveyance of the oil products of the Mackenzie River basin to the Behring Sea by means of a monster pipe line from the sea terminus of which the oil would be carried by tankers to the markets of the world is an ambitious project for which sanction will be sought by a bill to be considered at the next session of parliament.

The oil activity seems to be centering now about Fort Norman on the Liard River where a gusher has been reported. The right for the major concessions in the new fields now lie between the Imperial Oil Co. and large Canadian and British interests and there are also some smaller concerns in the field.

The oil is of paraffin base and tests give it very high gasoline properties. Samples have already been brought to the outside world. One proposed pipe line is from Fort Norman to Skagway a distance of 500 miles. The only hindrance to this route would be the many grades that would be caused by the mountain ranges.

FAMOUS GUIDE DIES

MISSION, N.B., Dec. 8.—Joseph Bernard, the famous New Brunswick guide, died here a few days ago. He was a victim of pneumonia. For many years he has piloted moose-hunting parties on their annual trips into the forests of New Brunswick, and under his guidance some record heads were taken.

Britain Insures Eight Millions

15s. a Week Paid to all Men Out of Work, 12s. for Women and 7s. 6d. to Boys and 6s. to Girls

LONDON, December 9.—Eight millions of British workers become automatically insured against unemployment under the Unemployment Insurance Act of 1920 which has just come into operation.

This new act extends compulsory insurance against unemployment to practically all persons in receipt of remuneration not exceeding £250 a year.

After a "waiting period" of three days of unemployment, beneficiaries become entitled to 15 shillings per week for men, 12 shillings for women, seven and one-half shillings for boys under 18 and six shillings for girls under 18.

To qualify for benefit an insured person must not quit his or her job without good cause and must not have been discharged for misconduct or have gone on strike. There must also be no refusal of a suitable job offered, and should a dispute arise on the question of "suitability," the insured person may appeal to a court of referees. Not more than 15 weeks' benefit may be drawn in any one insurance year.

Employers are free to set up insurance schemes of their own, giving equal or greater advantages. The state rate of contribution to such special schemes or contracts will not exceed 30 per cent of the amount paid to the general scheme, as it is taken for granted that in industries with insurance systems of their own, the rate of unemployment will be lower than in other trades.

OPPOSES FREE TRADE.



Robert Hobson, president of the Steel Company of Canada, who told the Tariff Commission that if protection were eliminated it would ruin the steel industry of Canada.

PAPERS AMALGAMATE

Moosejaw Evening Times and the News Forced to Unite.

MOOSEJAW, Dec. 9.—Owing to the constantly increasing cost of making a newspaper, the Moosejaw Evening Times has bought out the Daily News of that city. The Times takes over the subscription list of the News and the good will of the business and the second paper disappears.

Wilfrid C. Macdonald has been notified that he is authorized to act as a trustee under the Canadian Bankruptcy Act. Mr. Macdonald is a returned man who lost a leg in the service of his country.

ENGINEER MINE CLAIM DISMISSED

Lawyer Fails to Get Fifth Interest in the Estate of Captain Alexander.

VANCOUVER, December 9.—Mr. Justice Morrison has dismissed the claim of Pollard Grant, a lawyer, for a one-fifth interest in the estate of the late Captain James Alexander in the Engineer mine, Altin.

The claim of Grant was based on a document which Grant alleges was signed by Alexander. The judge stated that the document was not original but a carbon copy, and that Alexander's signature was not witnessed although witnesses were available. "The signature must be 'ocularly demonstrable,'" he said. Whether it was probable or improbable that Alexander should have signed is no proof.

Claims for monies and reimbursements for goods allegedly supplied, were also dismissed.

OCEAN FALLS SLANDER CASE AT VANCOUVER

Logging Contractor is Sued by Married Woman and Damages Asked.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Ella Smith, a married woman from Ocean Falls, has issued a writ against William Lavoie of the same place, a logging contractor, for slandered damages for alleged slander.

M'CORMICK IS GIVEN THE DECISION OVER BATTILING LEVINSKY

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Roy McCormick, the first heavyweight champion of England, received a decision over Battling Levinsky of Philadelphia in a scheduled ten-round bout here last night. He showed good speed and was a favorite.

Entire stock of Barrie's Furniture Store at reduced prices. If

RED CROSS

The annual meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held at the Court House on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1920, at 8 o'clock p.m. All members are requested to be present. F. McE. Young, Chairman.