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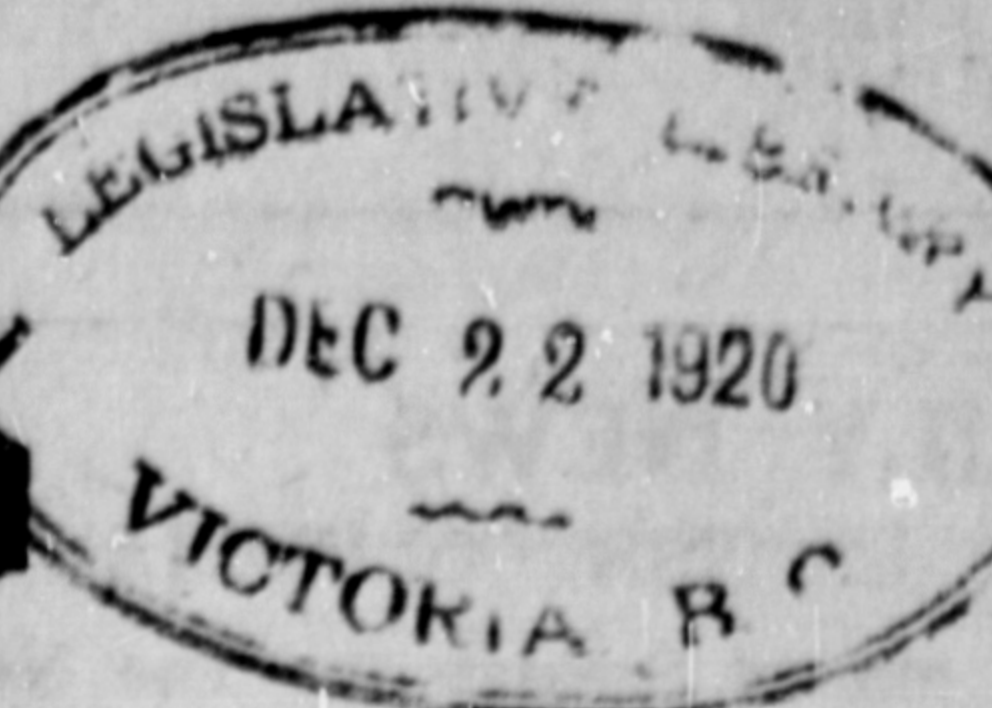
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CANADA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM BRITAIN IS NUCLEUS FOR MODERN NAVY

Canada's New Navy is Due to Arrive at Halifax Today

Aurora and Destroyers Donated to Canada by Great Britain make nice little Christmas Bc; Cruiser has History

HALIFAX, December 17.—The Aurora, Patriot and Patrician, worthy Christmas presents from Britain, due to arrive at Halifax today, are modern vessels with excellent war records. The cruiser Aurora had some of the very best luck of the British fleet, taking an honorable part in almost every action fought by white ensign boats in the North Sea during the four years of hostilities. She was attached to the 8th Flotilla at Harwich, known as the "Fighting 8th," and at the outbreak of the war was the flagship of Commodore Tyrwhitt (afterward Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt).

The Aurora helped to sink the first German naval vessel sent to the bottom. This boat was a mine-layer, the Koenig Louise, caught red-handed laying traps for unwary mariners off the dangerous Goodwin Sands. Later the Aurora was with the squadron that pursued four German destroyers of the G class returning from a raiding expedition on English coast towns, between Dover and Heligoland. The British ships sank the raiders on this occasion.

At Dogger Bank.
In the famous Dogger Bank action the new Canadian cruiser had the good fortune to first catch sight of the Germans, and she was one of the first vessels under fire at Jutland.

The cruisers Arethusa, Aurora and Undaunted were together in nearly all their scraps and after one particularly difficult piece of work carried out with admirable efficiency and valor one of the trio received a special message from His Majesty himself, "Well done!" the message said.

The two destroyers presented to the Dominion played meritorious if not as conspicuous parts in the Great War. They were attached to the destroyer flotilla of the Fifth of Forth, for some time under the command of Sir David Beatty. Among other actions they were present at the Battle of Jutland, at which they performed remarkably well.

The Aurora was launched in 1914. Her dimensions are: length 456 feet, beam 39 feet, tonnage 3,599. She has a horsepower of forty thousand on which she is able to make 29 knots. Her armament consists of two six-inch guns and six four-inch guns.

The Destroyers.
The two destroyers launched in 1916 have similar dimensions—length 274 feet, beam 27½ feet. They develop twenty-seven thousand five hundred horsepower on which they make a speed of 35 knots. They are armed with three four-inch guns.

The Aurora's complement is 318 and the destroyers carry 80 officers and men each.

SEARCHING FOR OIL IN BRITISH HONDURAS

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 17.—The government of Honduras has granted two concessions to British representatives by which they acquire rights to search for and exploit any oil fields found by them within the territory of Honduras. One of the British syndicates, The British Consolidated Oil Fields, Limited, has already sent its engineers to this country, and they are now searching for oil in various departments of this country.

FOOD IS DEAR IN GERMANY

Bread Rationed But Meat is Unnecessary, Owing to High Prices.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Meat at 26 marks a pound, sausage at 30 to 36 and cheese 38 is still beyond the means of the average workman. Meat merchants say the average German can afford not to buy meat once a week and he must buy cuts of poorest quality.

With wages for skilled workmen ranging from 30 to 40 marks a day, and for common labor at 25 marks, the food experts estimate the minimum cost of existence in Berlin. For a single man at 145 marks a week; for a man and wife, 216 marks a week; for man and wife and two children between seven and fourteen years, 296 marks. These prices have shown a gradual increase since February and it is expected will continue to rise during the winter.

While bread is still rationed, meat cards are no longer issued. It is said they are unnecessary because the people generally cannot buy meat at prevailing prices unless wages are greatly advanced. In spite of the well-stocked shops, the meat supply is reported only half the amount on hand during the same months before the war.

ALASKA PULP MILL EXPANDS

Money Being Raised to Put In New Unit of First Venture

JUNEAU, Dec. 17.—The Alaska Pulp & Paper Company, which will this month turn out the first pulp to be manufactured in Alaska, is fast developing expansion plans and it is the present plan to have another pulp mill of 100-ton capacity in operation within a year from now and then begin papermaking. The mill which this company has nearly completed and which will be in operation about Christmas time, will have a capacity of 18 tons daily. E. P. Kennedy is in San Francisco now preparing the plans for the additional finances that will be required for the new mill and he will be joined within a few days by Leo K. Kennedy.

WILL NOT MODIFY TERMS OF EMBARGO

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The British Government has no intention of modifying the embargo on Canadian store cattle, it is officially announced by the secretary of the Board of Agriculture in the House of Commons, in answer to a question on the subject.

Misses' and girls' coats and dresses at cost price at Jabours'.

FUNERAL OF VICTIM OF GUNMAN'S BULLETS.



Photo shows the funeral procession of James Huffley, officer of the temperance department who dies as a result of wounds received when he was shot during raids on bootleggers in Winnipeg.

New Morality Officers Are Now Working Here

M. M. Churchill and Eva Pennington in Police Court this morning charged with selling liquor--Hearing Tuesday

As a result of the activities of two morality officers who have been put on recently by the police commission, Eva Pennington and M. M. Churchill appeared in police court this morning charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Both pleaded not guilty and were remanded until next Tuesday, bail being fixed at \$500 in each case.

The arrests took place yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock and, according to the police, liquor was bought from both the accused by the two detectives. As the cases were remanded the identity of the new detectives is not yet generally known, for they will not be seen in court until the cases are heard.

Churchill resides on Fraser St. and the police have seized a considerable quantity of liquor from his place, including 2 full cases of bourbon, 8 bottles of bourbon, one full case and 8 bottles of Johnny Walker's, eight bottles of Gooderham & Worts, two bottles of cocktails and eleven bottles of unlabeled beer. From Eva Pennington's place, 128 Eighth Street, one dozen imperial quarts of Johnny Walker's red label Scotch whiskey was taken. The arrests and seizures were made by Sgt. Adams, Warden Bailey and Constable McGilchey.

Sam Kei, Chinese, also appeared in police court this morning charged with selling intoxicating liquor. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$500.50 with the option of six months with hard labor at Okalla Prison Farm.

BIG FUNERAL FOR GOVERNOR

Late Colonel Prior Laid to Rest at Foss Bay Wednesday.

VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—There was a very large military funeral for the late Lieut.-Governor, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior, here on Wednesday. Immense crowds gathered at Government House, where the body had been lying in state in the big ball room and later at Christchurch Cathedral where services were conducted before burial at Ross Bay cemetery.

W. J. Rooney, superintendent of construction on the Canadian National telegraph lines, was a passenger for Vancouver on the Prince George last night. Until recently Mr. Rooney was superintendent of the Edmonton to Prince Rupert section.

Mrs. Ralph Smith May Enter Cabinet

Lady Member of Legislature for Vancouver it is suggested may become Minister of Education, succeeding Hon. J. D. McLean

VICTORIA, December 17.—The latest political gossip in Provincial Government circles is that Mrs. Ralph Smith may be taken into the cabinet as minister of education, taking the place of Hon. J. D. McLean, who it is said is slated for the position of Minister of Health.

During last session Mrs. Smith was one of the most active members of the Legislature. She was responsible for a great deal of social legislation, much of it beneficial to women. She has always been keenly interested in social and educational matters and for that reason is particularly qualified for the work, especially in these days when the education of the children is mostly in the hands of women.

Mrs. Smith was elected to the Legislature for Vancouver as an independent on the death of her husband, Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance, in the Brewster cabinet. For many years she lived with her husband at Nanaimo at the time when he was secretary of the miners' union and later member for Nanaimo in the House of Commons at Ottawa. At Ottawa she entered into the social life of the capital, and even then was much interested in the problems of social welfare. With her husband she took a keen interest in all legislative matters and especially those which pertained to social betterment and educational reform. Later she has lived at Vancouver and at the recent election headed the poll.

SCHOOL CLOSED AT NOON TODAY

Closing Exercises in Some Rooms—High School Concert Tonight.

School closed at noon today for the Christmas holidays and will not reopen again until Monday, January 3. Most of the classes had concerts of some kind, while those of the King Edward School combined in the big concert given last Tuesday night. There will be a high school concert tonight. The kiddies will now be released for a fortnight before the long spring term commences and in spite of apparent hard times Christmas promises to be merrier than it has been for some years. Most of the teachers are remaining in the city for the holidays.

Miss Martin, of the Seal Cove School, sailed last night on the Prince George for Vancouver, where she will spend the holidays, special permission having been granted to her to close her room yesterday afternoon.

LITTLE CHANGE IN ELECTION SITUATION

The situation in regard to the mayoralty and aldermanic candidates remains practically unchanged. G. W. Nickerson had not this morning decided to be a candidate and there was also doubt in regard to what other new men would offer for the council.

So far the only man definitely in the field is Alderman Rochester.

MESOPOTAMIA NEW PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

Outline of Scheme by which Arabs will Conduct Own Affairs

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A new plan of government for Mesopotamia announced by Andrew Bonar Law in the House of Commons provides that the Arabs shall be governed by Arabs. While an electoral law for the creation of a representative Mesopotamian congress is being drafted, the country is to be administered by a Council of State, composed of native dignitaries and subject to the guidance of the British High Commissioner, Sir Percy Cox.

The Naqib of Bagdad has been invited to form a Council of State of about 18 members, with himself as president until the National Assembly can meet and decide on the future form of government.

The Council will be representative of all parts of the country. One member is a leading Christian of Bagdad and one of Mosul. A third is a prominent Kurd; a fourth is the head of a leading Shia family of Bagdad and two others are influential Shia sheikhs.

Eight portfolios will be assigned by the Naqib: Interior, finance, justice, pious foundations, education, defense, public works and commerce. Among those who have been invited to form part of the provisional government are a former general of the Emir Feisal's army, an ex-dignitary of Mecca and some leading merchants and lawyers of Bagdad, Basra and Mosul.

"RAT LINE" IS NOT A PLEASING NAME

House Flag of Canadian Merchant Marine Changed to Avoid Epithet

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Ribald comment by sailors of the world has caused the Government to have the house flag of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine changed.

So far the house flag has displayed on it the Canadian beaver, but the likeness of this industrious animal to another rodent caused sailors of the world over to refer to the Canadian Government service as "The Rat Line."

Hereafter the house flag will display in place of the beaver a cross enclosed in a circle.

RED CROSS SOCIETY SELLING PAJAMAS

First Sale Held Yesterday Afternoon in Red Cross Hut.

The local Red Cross Society are selling off their extra supply of pajamas and yesterday the hut was open for this purpose. All are not yet sold and another sale will be held after Christmas. Mrs. F. G. Dawson and Mrs. P. W. Anderson are in charge of the disposal of these supplies. The money raised is going to the funds of the present Red Cross disease campaign.

ASSIST IN RAISING OF PRINCE RUPERT

Captain Groves and fourteen longshoremen left last night on the Prince George for Swanson Bay where they will assist in the operations on the wrecked steamer Prince Rupert. Captain C. H. Nicholson and Captain Logan are now on the scene.

EDMONTON DEFEATS ITS MONEY BYLAWS

EDMONTON, Dec. 17.—In the election held this week all money bylaws were turned down with overwhelming majorities. A plebiscite proposing pay for aldermen was also defeated.

J. H. Gould, until recently manager of the Bank of Montreal at Stewart, left on the Prince George last night en route to Vernon where he will be assistant manager. Mrs. Gould accompanied her husband.

W. C. Ross, of Stewart, left last night for Victoria where he will spend the holidays with his parents, Hon. and Mrs. W. R. Ross.