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## PRESIDENT MILLERAND OF FRANCE RIDES IN AIR

## DOMINION GOVERNMENT DROPS ITS LUXURY TAX TO RELIEVE SITUATION

### Aeroplane Limousine For French President

Will Use It to Make Official Visits to Cities in Province and Foreign Capitals; Against Wife's Wishes

PARIS, Dec. 20.—President Millerand, despite the earnest contrary advice of Madame Millerand, is reported to have ordered an airplane limousine for the purpose of making official visits to foreign capitals and cities in the provinces.

Should the report prove to be founded it will mean a departure in the mode of traveling of presidents in France and the permanent sidetracking of the presidential train. A regular squadron will have to be provided for the presidential suite and the fifty or so journalists who accompany the president on all his trips from Paris.

Some newspapers call the president's attention to the fact that a fall from the window of his aerial limousine would have more terrible results than leaning too far out of the train window, referring to the accident to the former president, Paul Deschanel.

### CABINET IS DISCUSSING EMPLOYMENT

Vancouver Hard Hit by Present Condition of Stagnation

VICTORIA, Dec. 20.—A cabinet meeting is being held here today to discuss the matter of unemployment, with a view to taking action to alleviate the condition.

Vancouver is the hardest hit and many there, who are not classed as laborers, but as men who work for salaries, are feeling the hard times very much.

### ARREST PRIESTS MURDER CHARGE

Business Area of Dublin Raided by Police Following Shooting

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—At the week end the business area of this city was raided in search for the murderers following the shooting of the police inspector. Two masked men did the nefarious deed.

Two priests have been arrested by the police and are held in custody pending further investigations.

### CHINESE AIRPLANES COLLIDE WITH BRIDGE

Doubt as to Use They would be Put to Settled by Fate

PEKING, Dec. 18.—The question as to what use shall be made of several airplanes recently bought by the Chinese Government—whether for war or for establishment of mail service as stipulated in the contract for their purchase from a British firm—has been settled so far as the three of them is concerned.

Chang Tao-lin, who at present dominates north China militarily, ordered three of the six machines shipped to him at Mukden. The others were to be sent to Pao-tung for military purposes.

Those destined for Mukden were loaded on flat cars and started northward. Some distance beyond Tientsin they collided with the superstructure of a railway bridge which, along with the machines, was put out of commission. The wreck tied up traffic for a long time.

### UNIFORMS AND FLAGS FOR NAVAL BRIGADE

Capt. Roberson Gives Signalling Flags and Masons, Uniforms

The Boys' Naval Brigade has been the recipient of a set of signalling flags, presented by Capt. H. L. Roberson. Also uniforms have been donated by the Masonic Lodges, Tsimpean and Tye. It is of interest to note that the present movement in B.C. along the lines of encouraging the youth of the province to regard a seafaring life as holding many attractions is taking a strong hold. In Vancouver and Victoria the applications from boys to be placed on ships for training is far in excess of the places available. Prince Rupert is off to a good start also in this regard, and any aid, moral or material, that can be given by citizens is greatly appreciated by both the officers in charge as well as the embryonic sailor lads.

### FORTY TIE MAKERS WANTED UP RIVER

Provincial Labor Bureau Gets Call for Men—Situation Relieved Slightly

The unemployment situation in the district has been relieved in a measure through a call for forty tie makers for up-river being sent to the Provincial Government employment office in this city.

Capt. C. H. Nicholson is booked to sail south from Swanson Bay on the Prince John this trip.

### Prince Rupert Floats For First Time Since Swanson Bay Disaster

SWANSON BAY, December 20.—The Prince Rupert has been floated and is scheduled to leave here on Wednesday for Prince Rupert where she will go into the dry dock for preliminary survey about Friday. The Algerine and Queen will be the convoy ships and Captain Donald will be on the bridge of the wrecked liner.

After seeing the vessel successfully floated, Captain C. H. Nicholson, manager of the fleet, sailed on the Prince John this morning for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holiday at home. He will be back to Prince Rupert shortly.

The officers of the Ghelohsin, which arrived here last evening from the south, reported that the Prince Rupert was alongside the dock when they made their call there yesterday morning.

Superintendent Beaumont said this morning that he expected the steamer would reach here on Wednesday evening.

### NICKERSON IS IN THE FIELD FOR MAYOR

Will be Candidate for Mayor Backed by Large Number of Businessmen

Late Saturday afternoon G. W. Nickerson decided to become a candidate for mayor in Prince Rupert. He did so under a great deal of pressure from the business men of the city, who for the last day or two have been urging him to get into the running.

Mr. Nickerson is a young man with plenty of enthusiasm. He is outspoken to such an extent that he sometimes makes enemies. He has been in business here for some time and has made a success of it.

The only opponent yet in sight is Harry Rochester, proprietor of the Prince Rupert Hotel. He has been an alderman for several years.

### LUMBER BUSINESS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Increased Stumpage Injures Business and Small Cut Results

ST. JOHN, Dec. 15.—The Government of New Brunswick is confronted with a pretty problem on August 1 of this year it raised the stumpage fee on lumber cut on the Crown lands from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per thousand superficial feet. At that time the leaders of the opposition were claiming that the lumber operators ought to pay as high as \$10.00. The Government thought the situation in the industry would justify an increase to \$5.00, and little objection appears to have been made by the lessees of the timber limits, because it was believed that while the peak of high prices had been reached there was still good prospects of an active market. Since then conditions have arisen which have induced lumber operators to curtail their production this winter by about one-half, and the question has arisen whether, in view of the increasing pressure upon prices, the Government will be justified in collecting a stumpage rate of \$5.00.

A few years ago New Brunswick had a forest land scandal comparable with that which has recently come to light in Ontario. Just before the war the then Government passed an act fixing the stumpage rate at \$1.50 for ten years. At that time the Government only had two opponents in the Legislature, both French-Canadians. Shortly after Mr. Dugal made charges from the floor of the House to the effect that men closely associated with the Government had collected a matter of \$100,000 from the lumber operators for political purposes.

### BATTLE SIGNAL AT JUTLAND FAILED AT CRITICAL MOMENT

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Lord Jellicoe's belated report on the Battle of Jutland reveals that a vital signal failed to reach him at a critical moment in the operations and the German Grand Fleet was thus enabled to retreat in safety.

The Prince George will leave here at 8 o'clock Thursday night, reaching Vancouver at 8 o'clock on Christmas Day.

### Dominion Government Has Dropped the Luxury Tax

Swift Action Put Through by Order-in-Council; Sir Henry Drayton Explains Reasons for Change

OTTAWA, December 20.—The Luxury Tax has been abolished by order in council to meet the extraordinary situation of trade which is almost in stagnation and assist in its stabilization.

Speaking of the action, Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, says that the situation causing the change was due to the public and merchants holding off buying, expecting the dropping of the tax and consequent lower prices. Many industries have been shut down and the unemployment question is serious because of this tendency and it was realized that quick action was necessary.

The trade sales taxes which do not immediately affect the consumer remain.

### COST OF LIVING IS VERY HIGH

Big Freight Charges Make Potatoes, Ham and Eggs Luxuries in Yukon

DAWSON, Y.T., Dec. 20.—Work for development work on the Yukon Gold Company's gold, silver and galena holdings in the Mayo district are progressing favorably, but there is danger of great hardship because of the scarcity of supplies for the 300 people who are staying "inside."

In order to relieve the situation, ham, potatoes, eggs and a number of other commodities are being hauled over the trail from Dawson, but the cost of freighting is from fifteen to twenty cents a pound.

One ton of potatoes has been taken from Dawson to Mayo, where it was sold for \$500.

Several of the most prominent geologists on the continent spent the summer in the Mayo district and as a result of their observations the Yukon Development League and the gold commissioner have wired recommendations to the federal government to construct an overland automobile road from Dawson to Mayo at a cost of \$100,000, and to finish the water grade road from Mayo to Keno next summer, a distance of 40 miles, at a cost of \$40,000. A radio station and a new mining recorder's office for the district is also recommended.

Over one thousand galena claims have been staked out in the Keno district, many new groups being organized outside of those owned by the Yukon Gold Company. Three thousand tons of ore are being hauled from Keno this winter by contract, all being high-grade stuff. One sample is reported to run 14,000 ounces of silver to the ton, while averages of 200 ounces of silver to the ton are quite common.

### BRENN N WILL ASK FOR ANOTHER MATCH

He Not Satisfied With His Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars' Worth—Would Like Another Dose.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Bill Brennan, who was knocked out in the 12th round by Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, in Madison Square Garden, said he intended to ask for another match.

"I am not satisfied that Dempsey is my superior," he declared. The challenger, while saying that he felt he had vindicated himself, asserted he was "surprised" when the referee motioned him to his corner, believing that he had beaten the count in the 12th.

Dempsey said: "Brennan was tougher than I expected. He stood up longer than I thought he would. His blows did not hurt me at any time but I found him a hard man to hit properly."

Dempsey's manager said the champion was not in the best of condition, having trained too hard.

### WHARF EXTENSION H'S BEEN FINISHED

Fish Warehouse for Atlin and Pacific Fisheries Will be Next Step in Work.

The piling and decking of the extension to the provincial government wharf has been finished by Contractor D. H. Morrison and all that now remains before the proposed improvements are completed is the building of the new fish warehouse for the Atlin Fisheries and the Pacific Fisheries.

The cost of the work so far done has been in the vicinity of \$17,000.

James McKay went south on the Princess Mary Saturday night and will return after the holidays with his bride.

### FISH SUPPLY IS STILL SMALL

Price Paid Yesterday Over 19c.— Few Refrigerator Cars.

The rough weather of the past few weeks in the northern fishing grounds is showing its effect on the local market just now for very few schooners are arriving. At yesterday's sale there were only three boats in and bidding was quite brisk on their catches, the price for first class fish going over the 40c. mark. Weather is now reported calmer on the banks and before long some big catches should be landed.

There were two refrigerator cars in the yards yesterday morning and two arrived in the evening. These were all used this morning, three going to handle the fresh fish landed and other one being loaded with frozen fish by the Canadian Fish and Gold Storage Co.

At the sale yesterday the Tom and Al sold 55,000 pounds to the Atlin Fisheries at 19.2c and 9.5c. The Helena, 5,000 pounds, and Patosh, 20,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Gold Storage Co. at 19.6c and 19.5c.

### NICOL MAY BE GOVERNOR

Proprietor of Vancouver Province Spoken of for Chief Position

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—W. C. Nicol, proprietor of the Province newspaper, is the Vancouver favorite for position of Lieutenant Governor in succession to Hon. E. G. Prior. He has been a prominent newspaper figure for many years and his work has been a great success commercially.

### IF ORDER DOES NOT STICK, HANNA QUILTS

Railwaymen's Organizations Say C. N. R. President Has "Burned His Bridges."

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—That President Hanna will resign from office rather than withdraw his order forbidding employees of the road taking part in provincial and federal politics is generally conceded by representatives of railwaymen's organizations in Winnipeg. They state that Mr. Hanna has taken this attitude practically ever since the order became the subject of a nation-wide dispute and which will come before the arbitration board in January.

According to one railway representative, "President Hanna has burned his bridges behind him and has no intention whatever of withdrawing this order. If he can not make this order stick he will resign."

Members of the delegation that interviewed Mr. Hanna recently at Toronto state that he took the same attitude at their conferences with him.



DOLLY VARDEN WHARF from which the Taylor Mining Co. ships the rich ore that comes 18 miles by rail to Alice Arm from mine.