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## Thirty Million Dollars of Unbacked Notes Circulated

### China and India are Draining this Continent of Precious Metals: Not Enough to go Around.

## Silver and Gold Will be High in Price for Years.

### Royal Mint Worked During War on British Coinage but for Eight Months has Turned out Canadian.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
OTTAWA, February 18.—Because approximately thirty million dollars' worth of unbacked notes are in circulation in various countries of the world, the view is expressed here that for some years to come the gold and silver mines in Canada will have an unexampled opportunity to dispose of their product at exceptionally high prices.

There is not enough silver in the world to stand behind supported paper based on silver and the nations will be very eager to get as much as possible. This is believed to be the case with gold as well.

China and India are draining these continents of supplies, as new Indian methods demand that trade balances be settled, not with paper but with precious metals.

The products of the mines, which a few years ago were not commercially workable, can now in many cases be mined at a profit. The gold production in Canada for 1919 is valued at \$6,275,000 as against \$14,463,000 in 1918 and \$15,272,992 in 1917. For nine months ending December 31 last, export of Canadian gold totalled \$3,384,952 as against \$7,549,862 in 1918 and \$1,197,749 in 1917. Of this \$2,197,907 went to the United States and in previous years practically all went to the United States. There is great possibility of expansion by starting up mines now lying idle and developing promising properties seems to be indicated.

The Royal Mint in Ottawa has been running over eight months on Canadian coinage. During the year it minted for the British treasury several hundred million dollars' worth of South African gold to send to New York to support sterling exchange there. When that stopped the pound began to drop in value as measured by the American dollar.

## UNUSUAL FISH BROUGHT HERE

### New Fish Landed at the Royal Fisheries Plant, is Denizen of Tropical Waters.

One of the halibut boats unloading at the Royal Fisheries plant at the government wharf yesterday brought in an unusual specimen. The fish was at first believed to be a monster black cod as it weighed 200 pounds.

It was later pronounced by expert fish men to be one of the species called jew-fish or sea bass. It is a rather unusual catch in these northern waters as its natural habitat is the Gulf of Mexico or the Lower California coast. It is similar to a black cod in color and flesh but is more the shape of a spring salmon and has scales like it and is very firm. The species has been caught before in the north but very rarely.

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## MASONIC BALL GREAT EVENT

### Most Enjoyable Time Spent by Members of the Craft and Their Lady Friends.

The annual Masonic ball, which was held last night in St. Andrew's hall was one of the prettiest and most enjoyable dances of the season. Practically all the members of the craft with their lady friends from Tyee and Tsimpsaan Lodges and the Royal Arch Chapter were present as well as the members of Belist chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The music was provided by Gray's full orchestra and on the program were a number of novelties including the "Topsy Wopsy" dance. The old time dances predominated, many two steps, waltzes and schottches being on for the benefit of those who have not been attending dances recently. On account of this being leap year ladies choices were introduced several times. Special moonlight effects were arranged for several of the waltzes and throughout a most happy spirit obtained and everyone enjoyed the event to the utmost.

### Decorations.

The hall was gaily decorated with bunting and the emblems of the order, were seen on the walls. New lighting effects were obtained from special installations put in by Pattinson & Ling and Parkin & Ward, which were most effective.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Eastern Star under the direction of Mrs. Carmichael and they were unusually tasty and daintily served, the tables being tastefully decorated with flowers. Everything was done to make the guests have a good time.

### Committees.

The committees in charge were as follows:—  
Decorations—E. R. Tabrum assisted by George Frizzell, P. Rorvik, R. Pattinson, W. Smith, Capt. Formby, W. Reid, and B. L. Tingley.

Door and Tickets—R. Blance, E. Unwin, and Henry Melliar.  
Invitations—Douglas Sutherland, John McRae and A. Davies.  
Refreshments—Ladies of the Eastern Star under direction of Mrs. J. Carmichael.

Punch Bowl—A. W. McLean.  
Stewards—J. Steen, Major McMullen, G. A. Woodland, E. A. Mortimer, E. A. Woods, and Harry Birch.  
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## NEW METLAKATLA BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR WAY HERE

Already on their way from Alaska, the New Metlakatla basketball team will meet a picked team tomorrow night and on Friday at the Rink. The visitors left their home town yesterday and are now picking their way down the coast.

Local fans are jubilant at the prospect of a keen series of games, as New Metlakatla is the champion team of Alaska, having cleaned up all the trophies available there. The Rupert team will be chosen from Clementson, Corkle, Day, Chas. Blyth, Anderson and Hardy and a fine exhibition of ball is looked for.

## SIR DONALD MANN IS BEING SUED FOR QUARTER OF MILLION

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann are being sued by Annie Murray, James R. Murray, and George Murray of this city, for the recovery of \$250,000 alleged to be due as penalty on a bond dated June 27, 1913. The bond, it is said, was to secure payment of \$102,750, balance claimed as unpaid with interest on a mortgage alleged to have been executed by Elmer Ogilvie, real estate agent, to the plaintiffs for \$150,000.

## Population of Sebastapol Panic Stricken by Advance of Reds; Odessa Outrage

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—The population of Sebastopol, Russia's great seaport in the Crimea, is panic stricken over the Bolshevik menace. There is danger of a repetition of events which took place at Odessa when the Reds captured that city. Refugees are telling of the last hours spent in Odessa Harbor say that crews of ships were compelled to turn machine guns upon the crowds to prevent them from overloading and sinking vessels about to sail.

The Bolsheviks had begun raking the docks with machine guns while there were fully 5,000 still trying to make their escape.

## Four More Countries Join League of Nations; Chile, Paraguay, Argentine, Persia

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
OTTAWA, February 18.—Official notification has been received that four additional countries have joined the League of Nations—Persia, Chile, Paraguay, and Argentine. The admission of South American countries is regarded here as of particular significance, in view of the stand taken by the Canadian Government in respect of Canada's status and voting rights in the league. Paraguay, for instance, is a country of only a million population as compared with over eight millions in Canada, but Paraguay will now have the same voting rights in the assembly as the Dominion.

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## COURT OF REVISION HANDLED MANY CASES

### Few Changes Were Made, However, Yesterday—Sit Tomorrow Morning.

The work of the Court of Revision was nearly wound up yesterday when there was both morning and afternoon sessions, 96 cases being disposed of. There yet remain 3 cases for further consideration and 27 cases that have not yet been touched. The sessions will be resumed tomorrow morning at 10:30. Despite the large number of appeals presented yesterday, very few changes were made.

The assessment for improvements at the old Dominion Hotel on the corner of First Ave. and Eighth St. was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,200. This property belongs to E. J. Walsh. Lots 21 and 22, block 39, Section 8, were reduced from the valuation of \$480 and \$500 to \$440 and \$450 respectively. These were appealed by E. H. Mortimer. Lot 12, block 16, Section 2, was reduced in valuation from \$940 to \$600. It belongs to the F. De Mussy estate.

## BOLSHEVIST WINNING IN RUSSIAN ELECTION

### Voting Started on Monday and Soviet Candidates Being Elected.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—A Moscow wireless despatch says that the soviet election started on Monday and Bolshevik candidates are being elected in all regions.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mr. D. L. Stewart desires to thank his many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in his recent bereavement.

## Duff and Leachy On Theft Charge

### Jack Hoskins was Before Magistrate on Trial for Offering to Sell Liquor and Remanded Until Tomorrow.

Simon V. Duff and Richard Leachy were this morning charged in the police court with stealing on February 5 and 6 from the residence of Harry Lipsett, 50 cases of liquor valued at \$1,300, same liquor being the property of Mr. Lipsett.

As this is an indictable offense the accused did not plead in the police court. On the request of W. E. Williams, city solicitor, adjournment was made until tomorrow when an important witness for the prosecution will be in court.

Jack Hoskins, the last member in the alleged liquor ring, came up before the magistrate this morning and the complete evidence in his case was taken. He is also charged with exposing for sale and offering to sell liquor for the consideration of \$5,000. The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning when Bessie Riley and Daniel Leachy will come up for the magistrate's decision and the cases against Duff and Richard Leachy, charged with stealing liquor will have preliminary trial.

## The Evidence.

The first witness in the Hoskins selling case this morning was Matt Videck. He said he knew of some deal on the night of Duff's arrest. Some cases of liquor, had been moved from Hoskins' house at Seal Cove that night but he did not know how much, only there had been two loads. Jack Hoskins, Duff and himself had handled it and it had gone to the esgine room at the Cold Storage. Hoskins and the man on the Narbethong and himself had carried it from there down to the float where Charles Miller, and Duff were. Here ended Mr. Williams' examination.

Mr. Patmore, defending Hoskins, brought forth the fact that Videck knew the liquor was stolen when he was taking it from the wharf. He had been told by Dick Leachy of a company consisting of Harry Lipsett, Jack Miller, George Sweet and Simon Duff.

## Not Known Stolen.

"I knew that the liquor was from Lipsett's house," said Videck, "and the next day I learned that Lipsett was not home when the liquor was taken. I had been told to stop on Fourth Avenue, until further instructions were given. Dick Leachy handed me the cases on the street and I put them in the car. I understood that they were from the verandah of the house. At that time I did not know it was being stolen, in fact, I did not know what was going on."

Charles Miller, who was next called, said that he was buying liquor last Friday morning and that he saw Videck packing the liquor down then.

Constable Bailey, who was present when Duff was arrested, testified to seeing the accused after, he had left the boat. He was on the dock and Matt Videck was also there. This closed the case.

## Counsel Sum Up.

Mr. Patmore argued that it had not been shown that Hoskins had been involved in any transaction and that from the evidence there was really no case.

Mr. Williams stated that the evidence of Matt Videck proved the sale of liquor. The case was then adjourned to allow the stenographer to extend the evidence.

## HEIR TO SULTAN HAS BEEN BORN IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Feb. 18.—An heir to the Sultan has been born and Prince Ahmed Faud is distributing £12,000 among the poor in celebration of the event.

## TENDERS WANTED

Tenders wanted for moving building now occupied by Prince Rupert Feed Co. For full particulars apply to T. Trotter. 39

## PRICES SOAR AT FUR SALE IN NEW YORK

### Muskrat Reaches Highest Ever Paid and Other Advances Large.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Touching a record mark of \$5 per skin, the highest ever paid at auction of raw fur in this city, brown muskrat was sold at the start of the second day of the sale. Mink easily captured second place with marmot, stone-marten, and marten following as named. The sales for the day reached \$1,600,000.

The grand total for the first two days' sale reached \$3,100,000. Compared with corresponding prices obtained at the October sale, figures showing the percentages of advances as follows: Mink, 100 per cent. Marmot, 75 per cent. Stone marten, 65 per cent. Brown muskrat, 60 per cent. Marten, 35 per cent.

## MANY BLIND ARE FOUND ON PRAIRIES

### Investigations Being Carried on There by National Institute.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.—A campaign for the care and training of blind persons and the prevention of blindness is being launched under the newly formed "Central Western Board" of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Dr. Daniel McIntyre, superintendent of the Winnipeg public schools, is chairman of this board. Its headquarters are at 745 Somerset block and it embraces Manitoba and Saskatchewan. A survey to determine the number of blind within this area is being carried on and to date 211 blind persons have been located in Manitoba and more than 300 in the two provinces.

The Canadian National Institute is already in touch with 6,000 known totally blind persons in the Dominion. Its aim in a general way is: To help these afflicted ones to become self-supporting, self-respecting citizens by giving them special industrial training; to bring brightness and hope into their lives by breaking the deadly monotony of sitting with hands folded in the darkness; to prevent blindness by teaching proper care of the eyesight, especially in the schools; and to help save persons with failing sight from becoming entirely blind.

## TONIGHT AT 8.15.

Come and enjoy an artistic treat—of Romance, Tragedy, Comedy and Music—by Miss Frances Nickawa, assisted by local artists, at the Methodist Church.