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United Farmers Decide Not To Enter Politics This Year

Opposition to Decision at Closing Session of Convention; Bitter Discussion over Right of Government Employees to Attend.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
VICTORIA, February 26.—The United Farmers of British Columbia are not going into politics this year. That was decided yesterday and was carried with little opposition before the convention closed. Being a contentious subject before the convention closed. Being a contentious subject before the convention closed. Being a contentious subject before the convention closed.

LINING UP AT OTTAWA

Unionist Caucus Must Approve Arrangements for Borden Retaining Leadership.

MACKENZIE KING IS TO LEAD OPPOSITION

Question of General Policy Will Come Before the Unionist Machine Very Soon.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—One of the questions which must receive early consideration by the Unionists as soon as all the members have arrived is an arrangement under which Sir Robert Borden retains the premiership and seeks in a long vacation restoration of his health. That arrangement, as stipulated by Sir Robert, has to be satisfied by the Government caucus before it is finally decided on. Furthermore the question of policy has to be considered by the caucus.

On the opposition side Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King will take over the leadership in place of D. D. McKenzie who has led the attacks on the Government since the formation of the Union Government. Just what role A. K. McLean will assume has not been mentioned yet.

REVISION COURT CONCLUDES WORK

Revised Assessment Roll Passed This Morning—Based on Last Week's Decisions.

The Court of Revision finished its work this morning when the revised assessment roll based on the appeals granted last week was presented by City Assessor Clements, and found correct. It was passed and the court then adjourned. Mayor McClymont, Aldermen McLennan and Rochester as well as Secretary of the Court Woods were also present.

COLONEL PECK WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT BATTALION REUNION

WNNIPEG, Feb. 26.—A reunion of the officers of the Sixteenth Battalion was held last night. Lieut. Col. Peck, V.C., M.P., who is on his way to attend the parliamentary session at Ottawa, was the guest of the evening. He addressed the gathering. He spoke of the perpetuation of the Sixteenth Battalion, the headquarters for which, he said, would probably be in Victoria.

BRITISH SEEKING BUSINESS IN MEXICO

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—British firms are offering unusual concessions to Mexican buyers in an effort to secure the trade of the southern republic. Orders for white and printed goods being particularly sought.

GOVERNMENT IS DEFEATED

British House of Commons Increase Pensions to Policemen.

WILL COST COUNTRY FIFTY MILLION POUNDS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The British Government was defeated in the House of Commons on the motion of a private member calling for a large increase in pensions to all policemen retired prior to April, 1919, in order to meet the high cost of living. The motion was carried by a vote of 132 to 55 although opposed by the Government.

Home Secretary Edward Shortt on behalf of the Government said it would cost £50,000,000 and be followed by similar demands from all other pensioners.

Dance at Seal Cove School at 8:30 p.m. on Friday night to raise funds for the school piano. Gray's orchestra. Admission 50c. Refreshments.

EMBARGO ON FOREIGN BONDS

Drastic Action Taken by Government to Protect Canadian Interests.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—An embargo on trading in stocks, bonds or other securities from countries outside Canada will go into effect. This drastic action has been taken by the Government in the financial interests of the Dominion at the request of Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, in order to protect the home security market.

Evidence is Given in the Stabbing Affray at Queen Charlotte Islands Camp

George Webb, charged with wounding David Dion in a stabbing affray at Goose Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, appeared for summary trial before Stipendiary Magistrate McMullin in the Court House this morning. L. W. Patmore, acting for the accused, pleaded not guilty.

Doctor N. M. McNeill was the first witness examined. He was called to attend the victim of the affair yesterday afternoon. He found four wounds which he judged were made by two cuts of a knife probably the one on exhibit in court. There was a deep cut on the right hand and some tendons had been severed. As well as this the nerve supplying the thumb had also been severed. With the best recovery it would be three months before Dion regained the use of his right hand. If infection sets in or the wounds did not heal properly the results might cause permanent disability. There was also a wound on the back near the shoulder that had struck the muscle.

Victim's Evidence

David Dion, who is the victim, was a donkey engineer at the log was the next witness heard. He said he had come in about a quarter to seven on the morning of the trouble in order to get early breakfast so as to get steam up on his engine. After sitting down and waiting for about 15 minutes he asked if he was going to have breakfast. The cook replied that he would get breakfast at 7:15. He told him he did not need to get "ornery" about it but tell him if he could not get early breakfast and then he would come with the rest of the crew and get the extra sleep. It was then that the cook had made a pass with the butcher knife and he had picked up the poker. Seeing he could not protect himself with the poker he dropped it and made for the door. The cook closed on him when he could not get the door open quickly enough and slashed him. He finally got hold of the cook and forced him to drop the knife and collapsed. Afterwards he picked himself up

and went to the commissary to get his wounds dressed.

Called Him Names.

L. W. Patmore questioned Dion about whether the cook had refused to join the O. B. U. Dion said he had not heard the O. B. U. mentioned in connection with the cook. He did not know that a man was not allowed to stay on the job if he was not a member of the O. B. U. He was a member of the O. B. U. himself but he knew men who were employed there that did not belong to that organization. He had called the cook a profane name and had shook his finger at him advancing towards the cook's section of the cook house. A pass had been made at him with the knife by the cook before he had picked up the poker. During the course of the examination Dion, who has both hands bandaged up and is in rather a crippled condition, had to sit down on account of weakness.

Martin Rogers, who was helping in the cook-house at the time, was the next witness examined. In his story of the affair he corroborated the evidence of Dion almost exactly. He told of the engineer advancing on the cook and telling him that he did not need to get "ornery." The cook had picked up a tea pot and the knife. Dion had picked up a cup and a poker. He could not swear as to who had been the aggressor. Mr. Patmore in his cross-examination endeavored to bring out that the engineer had lots of

Judge Robson Not A Price Regulator

Resigns from Board of Commerce Because he does not Agree with Policy of Placing Restrictions.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, February 26.—Judge Robson, head of the Board of Commerce, resigned yesterday. Before leaving Ottawa he said: "Price fixing and profit restrictions on products of the country, while well for wartime, should not, in my view be part of the permanent statute laws. The regulation of profit on necessities will tend to discourage persons from entering on the useful service of life."

"The regulations besides tend to relieve luxuries while those engaged in the production and distribution of useful things are penalized. This seemed to me so incongruous that I was uneasy in the administration of the act and felt it my duty to resign."

"Why should you lay your hands on the man who brings milk to your door and let people who sell books at 100 per cent. profit and flowers and perfumes go scot free? These are luxuries but if you continually soak the people who are dealing in necessities, they will eventually quit business and go to some other line that is not controlled by the Board of Commerce."

WIRE OTTAWA RE FISHERIES

War Veterans and One Big Union Asks New Regulations Enforced.

UNION WOULD USE GAS BOATS ON RIVER

The G. W. V. A. executive at its meeting last night instructed Secretary Cameron to wire to Ottawa asking that the new fishery regulations be enforced at once. They also ask that there shall be no reservations whatever in the district, at Queen Charlotte Islands or elsewhere. They want the whole of No. 2 District thrown wide open to all fishermen.

At a recent meeting the Central Labor Council of the O. B. U. instructed their secretary to wire the Government at Ottawa asking for the new regulations to be enforced and also asking that gas boats be allowed to operate on the Skeena.

HOOVER NOT IN FOR PRESIDENT

Does Not See That Any Useful Purpose Would be Served by Entering Contest.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 26.—Herbert Hoover informed the Georgia Democratic state executive committee that he did not feel any public service would be performed by the injection of himself into the contest for presidential nominations, and, therefore, he did not intend to file for a place on the ballots of the Georgia presidential primary to be held on April 20.

Pianos correctly tuned. \$6.00, G. C. Walker. Phone Blue 389. tf

time to escape from the scene before there was any trouble. From the evidence he secured from Rogers it would appear that Dion had not taken much of an opportunity to avoid a fight. He did not interfere in the fight, not being a fighting man himself. He had not heard of any trouble or discussion over the cook not belonging to the O. B. U.

After Rogers left the witness box court adjourned until 2:30, when the cook was heard in his own defence. The witnesses are anxious to get back to the Islands in order to work tomorrow.

ONLY WORKERS ON COUNCIL

Victoria Trades and Labor Body May Expel President Woodward Because not Working At Trade.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VICTORIA, Feb. 26.—There is a fight on in Victoria among the labor men with the purpose of expelling President E. S. Woodward from the Trades and Labor Council for the reason that he is not working at his trade as a retail clerk under, which he qualifies. At a recent meeting there was an onslaught by insurgents led by Delegate Morgan who quoted the constitution which said that a member of the Council might be "any practical workingman, earning his livelihood at the trade or calling he represents." There was no exception to this qualification.

After a long discussion in which it was shown that Delegate Dakers, former president of the Metal Trades Council, was in a similar position, it was decided to ask for a report from the Retail Clerks' Union before taking action.

JACK HOSKINS PLEADS GUILTY

Was Fined \$100.50 for Having Liquor Illegally in His Possession.

Jack Hoskins pleaded guilty to having liquor illegally in his possession before Magistrate McMordie in the police court this morning and was fined \$100.50. Yesterday morning the plea of not guilty was made but on consultation with counsel it was decided to reverse this plea. Hoskins was one of the witnesses in the notorious Duff liquor case.

Fred Martinson appeared in court charged with creating a disturbance when drunk and disorderly and he was fined \$10.

Nels Johnson, whose sorrowful demeanor is a common sight in the police court, this being his seventh offence, again was up. The picture of abject misery and repentant remorse, Nels again pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced by the magistrate to a period of 60 days usefulness about the premises of the city hall with free lodging in the newly renovated police quarters.

SOVIET OFFERS PEACE TO U.S.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Russian Soviet Government through its commissioner of foreign affairs, has despatched notes to the United States Government and Roumania offering them peace with Soviet Russia.

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ANNOUNCEMENT
James Currie wishes to announce to the public that he will occupy the premises on Third Ave. occupied by Candyland as a class bakery on Friday, February 27.

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