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Parliament Opens with Pomp And Formality of Before War

Speech from Throne Mentions Unimportant Laws to be Passed and Franchise Act; Canada's Position Fixed in League of Nations.

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

OTTAWA, February 27.—With all the glories of pre-war pomp and formality Parliament was opened yesterday afternoon by the Duke of Devonshire, in the Commons chamber of the new buildings. Ladies in evening gowns occupied seats on the floor and filled the galleries, while here and there were parliamentarians in brilliant court uniforms. The sun streaming through the west windows made the interior of the chamber a sea of color.

The Government legislative program outlined in the speech from the throne comprises a bill to provide for the Dominion franchise, a bill respecting copyrights, a bill providing for the amendment of the Patent Act, of the Loan and Trust Companies Act, of the Indian Act, and the Exchequer Court Act. There will also be a bill to ratify the International Opium Convention.

The speech from the throne referred to the ratification of the Peace Treaty between the Allied Powers and Germany and the formal constitution of the League of Nations. "It is satisfactory to note," the speech significantly remarked, "that the status of Canada as a member of the league has thus been definitely fixed."

"In the European economic field," the Governor-General continued, "clear vision is still impossible. The unsettled state of the exchange, the lack of international credits, and the inflation of the paper currency, combined with scarcity of raw materials and the demoralization of labor and transport united to retard production and restrict the rebuilding of waste caused by the war. But it is cause for thankfulness that of all countries affected by the war, Canada has maintained a record of social order and industrial and commercial prosperity second to none."

BOLSHEVIKI ADVANCING

Have Reached Chinese Frontier
and Demand Surrender of
Russian Prisoners.

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

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Bolshevik advance in Siberia is continuous. Troops have reached the Chinese frontier in the Ili district and have demanded that the Chinese governor give up Russian refugees. Failing compliance, the Reds threaten to occupy the province.

RAILROADMEN ARE ON STRIKE

Double Commenced at Paris and
Men Out at Nice.

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

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The railroadmen at Eastern Station ceased work at seven o'clock this morning and the strike situation became worse at Northern Station. The railroad service to suburban Paris has been further diminished.

The railroad workers at Nice have struck.

SIX MONTHS AND FINE FOR SELLING

Paul Massari of Port Clements,
Sent Down for Supplying
Indians.

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

PORT CLEMENTS, Q.C.I., Feb. 27.—Tried before Magistrate Malouin, Paul Massari, the local forekeeper was sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined \$50 for selling liquor to Indians. The prisoner will be sent to New Westminster on the next boat. The case caused a great deal of excitement here. A good deal of liquor was received from outside by express on the last boat and many of the mill crew and others were the worse for over-indulgence.

BIRTH

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Dybbavn, at the home on Lower St., on Wednesday evening, February 25, a daughter.

METLAKATLA BAR WILL BE DREDGED

Will Make a Clear Passage for
Gasoline Boats Between
Here and Outside.

The Department of Public Works is calling for tenders for the dredging of Metlakatla Bar, which will be another great improvement and aid for the smaller boats passing through Metlakatla Passage and outside by Tugwell Island. At the present time this bar can only be crossed at the higher stages of the tide and much time is lost. The larger gasoline boats cannot pass over it at all. The long sand bar extends right across the channel between Tugwell Island and the mainland forming a barrier to Metlakatla Passage except at high tides. The dredging of this bar will be in line with the improvements and aids to navigation that are being placed in Metlakatla passage. The work is to start before March 25.

FISHERMEN WERE DISSATISFIED AT EXCHANGE TODAY

The refrigerator car shortage threatens to send many of the American fish boats away from port with their catches because the buyers cannot bid as high as if the fish were to be shipped fresh. As it is what fish is being bought today has to be frozen and the price offered is not at all suitable to the fishermen, many of whom were expressing dissatisfaction this morning with the local situation. At 2 o'clock the following boats were registered for sale locally although none of them had sold at that time: Livingstone, 18,000 lbs.; Agnes, 15,000; Prescho, 4,000; Mable A., 4,000; Magnhel, 10,000; Grayling, 5,000; Atlas, 25,000; Nautilus, 7,000; Agnes B., 10,000; Nuba, 6,000 pounds.

GERMANY WILL TAKE PRUSSIAN RAILWAYS

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

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A wireless despatch from Berlin says the German state will take over the Prussian railways for 34,000,000,000 marks.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

FIERCE RAIDS MADE ON IRISH CONSTABULARY

Many Dead Found After Midnight
Seige—Attempt to Burn
Barracks.

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

DUBLIN, Feb. 27.—Two constabulary barracks at Timmoleague and Mount Pleasant, County Cork, were subjected to a seige which prolonged till well after midnight. Large bodies of armed men were employed and the besiegers made use of their usual tactics of blocking the roads with trees and cutting the telephone connections.

The attacks lasted more than two hours, during which time attempts were made to burn the barracks by piling hay against the doors and setting fire to it. The assailants were finally driven off. The bodies of several killed civilians were found, the dead men being members of the raiding party. There was also found a wounded man who declared that seven other wounded men had been carried away.

GUARANTEES WHEAT GROWERS BIG PRICE

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

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The minister of agriculture announces that the British Government has decided to guarantee the wheat growers of the United Kingdom 100 shillings per quarter for the next year.

BLUEBIRDS AND CUBS VICTORS LAST NIGHT

Junior Leaguers Played Last
Night in the Skating Rink
—Sundae Calderone
Starred.

Two interesting games between the school girls and boys were played, in the Auditorium last night. The High School Fire Flies went down to defeat at the hands of the Entrance Bluebirds by a score of 7-1. Sundae Calderone, of the Blue Birds, was the star player of the evening. The line-up was as follows:

Fire Flies—Grace Leek, Helen Harrison, Vera Shockley, Alberta Hill and Millie Gurvich.

Blue Birds—Lita Corral, Lilian Warrior, Zorca Sutlovich, Eileen Stephens and Sundae Calderone.

The Cubs and Beavers of the boys junior League met and the Cubs carried away the honors in a well played game by a score of 11-8. The Dry Dock Juniors have dropped out of the Junior League race. Lee Dell refereed the games.

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

Webb Dismissed on Charge Of Wounding; Threatened To Hang Him, He Declares

George Webb, charged with wounding David Dion in a fracas with knife play involved, was dismissed by Stipendiary Magistrate McMullin this morning. In dismissing the accused the magistrate stated that he had given a lot of thought to the matter and had hesitated about his decision on the point as to whether Webb had used more force than was necessary in defending himself. However, seeing the crippled condition in which he was, he was probably justified under the circumstances. L. W. Patmore acted in defence of the accused and Chief Minty did the questioning for the crown.

In giving his evidence yesterday afternoon George Webb told of a spectacular experience he had gone through in connection with the affray. According to his story there was a malicious feeling against him on the part of the employees of the camp generally and they were far from pleased from his attitude in regard to his labor affiliations.

In beginning his story Webb told that he had just been out of the hospital for about three months. He had undergone serious operations and had been warned by the doctors not to do any heavy lifting or engage in any scuffles. Besides this, due to a quarter of beef falling on his hand, every bone in it had been broken and he was unable to close his fist.

"I went to work at Goose Bay last Saturday," he continued, "and within an hour of my arrival there I was approached and asked if I belonged to the O. B. U."

I was told that every man in the camp belonged and I would have to join up. I stated that I would not join as I was opposed to their radical ideas.

Trouble Brewing

"I took hold at the camp on Sunday about noon. I saw Dion, the engineer, for the first time on Sunday night when he asked me if I could have breakfast ready for him at 7:15. I inquired if he was asking this because I was a new man and he replied that he had had it there before. I then said it would be alright. He came in for breakfast on Monday morning and I gave it to him at that time. After breakfast, on inquiry, he said that he was well satisfied. He did not mention that it was later than he wanted it.

"On Monday afternoon the foreman, who is a rabid O. B. U. man, brought Happy (Martin) Rogers to be my dunkey. I gave him brief instructions as to deal."

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FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS TO UNITE THEIR FORCES

Decision at Victoria to Absorb Farmers Institutes by United Farmers of British Columbia; Trading Branches to be Formed.

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

VICTORIA, B. C., February 27.—The Farmers' Institutes of British Columbia will likely pass from the agricultural life of the province before next year and will be merged into the United Farmers of B. C. to form one great independent farmers' organization free from all government strings and control and thus end the feud between the institutes and the United Farmers. This is the result aimed at by an executive committee consisting of representatives of both sides which came to a unanimous decision in favor of amalgamation.

H. W. Wood, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, presided over the peace conference. He declared that government aid to the amalgamated body could be accepted without sacrificing independence. Before amalgamation is achieved the United Farmers will have to become fully incorporated as the farmers' institutes are, because it would be impossible for the institute to join with a non-incorporated body.

The name of "The United Farmers of British Columbia" will be adopted. Commercial and trading branches of the institutes will be put under control of each local group or possibly be put into district groups.

J. W. Berry presiding over the agricultural conference urged the delegates, when they returned to their locals, to use the word "amalgamated" and shun the expression "that the institutes were to be absorbed by the United Farmers," as that might irritate institute men and impede amalgamation.

LONDON TIMES ON SITUATION

Suggests General Election in Order to Secure Strong Leaders.

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

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Times editorially comments on the opening of Canada's new Houses of Parliament. It regards Hon. Arthur Meighen or Sir Henry Drayton as the most likely successor to Sir Robert Borden in the premiership. The urgent need in Canada at the present moment, says the Times, is a strong Government under strong leaders, which may mean consultation of the people of the Dominion by means of a general election.

BULKLEY VALLEY COUPLE MARRIED

Miss Sarah Macdonald Becomes
the Bride of George Eadie,
of Walecott.

The home of Mrs. Paul Cote, of North Bulkley, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding last week when Miss Sarah Macdonald became the wife of George Eadie, of Walecott. The Reverend Mr. Dean, of Smithers, performed the ceremony and Mrs. Paul Cote played the wedding march.

The bride, who was dressed in cream voile, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Paul Cote, while Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Allen, of Houston, assisted the bride and groom. Only the immediate relatives and a few friends witnessed the ceremony and were present at a brief informal reception, the table being beautifully decorated and presided over by Mrs. Cote.

While the register was being signed Mrs. D. C. Sheldon, of Houston, sang "O Perfect Day" and "Beloved, It is Morn." The happy couple left on the next morning's train for Walecott where they will make their future home.

LOGS PURCHASED FOR LOCAL MILL

E. F. Duby Buys Ten Million Feet
From J. R. Morgan Co.
at Islands.

LOGGING CREW IS
GOING IN AT ONCE

Four Donkey Engines are to be
Utilized in Getting Product
Into the Water.

Ten million feet of logs have been purchased by E. F. Duby for the Prince Rupert Lumber Co. to be cut at the local mill, the purchase being made from J. R. Morgan Co. Logging will commence at once and it is expected that some of the logs will be here by April 1.

Mr. Duby and Mr. Morgan returned on Wednesday night from Masset Inlet and concluded the deal whereby the timber should be taken over by the Prince Rupert Lumber Co. and be logged by them. A camp will be established at once at Shannon Bay not far from Port Clements, and a crew of men will be up on the next boat to go to work there. Some men have also been engaged locally.

The mill is being used at present by the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills, Ltd., who are engaged in cutting up the last of their logs and as soon as that work is finished the mill will be taken over by the other concern with Mr. Duby as manager.

Mr. Duby says that he has contracted for a quantity of logs, about enough to last a year.

The equipment used by J. R. Morgan Co. previous to the shutdown of the Government work following the close of the war, is still on the ground at Shannon Bay. There are four donkey engines and everything else necessary for logging so that work can commence immediately.

DARING FLIERS CROSS SAHARA

Land Safely at Montaka East of
Timbuctoo After Being
Lost a Week.

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

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Major Muillem, pilot and Lieut. Chalus, observer, who have been lost more than a week in a flight across the Sahara Desert, landed safely at Montaka east of Timbuctoo on the Niger River.

MADE BIG HAUL

Bandits Got Away With \$8,500
From U.S. Food Supply
Bureau.

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

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Seven armed bandits last night held up the United States navy food supply bureau and made a haul of \$8,500.

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