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Thinks Canada Will Accept The Ships

First Lord of British Admiralty Answers Questions in London Concerning Naval Policy in This Country.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LONDON, March 25.—In the House of Commons yesterday, in reply to a question as to whether it was true that the Canadian authorities had decided to close the two dockyards at Halifax and Esquimalt, and had declined the offer of warships from the British Admiralty as a result of the report by Admiral Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, the First Lord of the Admiralty said he had information that Canada had declined the offer of the warships. The contrary his impression was that Canada had practically accepted the offer.
The First Lord said he did not know that the dockyards had been closed but would make an inquiry. He added that Admiral Jellicoe's services on his recent tours had been of immense value and he hoped that good would accrue to the Empire in the prospect of increased co-operation between Great Britain and the Dominion.

POOPS FROZEN TO DEATH IN FAR RUSSIA

Anti-Bolshevik Soldiers Perish, According to Soviet Despatch.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LONDON, March 25.—More than 16,000 anti-Bolshevik soldiers have been frozen to death in the steppes it is announced in a Soviet military communication received today from Moscow by the western Asiatic provinces. The statement reports progress of the Red troops against General Nikine's forces along the way in the Ekaterinodar region in the Caucasus front.

BY NOVELIST DIED YESTERDAY

Humphrey Ward was the Grand Daughter of Famous Head of Rugby.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LONDON, March 25.—Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the novelist, died today in a London hospital. She had been living for many years in virtual retirement in residence at Aylesbury. She had been suffering from heart disease and this recently became acute, necessitating going to hospital.
Mrs. Ward was a granddaughter of Dr. Arnold, well known as head of Rugby public school at the time of "Tom Brown's School Days." She first came to prominence as a novelist with "Robert Elsmere" in 1888, since that time has written a number of stories.

PAVICH PUT ON OBSERVATION

To be Dragged Out of Court Room Loudly Voicing His Indignation.

Paul Pavich, the man who claims to be the government of B. C. and is charged with vagrancy, again appeared in the police court this morning and was ordered to be under eight days' observation to ascertain his mental condition. He wanted to get out on bonds this morning and started another row in the court. He finally had to be dragged down to the cells by the chief of police, loudly voicing his indignation, continuing after he reached the cell.

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STRANGE STORY TOLD BY WOMAN

Says That She Got Drunk and Feared She Would be Robbed; Ran Away and Sought Refuge.

FINED TEN DOLLARS; EXONERATES FRIENDS

Rose Craig, the woman of mystery, came up in the police court this morning and was fined \$10, pleading guilty to the charge of drunk and disorderly. She has just recently arrived in town and is an American, claiming to be a nurse. Her case has caused a good deal of local curiosity. Pleading guilty to the charge of drunkenness no evidence was taken, but before her trial she made a statement to the chief of police clearing anyone else from any charge.

"I just arrived from the States lately to go to Stewart," she said, "and on my arrival in town went to the Prince Rupert Hotel. About two o'clock in the morning the manager of the hotel ejected me on account of disorderly conduct. After wandering about for a time I finally managed to obtain the loan of a room at the St. James Hotel."

"Shortly after, on the same night, I met some people who invited me out. Previous to this I had been drinking and then I had some more. Liquor has the effect of making me crazy and on this occasion I got the idea into my head that these people were trying to rob me. I ran away in hysterics shedding some of my wearing apparel on the way and finally went to a house on Fourth Avenue. Here I was admitted in a drunken condition and the matter was reported to the police."

"I realize now that my fears were unfounded and the people I was with were all right. The fault is my own drunken fears. I am leaving for Stewart on the next steamer."

ALF LARSEN DIED AT THE HOSPITAL

Death from Uremic Poison Which Seemed to Have Been Result of Drinking Squirrel Whiskey.

The death occurred at the General Hospital this morning of Alf Larsen, a fisherman from the Corona. He is an American, 40 years of age, and died from uremic poisoning.

Before leaving Seattle Larsen had been drinking squirrel whiskey which he called French vinegar. It seems to have contained a quantity of wood alcohol, for the patient developed the symptoms which follow the drinking of that poison, including blindness.

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

LATEST PHOTO OF EARL OF READING



This is the latest photo of the Earl of Reading, former Minister to the United States, taken while he took a stroll in Hyde Park, London, with a friend.

CAR SHORTAGE CAUSED BY BIG STORMS AND BLIZZARDS

Many people have been worrying over the shortage of cars here and have been indignant that the railway company has been unable to supply the shortage. The arrival of exchanges from the east indicate the reason for the trouble. Fierce storms have raged in the eastern States and Canada and this has been the chief reason for delay. In Fredericton alone 1,050 cars were frozen in the yards and men had to turn out with picks to free them from the ice. Since February 19 there have been four big storms, two of which were real old fashioned blizzards. Snow, ice and sleet fell almost everywhere and tied up transportation to such an extent that in many places the railroad and street car tracks were covered with eight inches of solid ice, over which it was impossible to run trains.

In many cities of New England they have been short of provisions, cattle have been starved and there has been much suffering. In fifty cities holidays were declared in order that all the people might turn out to clear the railway lines.

In New Hampshire the condition of the roads was so bad that the primaries for the elections had to be postponed and business was at a standstill.

"FURIOUS" WON LINCOLNSHIRE

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LINCOLN, Eng., March 25.—The Lincolnshire handicap over a mile straight away course for a purse of \$7,500 was won yesterday by C. Harry's "Furious."

OTTAWA AGAIN BEATS SEATTLE IN ICE HOCKEY

One More Win Will Give Eastern Champs the Stanley Cup.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
OTTAWA, March 25.—Playing seven man hockey, the system in vogue on the Pacific Coast, the Ottawa team, champions of the National Hockey Association, again proved their superiority over the Seattle Metropolitans, the western title holders. It was a hard fought, strenuous hockey battle last night, the home team winning out by three goals to nothing.

With two victories already, the Easterners have but to add one more victory to their credit to obtain possession of the Stanley Cup.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harris are in the city on their way to Stewart. Duke Harris also arrived from the south yesterday and proceeded to Hazelton on the train.

Was Virtual Chaos In U.S. Navy when States Entered War

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

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Virtual chaos existed in the Navy Department at the time the United States entered the war, Capt. Harris Laning, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation during the war, testified yesterday before the Senate Investigating Committee.

Capt. Laning said no one knew what to do after a plan of action submitted by the bureau of operations had been disapproved and the "personal characteristics of the secretary of the navy made it impossible to get approval of really important policies."

FINANCIAL POST TELLS OF B. C.

Complimentary Article on Financial Statement Recently Issued by Provincial Government.

In regard to the financial statement recently issued by the Provincial Government the Financial Post of Toronto says:—

"The first annual statement of public accounts of any Canadian government—federal or provincial—to be issued with revenue and expenditures of each department of the government segregated under one heading, and with corresponding tables showing actual and estimated revenue and expenditure in each item side by side, was tabled in the British Columbia legislature last week. This business-like form of presenting the public accounts is the culmination of a series of important improvements in government auditing that have characterized the accounts and estimates of the coast province during the past two or three years. It will be remembered that estimates of revenue and expenditure for the year 1918-1919 showed improvements in arrangement and classification, and these improvements have been adapted to the public accounts."

Departmental Classification.

"Under the old form of estimates and public accounts, which is still followed in all the other Canadian provinces and by the Dominion Government, it was impossible to arrive at the total cost of any one service, nor could reliable estimates be made from year to year. Under the new system, it will be possible to make these comparisons, and the accounts are simplified to such an extent that in one small table the revenue and expenditure of each item of service—the premier's office, department of mines, department of agriculture, etc.—is shown in comparison with the estimates for the year."

"Net revenue of the province for the year was \$10,931,279, exceeding the estimates by nearly \$1,000,000 and the 1918 figures by \$2,100,000. A large part of the increase in revenue came from the income tax, which brought in \$1,506,669, as against only \$670,638 in 1918 and \$296,801 in 1917. The largest single item in the revenue account was again timber licenses, which brought in \$2,276,795, as compared with \$1,797,978 in 1918. Other important items, with comparative figures for the previous year, are: real property tax, 1919, \$991,203; 1918, \$1,013,983; wild land tax, 1919, \$792,416; 1918, \$690,638; personal property tax, 1919, \$800,415; 1918, \$521,206."

WANTED

A good pump action shotgun and .22 high power rifle. Must be in good condition and cheap for cash. Apply room 7, Savoy Hotel.—J. F. Osterbauer. 72

Sidney Wermig returned from Vancouver on the Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon on his return to Winnipeg. He will remain a few days in the city visiting with his brother, Fred Wermig, before going east.

UNITED STATES NAVAL BILL IS UP TO SENATE

Provides for an Expenditure of \$425,000,000 in All—Passes Lower House.

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

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Naval Appropriations Bill carrying approximately \$425,000,000, passed the House today without a dissent. It now goes to the Senate.

The appropriation includes previous expenditures aggregating \$104,000,000. The remainder is to carry on construction of new ships authorized in the 1916 three-year program and for an enlisted personnel averaging 125,000 in the navy and 20,000 in the marine corps.

The bill has no provision for new construction in addition to vessels already authorized and contracts for which have been awarded.

PREMIER MINE MANAGER TELLS PLANS OF YEAR

Will Continue Development and Expect to Ship Ore All Summer.

Dale L. Pitt, manager of the Premier mine at Stewart, is in the city today on his way back to the mine after attending a meeting of the board of directors in Spokane. It was at this meeting that R. K. Neill resigned as manager and Mr. Pitt was promoted from the position of assistant to take his place.

Speaking of the intentions of the company Mr. Pitt said that it was the purpose to continue development work with the diamond drill. Two engineers were accompanying him back to the mine, Messrs. Hansen and Trojanowski, of the American Smelting & Refining Co. staff. They would look after the plans and the site for the new mill which is about to be erected at the mine. The equipment is already on the ground.

Increase Capacity.

Mr. Pitt further said that the saw mill would be operated again just as soon as they could get started in order to cut timber for the new plant. They were also installing two new compressors in order to increase the drilling capabilities.

Labor conditions Mr. Pitt said were more satisfactory than during the winter. The company expected to continue to ship high-grade ore and to mill the low grade. They hoped to ship all summer in wagons over the road. The lower part of the road was not good, but they hoped to have it good enough for the purpose. He hardly expected that aeroplanes would be used to any extent at the Premier.

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