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Imperial Conference on War Claims

JOHN BARNESLEY IS APPOINTED MANAGER OF UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Conference Called of Self Governing Parts of Empire

Lloyd George Sends Out Invitation to Canada and Other Dominions to Discuss War Claims against Germany

(Special by Government Wire.)
 LONDON, May 26.—Premier Lloyd George has summoned representatives from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa to meet the Imperial cabinet in London to discuss questions arising out of the war claims against Germany.

The action taken by the Premier is looked upon here as another step toward giving the self governing dominions a voice in matters of general interest to the Empire.

GENERAL BOOTH BEGINNING TOUR OF THE WORLD



General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, is seen bidding his many friends and fellow workers goodbye before starting on his tour of the world. The photo was taken at the Victoria station in London.

J. BARNESLEY FOR MANAGER

Expected That Former Prince Rupert Resident Will Succeed Late E. H. Beasley.

LONG EXPERIENCE WITH STEAMSHIPS

VANCOUVER, May 26.—It is announced here that John Barnesley, assistant general manager of the Union Steamship Company, may undertake the duties of manager, succeeding E. H. Beasley, who was killed in an aeroplane accident at Minoru Park on Monday.

Mr. Barnesley has been connected with the coast shipping interests for many years. He was manager of the Boscowitz Steamship Co. for a number of years with headquarters in Victoria. This concern operated the Barbara Boscowitz and the Venture in the coast service. When the Boscowitz Company was absorbed by the Union Steamship Company, Mr. Barnesley took over the Prince Rupert agency and continued his interest in the concern. This arrangement continued until last year, when he removed to Vancouver to undertake the work of assistant manager, his place being taken at Prince Rupert by his son, Jack Barnesley.

Mr. Barnesley knows the coast conditions thoroughly and is eminently suited to the position that he is about to undertake.

Objections Taken to Elliott Defence

First Round of Legal Fight in Action for Libel Brought by Premier Oliver Against Lawyer for Dolly Varden Company

VICTORIA, May 26.—The Oliver libel suit against R. T. Elliott, K. C., came up in Supreme Court chambers yesterday, when plaintiff's counsel applied for an order of the court striking out the greater part of Elliott's statement of defence.

The defendants countered with an application for an order granting the defence the right to cross-examine Premier Oliver on his affidavit in support of plaintiff's application to have numerous paragraphs of the statement of defence struck out.

As a result of the cross applications and the discussion thereon counsel for the Premier withdrew certain allegations to the effect that portions of Elliott's statement of defence were untrue.

Yesterday's application on behalf of the Premier claims that the defence makes statements which are unnecessary, scandalous and contrary to the ordinary rules of pleading and tending to embarrass or delay the trial of the action.

SAW HUSBAND FALL TO EARTH

Mr. E. H. Beasley Was Watching Fatal Flight—Pilot's Injuries Slight.

VANCOUVER, May 26.—Mrs. E. H. Beasley saw her husband killed here on the 24th. Pilot Major H. Baker, the pilot in charge of the machine, received only superficial wounds and is recovering. Mr. Beasley was 44 years of age and was born in Liverpool. He had been managing director of the Union Steamship Company for nine years. He was related to directors of the Cunard Line.

LOSE FACULTIES OF EDUCATION

Changes to be Made in System of Training Teachers in Ontario.

TORONTO, May 26.—With the end of the present term the Faculties of Education at the University of Toronto and Queen's University pass out of existence. Hereafter all teachers will receive their training in the various Normal Schools of the province. Announcement to that effect was made recently by Hon. R. B. Grant, minister of education.

Queen's University did not wish to part with its Faculty of Education, but finally acceded to the request of the minister. A grant of \$400,000 has been made to the Faculty of Medicine there to reimburse it for the loss of the Faculty of Education.

Changes in the educational system of Ontario are being made gradually. The Government, it is understood, is in sympathy with several of the reforms suggested by Thos. Marshall, M.P.P. for Lincoln, which he brought forward in speaking on his educational resolution in the House. At that time he attacked the Faculties of Education and the training of teachers generally.

Hon. Mr. Grant had in mind the abolition of the faculties before that time, however. The change, Hon. Mr. Grant says, will mean a more convenient and probably more efficient training of teachers. A saving in money is also expected. One of the objects in taking over the two faculties is that the Department of Education might have the curriculum for the training of teachers entirely within its control. An enabling bill was passed at the last session to bring schools training high school teachers under the Minister of Education. With this bill effective, the training of all teachers for high and public schools will come under the Department of Education.

It is not yet known whether a grant will be given to the University of Toronto similar to that given to Queen's as "balm" for the loss of its Faculty of Education.

TWO FLAGS BUT SAME BANNER

It Says Hon. Arthur Meighen in Three-Hour Speech to House of Commons Last Night.

OTTAWA, May 26.—In a speech dealing with the budget, Hon. Arthur Meighen held the undivided attention of the House of Commons last night for three hours. He charged that the two opposition parties, the Liberals and the Progressives, were fighting under two flags but the same banner. They were endeavoring to attract the support of both the free traders and the protectionists with the ultimate intention of throwing them both down.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League.
 Chicago 7, Philadelphia 2.
 Cincinnati 11, Boston 2.
 Pittsburgh 2, Brooklyn 0.
 New York 7, St. Louis 4.
American League.
 New York 4, Detroit 3.
 Boston 3, St. Louis 4.
 Philadelphia 5, Chicago 1.
 Washington-Cleveland, rain.
Pacific International.
 Yakima 6, Vancouver 4.
 Victoria 13, Tacoma 8.
 Spokane 7, Seattle 2.

Special Notice
Annual Meeting
 OF THE
Swimming Club
 In the City Hall,
 Thursday, 27th May
 at 8 o'clock p.m. sharp
 Everybody turn out. Everybody welcome.
 E. R. TABRUM, Secy.

\$2,500 in Prizes Offered This Year At the Fall Fair

D. McD. Hunter Appointed Secretary and Vigorous Policy to be Initiated; Committees Almost Complete; New Director Chosen

The directors of the Agricultural Association have arranged for a prize list this year exceeding \$2,500 in value and including a large variety of exhibits. This was reported at the meeting held last night for the purpose of forwarding the work of preparing for the fall fair.

D. McD. Hunter has been appointed permanent secretary and in order to take the position he last night resigned from the directorate, his place being filled by the appointment of W. E. Thompson, manager of the Seal Cove Marine Ways. A progressive policy is to be initiated and it is the hope of the directors to have a bigger and better fair this year than has ever been held in the city before.

The secretary announces that it is expected to have a great many industrial features, attractions and entertainments, in addition to the usual display of agricultural and other exhibits. He invites the co-operation of the whole community and suggests looking forward and not backward except to take lessons from the experience of the past.

Committees have been appointed and are almost complete and

everything points to a successful year.

The Prince Rupert did not sail on Monday. The longshoremen at Vancouver, it is understood, refuse to load or discharge ships operating with what they term unfair crews.

The police magistrate and the chief of police have moved into their new office in the extension to the city hall. The new office is light and airy and much larger.

Launch Alice B. Phone Blue 548.

New Tax Strikes Workers Millionaires Untouched

Dr. Clark of Red Deer is Pessimistic over Working of New Taxes Levied by Government on So Called Luxuries

OTTAWA, May 26.—In the House of Commons yesterday Dr. Clark of Red Deer said the new luxury tax would operate to decrease business. As a result of the tax stores would soon begin to discharge employees. The next step to that would be the discharge of factory workers, ending in final stagnation.

Dr. Clark said the farmers were practically exempt from taxation. Under the provisions of the new budget he would go untouched. He could wear cheap clothes, grow his own food and live free from the operation of the tax. It struck at the veterans and workers and left the millionaires and war profiteers practically untouched.

MANUFACTURERS AGAINST BUDGET

Take Exception to Sales Tax and Tax on Gold at Meeting in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, May 26.—At a meeting of representative members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday, the one per cent sales tax was especially objected to as likely to repeat itself until it became a burden on the consumer.

W. W. Birks, of Henry Birks & Sons, jewellers, strongly criticized the gold tax on objects used for personal household use. He considered this a severe check on trade, also as tending to kill the tourist business.

OBJECTION TAKEN TO "PATTING" DOMINIONS

A speaker at a recent meeting in London was the High Commissioner for Australia, who preached a little sermon on the evil of "patting" the Dominions. He meant treating them as though they were good children deserving of their parents' approval. Now, the ordinary Englishman is not much addicted to this amiable but silly mistake. There are, however, certain men in high places who, not having travelled beyond Europe and being bad judges of character, fancy they are doing the Empire a service by flattering the Canadian and Australian.

Experience during the war taught most of us how deeply this method of ingratiating is resented. The Englishman himself does not care about flattery; and, indeed, it is a tribute he rarely receives. Why, then, should he seek to "pat" other Britons, whose make-up is very much like his own?

ANOTHER MAN IS COMMITTED

H. Hakkannon is Charged With Stealing Gold-Filled Watch. He and McKinnon Elect Today.

H. Hakkannon came up in the police court this morning for preliminary hearing on the charge of stealing a \$24 watch from Santokkh Singh, a Hindu, and was committed for trial. According to the informant, Singh, the alleged theft took place last evening about 9 o'clock. Accused and himself had gone out to the Seal Cove mill, where they are employed. When they got off the bus, accused came up to informant and asked him for money, but the Hindu said he had none. Accused then asked him the time and when he took out his watch, a gold-filled Waltham, Hakkannon snatched it and ran away. The police were then informed by Singh.

The arrest of the accused was made at the Hub Cabaret by Constable McGlinchy. At the time of arrest he was drunk and on being brought to the police station and searched, the watch was found. The accused maintains that the watch was given to him and it was not stolen. He was fined ten dollars and costs for drunkenness, and will stand trial for the greater offense.

Together with Donald McKinnon, who was yesterday committed for theft, Hakkannon will come before Judge Young for election at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

HOPPERS HATCHING

Millions Already at Melita, But May be Exterminated.

Melita, Man., May 26.—The grasshopper menace is a very real and threatening one here. Already millions of them are hatched and the eggs are so plentiful that there is no escape for the crop once they are hatched out unless methods of destruction can be brought about in the immediate future. The hopeful feature is that the means of combating them are known and available. The only question is the determination of the people to use them effectively.

COL. McSPADDEN DIED SATURDAY

Was Officer in Charge of Irish Fusiliers' Garrison Here in 1914.

VANCOUVER, May 25.—Lieut.-Col. George McSpadden, of the 11th Irish Fusiliers, a pioneer of Vancouver and an ex-alderman, died here last Saturday and was buried yesterday afternoon. Col. McSpadden was originally in the real estate business but always has taken an interest in military affairs, especially since the war. He was 56 years of age.

Colonel McSpadden will be remembered by many Prince Rupert people as he was in charge of the company of Irish Fusiliers who came here on garrison duty in 1914 and were stationed in the old Premier Hotel. His second in command was Major M. J. Crehan who also is a resident of Vancouver.

NO MONOPOLY WORLD'S FUEL

Sir Auckland Geddes Denies Any Militaristic Motives Actuate Great Britain.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Sweeping denial of the statement that Great Britain is seeking to monopolize the world's fuel oil supply, was made here last night by Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador.

Such statements are completely without basis in fact, the ambassador said. It has been charged that Britain is moved by the military impulse, but such is not the case.

TONIGHT ONLY
WEST HOLME
 THEATRE
JAMES K. HACKETT,
EFFIE SHANNON,
MABEL JULIENE SCOTT
 IN
"Ashes of Love"
 This is the first appearance of this cast in Rupert
Comedy Chester Outing