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CHIEF JUSTICE RESERVES DECISION ON QUESTION OF LIQUOR PROBE LEGALITY

WILL DECIDE WHETHER ROYAL COMMISSION CAN INVESTIGATE REGARDING CRIMINAL ACTS—COUNSEL GIVE OPPOSING OPINIONS TO AID JUDGE IN DECISION

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Vancouver, January 8.—“As this is a matter of public interest I think I will reserve judgment,” thus dealt Chief Justice Hunter with the question of the legality of the government inquiry into the illicit trafficking in liquor, after hearing lengthy argument from counsel.

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dispute the right of the province to enact a prohibition law, but when penalties for its violation were invoked he contended the proceedings became part of the criminal proceedings of Canada. “I maintain,” he said, “that you have no right to conduct a police inquiry under the guise of a royal commission.”

CANADIANS ARE WITH IRISH IN THEIR DEMANDS

Three Prominent Liberals Express Sympathy With Cause of Self Government Across the Seas.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—Letters from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Roudolphe Lemieux and Hon. Charles Murphy expressing sympathy with the claims of Ireland for self-government and encouragement for a meeting of local Irishmen, to be held here for the discussion of the subject, have been received by the organizer, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid states his sympathies have always been with the Irish people in their claims for liberty to govern themselves, which Canadians enjoy. Lemieux expresses similar sentiments.

THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

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UKRANIANS OPPOSED TO BOLSHEVIKI

Constitutional Convention at Kiev This Month to Declare Republic.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, January 8.—Of all the friendly republics that have sprung up on the territories of the former Russian Empire those of Poland and Ukraine are perhaps the most promising, and the Allies will doubtless spare no efforts to help them fight the Bolsheviki in their territories.

Early in December the forces of the National Ukrainian Union, comprising all the popular political parties, overthrew the Russian reactionaries, who had continued in power in Kiev under the German occupation, capturing a garrison of 8,000 Germans and established a Liberal, independent Government, pro-Ally in sentiment and ready to oppose Bolshevism with an irregular army of some 500,000 patriots.

This Government has offered to assume the obligation of one-third of Russia's old foreign department which the Bolsheviki refused to recognize. It has intimated in every way its earnest desire to win the respect and sympathy of the Allies. A constitutional convention will be held in Kiev this month which will formally declare the Ukrainian National Republic and select peace delegates.

LUMBER COMMISSIONER GETS IMPORTANT JOB

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—L. S. Beale now in England as special lumber commissioner for British Columbia has been appointed British Trade Commissioner with headquarters at Winnipeg. He will have jurisdiction from here to the coast. He returns next month.

Mr. Beale was appointed recently by the Provincial Government and was largely instrumental in securing for Canada the order for a billion feet, announcement of which was made a few days ago. His appointment will be popular except for the fact that he will be lost to this province as a special representative.

KILLED BY TAXI

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Edmonton, Jan. 7.—Miss Annie Craig, 30 years of age, clerk in the Imperial Bank here, was struck and almost instantly killed by a taxi-cab, while crossing Jasper Avenue, to post a letter.

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WHICH IS THE SPOKESMAN FOR RUSSIA?

LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO BE FORMED OF FIVE LEADING POWERS OF WORLD

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, January 8.—As far as it has been developed the general scheme for a league of nations agrees with the previous forecasts. It is learned that the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan will form the nucleus and will declare that the league will preserve the peace of the world and justice for all. An arbitration board will be created and it will be backed by the combined forces of all. All other nations will be taken in when they have demonstrated that they are capable of self government.

ROUMANIANS ARE STARVING

Hoover Says \$350,000,000 Worth of Foodstuffs Required in Southern Europe Until Harvest.

COMMISSION ON RELIEF INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Washington, Jan. 8.—At least 1,400,000 tons of foodstuffs, costing approximately \$350,000,000 delivered, is needed to carry through until next harvest the population of the districts thus far investigated by the American staff of the commission on European relief. This estimate is sent by Herbert Hoover to the Food Administration in a cablegram reviewing the conditions as found in Central Europe and the Balkan States. The Roumanians are said to be actually starving and in great distress otherwise.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Reports that the Dominion Government has decided to advance \$25,000,000 credit for Roumanian purchases in Canada are authoritatively stated to be without foundation. The question of establishing such a credit was discussed in London. It is understood a definite conclusion has not yet been reached.

NO DISPLAY AT ROOSEVELT INTERMENT

Many Important Persons Present and Four Telegraph Operators Took Condolences

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Oyster Bay, Jan. 8.—The funeral of ex-President Roosevelt took place here this afternoon. The remains were interred in Young's Memorial Cemetery at Oyster Bay Cove, a spot selected by Mr. Roosevelt himself. There was no display, the Anglican Church burial rite being followed and everything being as simple as possible. Employees of the family were pall bearers. There was a congressional delegation present and many prominent persons from a distance. The family received condolences from all parts of the world, four telegraph operators being engaged in receiving them.

TO VISIT STATES.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, Jan. 7.—President Poincaré probably will visit the United States late in July or early in August.

LABOR MEN FORMULATE A CIVIC PLATFORM FOR THE CANDIDATES TO ENDORSE

FIVE PLANKS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AT OPEN MEETING OF TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL LAST NIGHT AND FINALLY ADOPTED WITH-OUT AMENDMENT

LABOR'S MUNICIPAL PROGRAM.

1. Resurfacing of graded streets and grading to be done where economically possible.
2. The retaining of Cow Bay for the fishing industry and municipal ownership, also securing of waterfrontage in that district for the erection of wharves and other essential facilities for promoting the fishing industry.
3. Strict enforcement of all municipal laws regulating cabarets theatres and other places of amusement and licensing the dispensers of drink, male and female.
4. To have a thorough investigation into the conducting of municipally owned utilities with a view to ascertaining the cause for increased rates and insufficient street lighting.
5. The taking over of the Prince Rupert Hospital and the operating of same as a municipal institution.

At a well attended open meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night in Carpenters' Hall, with W. E. Thompson presiding, a platform, presented by S. D. Macdonald on behalf of the Legislative Committee was adopted after a long discussion. This platform is the one to which Labor candidates are expected to subscribe and curiously enough several of its provisions were hotly contested by Alderman Casey, who is one of the candidates interested.

The discussion was temperate and the points well thought out and often clever, but some of the speakers naturally drifted away from the subject. There was, however, a spirit of easy toleration which allowed a great deal of latitude.

City Streets.
As a member of the present Council and Chairman of the Board of Works, Alderman Casey naturally took a good deal of part in the discussions. He explained some of the difficulties in regard to road construction and upkeep and said that he did not wish to shirk responsibility for the present condition.

One delegate told of the bad condition of Eighth Ave. where he had been almost upset from a car owing to a big hole in the road. He thought if Casey was one of the committee he should fill the holes up.

The alderman explained that it was not his fault but he did not wish to shirk responsibility.

Cow Bay Again.
In discussing the Cow Bay question Alderman Casey asked if the clause meant the holding of the bay as at present. He understood that the bay meant a good deal to the fishermen but he could not think its value so great as to make it necessary to interfere with the yard policy of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The Company was able to look after itself but it was impossible to get away from the fact that the progress of the city depended on the railway company. It was not good business to jump out and interfere with its development. He said he thought Mr. Montgomery was the only one who persistently stood out for holding Cow Bay. He favored rather letting the company complete its yards and develop the trade and commerce of the place.

To Reach Sea.
The discussion then became general and there was a good deal of talk about corporate methods. Mr. Hanna thought there was no room outside for fishing boats where they could be safe and it was better to retain the inside. Walter Shaw spoke ironically of an imaginary condition under which all had to submit and thought it good to have a place to go out or come in like cattle. There was plenty of room for railway yards elsewhere, but there was no other place where the people could reach the sea.

Mr. Morse said the understanding was that they would not give up Cow Bay until they got something adequate in exchange. The

fishermen had been talking of making a centre at Port Edward. A discussion then ensued as to the views of fishermen, a number of delegates taking part, the clause of the report being finally adopted by a large majority vote.

Licensing Drink Dispensers.
In discussing the law enforcement and morality question the labor men showed themselves strongly favoring a clean town and improved conditions morally and socially, the question of how to bring this about being the chief question which caused difference of opinion. There was considerable opposition to the clause in the report in regard to licensing cabarets and the dispensers of drinks as doing so made the city a party to the evils which went with them. The report was finally adopted after an amendment had been voted down.

Other Matters.
The plank providing for a thorough investigation into the municipally owned utilities was carried without discussion and everyone seemed in favor of the city taking over the hospital until such time as a general policy of provincial or Dominion hospital control became effective. The platform was then adopted in its entirety and the meeting adjourned at 11:30.

ARRESTED FOR TELLING

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
London, Jan. 7.—Capt. Lang, aviator, who on Thursday last established a new airplane altitude record of 30,500 feet, has been placed under arrest by the British army authorities, for disclosing, without authority, details of the climb.

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