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BRITISH COLUMBIA MEMBER DISCUSSES FISHERIES AND THE IMMIGRATION POLICY

FOREIGNERS HAVE CAPTURED THE FISHERIES, SAYS W. G. McQUARRIE OF NEW WESTMINSTER AND COMMISSIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS DO NO GOOD

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

In the House of Commons yesterday during the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, W. G. McQuarrie of New Westminster criticised the granting of the majority of British Columbia fishing licenses to citizens of foreign countries. Another British Columbia member, Dr. Bonnell of East Vancouver, strongly supported a department of public health as a means of helping in the fight against tuberculosis. Col. Peck, V. C., will continue the debate this afternoon.

The Fisheries.

Mr. McQuarrie said that in British Columbia there was great dissatisfaction in regard to the fisheries and it would be a good thing for the Minister of Marine Fisheries to give this matter serious consideration. Royal commissions had been appointed and investigations made, yet the situation did not seem to have cleared up.

Less Production.

In the Fraser River there had been a falling off in production. The total last year was 206,003 fish below normal and he deplored the situation in regard to the fisheries as alarming. The majority of the fishing licenses in British Columbia were issued to foreigners and a great part of the catch was granted to other nations—Austrians, Greeks,

and strictly speaking the Oriental fishermen were not foreigners because they had taken the oath of allegiance to the King. As a matter of fact, however, they were only citizens of Canada for business purposes. They remained loyal to their own country.

Immigration.

The immigration policy particularly in its relation to British Columbia was discussed at length by Mr. McQuarrie. Certain classes were not wanted, he said, and the ones that consisted of races that could not be assimilated in Canada. The Chinese, of which there were so many, and the Japanese were two such races. Immigrants argued that Chinese were cheap labor, but such was not the case.

Monopoly.

Mr. McQuarrie, continued Mr. McQuarrie, had now a practical monopoly of the fisheries of British Columbia and were entering lines of industry. As for

the Hindus, the very worst type seemed to find their way into Canada, and if they made any money they did not spend it here, but sent it home.

Other classes of people Canada did not want as immigrants were Austrians, Germans, Turks and labor agitators.

NO AEROPLANES 'FOR GERMAN MILITARY USE

Not Feasible to Prohibit Employment of Planes for Commercial Purposes.

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

Paris, March 14.—The aerial terms of the German disarmament, as adopted by the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference, provide that airplanes and dirigibles shall no longer be used for military purposes.

The Council decided it was not feasible to prohibit the use of airplanes for commercial uses.

OBJECTION TAKEN TO RAISING OF RENTS

War Veterans and Trades and Labor Council Pass Joint Resolution.

At a joint meeting of the executive committees of the Great War Veterans and the Trades and Labor Council a resolution was passed protesting against the increase in rents in this city. The resolution reads as follows:

It having been brought to our notice that there is a move in this city among certain people to raise the rents of houses, we herewith go on record as protesting against any move of this nature as detrimental to our city and the present period of reconstruction in the unsettled condition of things as at present prevailing.

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PRELIMINARY WORK ON THE SHIPYARDS PROCEEDING APACE

Newman Erb of New York Is Expected to Visit City in Near Future.

J. L. Mullen, president of the Prince Rupert Drydock & Engineering Co., left last night for Vancouver and will probably be away for some days. In the meantime F. F. Schellenberg is in charge of the preliminary work at the shipyards and he reports that things are being pushed as fast as possible. There is nothing to tell yet in regard to the laying down of the ways and as the work on the plans is proceeding and the details have not yet been settled.

Newman Erb, president of the Board of Directors, is expected to leave New York within a few days for Prince Rupert but the time of the visit is somewhat uncertain and it will have nothing to do with hastening or retarding the work on the shipyards.

FIVE FISH CATCHES SOLD THIS MORNING

Caygeon Brought in 8,500 Pounds Which Will Sell on Sunday.

Five fishing schooners arrived in port during the night and all the catches sold except one, the Caygeon.

The catches were the Atli with 12,000 lbs.; Altan with 9,500 lbs.; Alliance, 1,500 lbs.; Siren with 2,000 lbs. of halibut and 300 lbs. of salmon, and the Caygeon with 8,500 lbs. of halibut which will sell on Sunday morning. The prices received by the other boats were 13.8c. and 10c. for the halibut, and 17c. and 11c. for the salmon.

The fish were purchased by the Pacific Fisheries Co., Ltd.

All the fishing boats reported very rough weather outside, with cold northerly winds and driving snow.

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BLOCKADE OF GERMANY IS TO BE LIFTED

Financial Boycott Against Enemy Country to Become a Thing of the Past.

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

Paris, March 14.—The financial blockade against Germany is expected to be lifted as a result of negotiations going on in Brussels. This blockade was applied at the same time as the commercial blockade, all neutral money centres being informed that any loans made to Germany would result in the termination of their financial relations with the Allies.

FREE MINERS' LEAGUE PASSES RESOLUTION

Brings to Attention of Government Need of an Assay Office Here.

At a meeting of the Free Miners' League held here in Prince Rupert on March 11 the following resolution was passed: Whereas the prospectors and holders of free miners' certificates in British Columbia at the present time are laboring under difficulties with regards to assaying of ore samples, as to time and costs, and with special reference to the Northern and Central mining divisions where no assay offices are established.

Whereas it is the intention of this League to assist the prospector by bringing before the Government of British Columbia his legislative needs.

Be it therefore resolved; that the matter is respectfully brought to the attention of the Government and copies of this resolution be forwarded to the mining convention to be held under the auspices of the Chamber of Mines at Vancouver, March 17, 18 and 19, 1919, for discussion and endorsement. Furthermore that copies be sent to the Hon. Minister of Mines, the Hon. Minister of Lands, as well as the members of Skeena, Omineca, and Athin Districts, in addition to the Prince Rupert Board of Trade.

Regular meeting of the Fish Packers Union tonight at 8 p. m. A full attendance is requested.

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GOVERNMENT CREATED BAD IMPRESSION

Chairman Smithers and London Times Criticise Action of the Canadian Government.

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

London, March 14.—Chairman Smithers of the Grand Trunk Railway says the Canadian Government statement covering the acquisition of the Grand Trunk Pacific is calculated, perhaps unintentionally, to give a wrong impression. He will issue an official statement when the company meets the shareholders next week.

The Times' financial editor says the Canadian Government action created a bad impression in British financial circles.

TROUBLE BETWEEN JAPANESE AND YANKS

Marines Force Way Into Nipponese Consulate and Assault Officers.

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

Peking, March 14.—United States marines raided the Japanese concession at Tien Tsin, forcing their way into the Japanese consulate and assaulting the consular officers, according to despatches received here. The trouble was caused by rough treatment given United States soldiers who became disorderly in the Japanese quarter.

WASHINGTON TO TAKE HAND IN STRIKE OF SHIPPING WORKERS

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

New York, March 14.—The commandeering by the Government of a fleet of harbor craft sufficient to restore traffic in New York's strike-bound harbor has been decided upon by officials of the army and navy and the United States Shipping Board.

If the boats are taken over by the Government agencies, they will be managed by union crews working eight hours a day on a wage scale recently agreed upon.

Army and Navy Concert, Empress Theatre, March 25.

NOTICE

All those found cutting timber in the city park reserve between McBride St. and Hays Cove Circle will be prosecuted, and those who wish to take away any fallen timber must get a permit from the city clerk.

T. McCLYMONT,
Mayor.

LABOR TAKES GREAT STEP IN ORGANIZATION

Convention Recommends Cutting of International Affiliations and Replacing With Industrial Unions.

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

Calgary, March 13.—A resolution supporting the policy of industrial unionism, and separation from international organizations passed amid the greatest enthusiasm at the Western Canada Labor Conference. The following is the resolution:

"Resolved, that this convention recommend to the affiliated memberships the severance of their affiliation with international organizations and that steps be taken to form an industrial organization of all workers.

Be it further resolved that a circular letter outlining the probable plan of organization be sent out to the various organizations, and that the referendum on the question be taken at the same time, and that the question be submitted to the entire Canadian membership, ballot returns to be segregated from Port Arthur as the dividing line between east and west.

SOPHIA INQUIRY IS AGAIN ADJOURNED

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

Victoria, March 14.—In order that the log book kept by Captain McDonald, master of the fishing schooner Amy, may be subjected to microscopic and photographic examination to see if certain alleged erasures and substitutions had been made, the Princess Sophia Commission has been adjourned until Thursday next.

The Steamer Prince Albert leaves for Stewart on Monday on one of her regular trips. She will carry freight and passengers.

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