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Smuts and Loyalists Are Now Ahead

FOREIGN OFFICE MAKES APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS

South Africa Safe Within Empire for some Time Yet

General Smuts has Good Lead in General Election Count; Labor Leader is Defeated by Smuts Candidate; Working Majority Expected

LONDON, February 9.—The South African election returns so far received show the South African party headed by General Smuts has elected 23 candidates, Laborites 3, Nationalists 2, and Independents 1.

Frederick H. Gresswell, the labor leader, was defeated by a Smuts candidate, this being the feature of the election.

The main issue before the people was that of the independence of the Nationalists and remaining part of the British Empire as championed by Smuts. From early returns there seems little doubt but that the country is still solidly British.

CAPETOWN, February 9. (Later). At midnight the election returns showed the South African Party headed by General Smuts elected 39 candidates, Laborites 9. The Nationalists will gain a few seats in the Transvaal but the prevailing opinion is that they will have a good working majority.

ALLOT BOX GONE ASTRAY

Person of Delta Unable to Take Seat Owing to Lack of Final Count.

VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—Government officials have ordered a search for a ballot box which has gone astray while in the mail from Fort Langley to Chilliwack a few miles. Until the box is found the final count of ballots in the Delta by-election cannot be known and the winner of the election cannot be officially declared by the representative of the dis-

trict. Paterson did not participate in today's opening ceremonies.

WILL CROOKS IS TO RESIGN

Constituency will be Contested By J. R. Macdonald for Labor Party.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—According to all aid, the London labor paper, Will Crooks, the labor member of Parliament, will give his seat for Woolwich on account of ill-health.

The Independent Labor Party chosen J. R. Macdonald, the member for Leicester, to contest the seat in their behalf.

SOLINE DROPS AT PRAIRIE CENTRE

WINNIPEG, Feb. 9.—Gasoline taken a tumble here following lowering in price of crude oil, reduction of about two to two and a half cents a gallon has been made.

The price now charged here is with higher grades at 53¢.

WE HAD ANOTHER PREMIER ORE CARGO

Prince John reached port Stewart at 4 o'clock this morning with another 500 tons of grade gold ore from the Pre-mine. The vessel cleared at 8:30 for Tacoma where she will be unloaded for



GEN. JAN CHRISTIAN SMUTS

Premier of South Africa who has been re-elected with good majority.

ESCAPED LIFE SERVER FOUND

George Van Horst, Who Escaped From Penitentiary, Arrested In Seattle.

SEATTLE, February 9.—After having escaped from the New Westminster penitentiary on July 9 last year, George Van Horst, serving a life sentence for murder, was arrested here last night and will be returned to the Canadian authorities. Van Horst was convicted of murder in throwing a Japanese fisherman out of a boat in the Strait of Georgia. He was sentenced to hang but the sentence was commuted to life. He escaped with another life server, Montesano, from the sick ward in the penitentiary.

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NICHOLSON IS SILENT

Refuses to Discuss Steamship Plans—Knows Nothing of Rumored Changes.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9.—"Our plans are not far enough developed to make a definite announcement," stated Capt. C. H. Nicholson of the National Steamship lines on his return from Ottawa, regarding the rumor that he would place the steamers Prince George and Prince Rupert on the run between Vancouver and San Francisco and bring ships from the Great Lakes to take their places on the Vancouver-Prince Rupert run.

Captain Nicholson said he knew nothing of such a move and was not prepared to discuss the matter.

BALLANTYNE SENDS ANOTHER MESSAGE

Belated Letter Arrived this Morning, Just too Late to be Effective.

The following was received this morning signed by G. G. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries:

"To give other food resources an opportunity to recover, but primarily to assist in the development of the fishing industry and enable Canada to take its logical place at the head of the fish producing countries, I would ask every hotel keeper and restauranteur throughout the country to give prominence to Canadian fish on Fisherman's Day—National Fish Day, February 9."

"We at home consume about one-third of the fish we produce. Canada is our biggest buyer. Unlimited supplies of fish are available to us and our chief concern is to extend the demand for it. Each and every Canadian can do his or her share to develop the most important of our markets—right here at home—by giving fish the place it deserves in one's diet. Let all begin to cultivate the habit on February 9."

W. E. HODGES IS BACK FROM TRIP TO OTTAWA

Is in Conference This Afternoon With Committee Representing Creditors.

W. E. Hodges, official receiver for the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Engineering Co., arrived this morning from Ottawa where he has been for the past few weeks in connection with local dry dock affairs. This afternoon he is in conference with the creditors' committee which was appointed at the last creditors' meeting. The inspectors on this committee are F. Cantwell and J. E. McIlroy, of Vancouver, and George Nicker, son, D. G. Stewart and M. P. McCaffery, of Prince Rupert.



ALEX. M. MANSON

Member for Omineca, who was appointed Speaker of the Legislature yesterday in succession to John Keen.

CANADIAN FLEET IS COMING TO PROVINCE

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The Canadian naval fleet passed through the Panama Canal yesterday and started on its northern voyage. It is due in Esquimalt on March 9.

RAILWAY TAXES ARE DISCUSSED

T. Watson, G.T.P. Representative, Asks Fifty per cent Allowance on Property.

The court of revision sat the most of yesterday afternoon and has adjourned its session to tomorrow morning when the matter of the G.T.P. assessment will be gone on with.

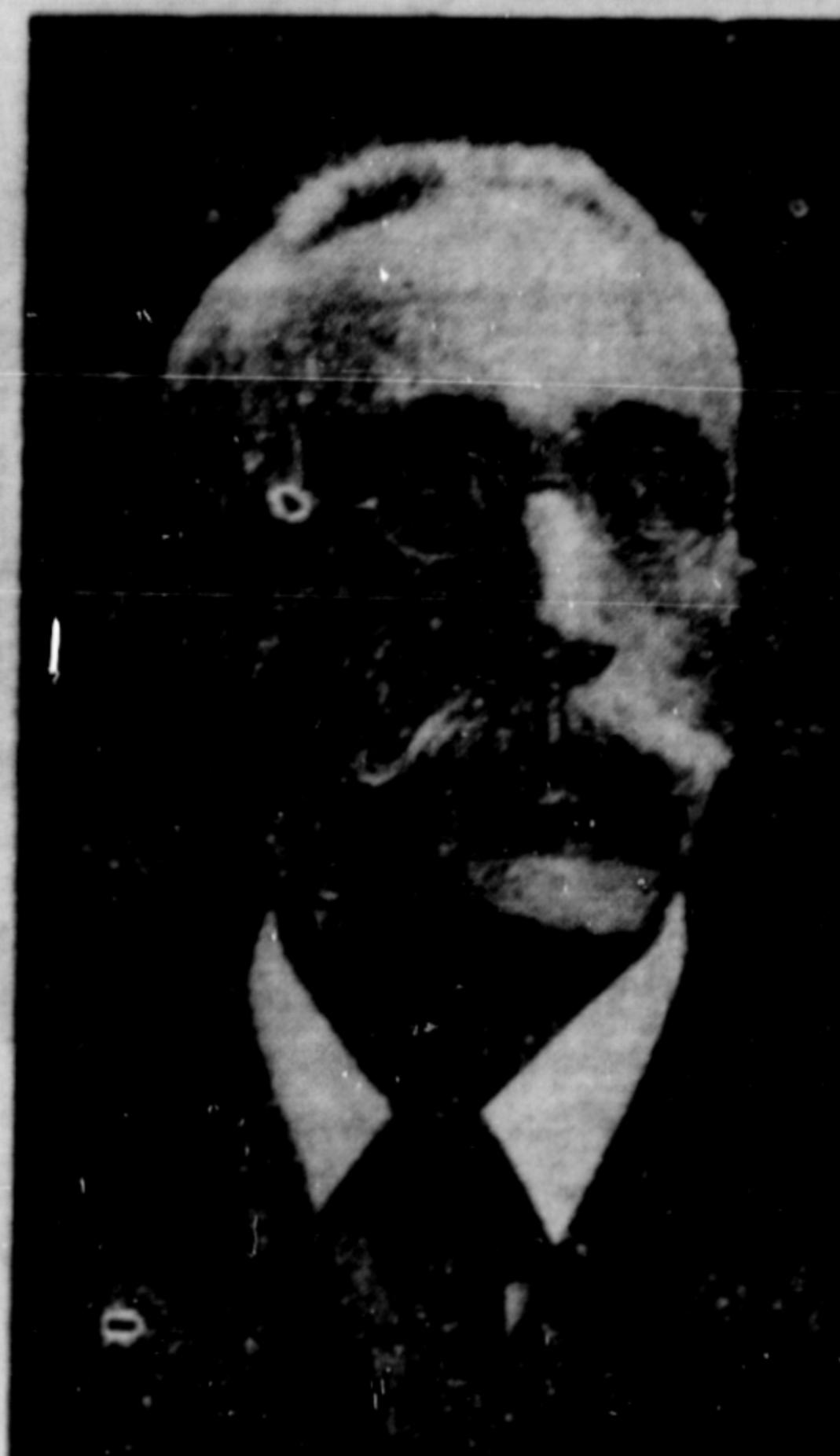
Yesterday afternoon T. Watson, the representative of the railway company, appeared before the court and at some length put forth the case of the railway company. He stated that it was not the desire of the railway company to barter with the city over the matter of assessment, but all that was desired was a fair basis. Ald. Byblaw concurred in this but the viewpoints of the railway company and the city as to what really is a fair basis is the question.

The railway company is asking that the city take as a basis the assessment on adjoining property to that of the railway company and that an allowance of approximately 50 per cent be made for right of way and roadways.

The city's stand is that the railway company is not entitled to this allowance as it was the railway company that originally made the plans and then set forth the roadways, parks and right of ways until such exist and are open to the public.

WORLD'S RECORD IN SKI JUMPING

REVELSTOKE, Feb. 9.—Ivind Nelson broke the world's record for boys' ski jump here today by clearing 120 feet. This was an increase of four feet over his last year's jump.



F. A. PAULINE

Member for Saanich, who was yesterday chosen Deputy Speaker to succeed Mr. Manson.

MANSON CHOSEN HOUSE SPEAKER

Member for Omineca Honored by Legislators by Being Chosen Chairman.

F... PAULINE TAKES PLACE AS DEPUTY

VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—A. M. Manson, member for Omineca, was yesterday afternoon elected speaker of the Fifteenth Legislature of British Columbia. His election was moved by Premier Oliver and seconded by W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition.

F. A. Pauline, member for Saanich, was chosen deputy speaker.

In the customary manner Mr. Manson, in addressing the Lieutenant Governor at the formal opening of the House, claimed for the Commons all the rights and privileges that to them belonged, together with the right of access to the person of His Honor at all reasonable times.

INDIAN CHILD DIED AS RESULT ACCIDENT

Poison Pills Administered by Mother in Mistake—No Blame Attached.

At the inquest held this morning on the death of Celeste Wesley, the six months old Indian child, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death through a poisonous drug being administered in mistake by the mother. No blame was attached to anyone.

Coroner McMullin conducted the inquest and the jury comprised D. McD. Hunter, J. W. Scott, Alex McTae, S. A. Corley, D. Sutherland and P. H. Linzey.

The deceased were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley, parents of the dead child, Martha Wesley, aunt, Dr. L. W. Kerkin and G. H. Orme, who were the buyers.

STEAMER ABANDONED IN MIDDLE ATLANTIC

Bombardier in Sinking Condition Between New York and Belgian Port.

MONTREAL, February 9.—The British steamer Bombardier has been abandoned in mid atlantic in a sinking condition. The crew was taken off by the steamer Mountclay. The Bombardier was en route from New York to a Belgian port.

Britain and States and News Services

British Foreign Office Call Correspondents Together to Issue Warning Against Piece-meal News

MONTREAL, February 9.—A cable from London to the Montreal Star says that on Monday the Foreign Office summoned every correspondent of the American press residing in Great Britain and appealed to them to exercise patience and guard against statements or actions which would arouse feeling between England and America. The appeal was made directly and it was pointed out that the two countries were now treading the paths that lead to war.

It was said that the nations were drifting apart through lack of comprehension of each other. Piecemeal press stories between the two countries were not helping the situation.

DENIED AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—The British chargé d'affaires here, Leslie Craigie, called on Secretary of State Colby today to formally deny the published reports that the British Foreign Office had stated to United States newspapermen that Britain and the United States were treading paths leading to war.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY IS TO APPEAL ACTION OF THE BOARD OF ARBITRATION

MONTREAL, February 9.—Tentative steps towards an appeal by the Grand Trunk Railway from the decision of the arbitration board to decide the value of the railway's preferred and common stock prior to the system being taken over by the Dominion Government, were taken yesterday when counsel for the Grand Trunk tendered evidence, which was refused by the arbitration board.

Sir Walter Gassels and counsel for the company said the evidence had been purposely brought in so that it could be entered in the records as having been offered and refused.

HANNA ASSURES THAT PRINCES STAY HERE

* Mayor Rochester is just in receipt of a wire from D. B. Hanna, C.N.R. president, stating definitely that the steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George are not to be taken from their northern routes.

FIVE CARLOADS FISH SOLD THIS MORNING

Tom and Al, Biggest Boat in, Sold to Cold Storage Co. at 11.7c. and 6c.

Five carloads of halibut were sold at the Fish Exchange this morning, the average price paid being 11c and 6c. The Pacific Sea Products Association, Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., Pacific Fisheries, and Royal Fish Co. were the buyers.

The Tom and Al, 42,000 pounds, had the heaviest catch offering today and she sold for 11.7c and 6c to the Cold Storage Company.

BIG BRIDGE NEAR ANCHORAGE OPENS

Is 504 Feet Long and the Second Largest Span Bridge in the World.

ANCHORAGE, Feb. 9.—Traffic has opened over the Susitna river bridge, the second largest span bridge in the world. It is 504 feet long.

FISH SPECIAL HAD TROUBLE

Derailed by Snowbank at Salvo for Several Hours and Passenger Was Held Up.

Last night's regular passenger train did not arrive until 2:40 this morning, having been delayed near Salvo on account of a derailed engine at that point.

The nine-car fish special which left for the east yesterday morning ran into a snow bank and breaking her pilot had the two front wheels derailed. It was five or six hours before the locomotive was again on the rails and in the meantime, the westbound passenger was delayed, being unable to pass.

JUDGE PELLETIER DIES AT QUEBEC

Was an Outstanding Figure in French-Canadian Politics.

QUEBEC, Feb. 9.—Hon. Louis Philippe Pelletier, judge of the Quebec Court of Appeals, died here yesterday. He was an outstanding figure in political circles in the province.

SOVIET RUSSIA

W. W. LEFEAUX, who left Moscow recently, will speak in the Molotov Hall on Wednesday, February 9, at 8 p.m.