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Canadian Premier Away to London

NO DECISION WAS REACHED IN IMPORTANT CASE AT ASSIZES ON SATURDAY

Jury Disagrees in Holmes Trial and Case is Traversed

After being out for two hours and a half, the jury in the Robert Holmes murder trial at 11:30 on Saturday night returned to the court-room of the assizes being held here by Mr. Justice Gregory and reported that it had disagreed. Owing to the fact that fifteen of the jury panel were challenged before the trial opened on Saturday morning there was not a sufficient number left to form another panel so the case has been traversed until the winter assizes to be held at Prince Rupert.

Admitting the killing of Joseph Booth at Thurston Harbor on January 3 last, the defence pleaded not guilty on the grounds of self defence. The "unwritten law" of the protection of the home entered to a large degree into the case and A. M. Manson, M. L. A., of the firm of Williams, Manson & Gonzales, made a strong address to the jury, asking for Holmes' acquittal. This was somewhat offset by the charge of Mr. Justice Gregory which did not seem to favor the accused. After having been out for two hours, the jury returned to the court-room for further instructions as to what verdict could be brought in. The judge explained that there could be but one of three findings—murder, manslaughter or acquittal. In case of one of the first two findings being brought in a recommendation for mercy could, however, be made. Retiring again, the jury shortly returned reporting disagreement.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY WILL DRILL NORMAN

Purpose to Ascertain if Oil Available in Commercial Quantities.

VANCOUVER, June 6.—Drilling operations are being undertaken at Fort Norman by the Imperial Oil Company for the purpose of definitely ascertaining if oil may become available there in sufficient quantity to be handled on a commercial basis, announced President C. Stillman, of the Imperial Oil Co., here on Saturday.

WATERS RECEDE IN COLORADO

Work of Removing Bodies From Recent Flood Commenced Today.

PUEBLO, June 6.—After a quiet night the city awoke this morning to find the waters of the recent flood in the low lying sections had receded to below the five foot mark and were still going down. The work of moving the bodies in the various districts commenced today.

MANY EDITORS WILL BE AT VANCOUVER TO ATTEND CONVENTION

VANCOUVER, June 6.—One hundred and fifty editors from Eastern Canada, accompanied by one hundred and thirty from the prairies, are now nearing this city to attend the annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association which is to be held here this week. There will be many more editors from this province in attendance.

RALPH CONNOR HELD SERVICE IN PULPIT OF ANGLICAN CHURCH

TORONTO, June 6.—Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), the moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, established a precedent here yesterday by preaching from the pulpit of St. Paul's Anglican Church last night.

"GAME OF HEALTH" SPECIAL ON THIRTY DAY TOUR.



A group of children called the Health Question a game in their school and will stop at thirty-two cities on behalf of the Health Fair, who visit schools, churches, gatherings and lectures how to play the game of health. The photo shows the interior of the demonstration car, with a lecture in cooking in progress. Note the stove on the right.

Premier Meighen to Support Renewal Treaty with Japan; Sails for England Tomorrow

OTTAWA, June 6.—Accompanied by Mrs. Meighen, his secretary and a legal advisor from the Department of External Affairs, Premier Meighen left here this morning for Quebec and tomorrow will sail on the Empress of Britain for London to attend the conference of overseas premiers.

After the adjournment of the house on Saturday evening the Premier was the recipient of a Crown Derby china dinner set and a chest of sterling silver from his supporters in the House.

While Premier Meighen will enter the Conference of Overseas Premiers at London with an open mind so far as the parliament of Canada is concerned, there are good reasons for believing that he will support a renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, providing that it shows in Britain's interest. That support will, however, be qualified that the treaty as far as possible is acceptable to the United States and that it does not partake in the nature of a military alliance.

He will urge the postponement of the naval military question until such time as the international situation is more clear. While approaching the details with an open mind he will oppose any step towards an Imperial organization or any plan involving the centralization or creation of super-power over the local parliaments. He will urge that the proposed constitutional conference be held at Ottawa be purely consultative in character.

Osmond Gratton Esmonde is also sailing on the Empress of Britain, the same ship as Premier Meighen. Esmonde expresses pleasant memories of Canada especially of Justice Morrison, of British Columbia, who presided over the recent trial when he was charged in Vancouver with sedition and ordered to be deported.

CONFIDENCE VOTED WIRTH GOVERNMENT

BERLIN, June 6.—The Reichstag has voted confidence in the Wirth government by a division of 213 to 77 on the question of the policy of the fulfillment of the Allies' reparation ultimatum.

HOUSE BURNED OUT IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Mamie Carter, Colored, Loses Home But Other Loss Averted.

The residence of Mamie Carter, colored, 717 Eighth Avenue, was totally destroyed by fire at 5:45 this morning but owing to the prompt action of the fire department damage to adjoining buildings was averted. The occupants of the house had left her home only five minutes before the fire brigade was called out. All the contents were also destroyed with the house.

REPUBLICAN MEMBER PARLIAMENT KILLED

Week-end Ambuscades and Attacks in Ireland Result in Casualties.

DUBLIN, June 6.—Two constables are dead, six are wounded, and three civilians, including a Republican member of parliament, were killed as a result of week-end ambuscades and attacks.

COULD NOT HAVE BETTER CHOICE THAN LORD BYNG

LONDON, June 6.—Commenting on the appointment of Lord Byng as Governor General of Canada, the Times says that the choice could not have been better for it endorses the preference expressed on many parts of the Dominion.

Burns Lake Centre Fine Farm Country

(By the Editor)
Burns Lake is the jumping off place for the Francois and Ootsa Lake country and will eventually be the gateway to the Babine, according to the residents, and judging by the geographical position. It is the centre for the largest agricultural section in British Columbia and is destined to become an important town. It is far enough from other centres not to be affected by their proximity and what is just as important, the citizens are enthused with the future prospects.

What is needed here as elsewhere in the valley is good roads. We drove through all the way from Hazelton to Burns Lake and from there southward to Francois Lake and Grassy Plains but owing to the poor roads were unable to get through with the little Ford as far as Ootsa Lake. We were told, however, that Ootsa was just as good a district, if not even better than any other we had seen. It is settled sixty miles to the south of Burns Lake with scattered farms but every day new families are coming in and before long the whole country will be producing food for the nation. Some of it is true are not doing very much yet, but they are putting all they earn back into their farms and thus increasing their investment and the power of production.

Speaking of roads, it may be mentioned that the Provincial department of public works has installed a traction steam shovel which is used on the roads to the south of Burns Lake on the heavy cuts and great things are expected from this as soon as it gets properly under way and the gang understands its work. There is some criticism that the big machine is not doing as much as it ought, but doubtless any little defects of organization will be remedied in the near future. If the steam shovel will make it possible to improve the roads rapidly, it will be a great thing for the district.

Roads Vital.
In driving through the country we found the main trunk road from North Bulkley to Burns Lake had a number of very bad places and the nearer to Burns Lake the worse the roads. A good deal of very successful grading had been done, but it was too early in the season to feel the good of it, for the grade was soft and the car sank almost to the hubs. There are no really good roads although some are better than others. The only place on the trip where the roads may be said to be good was around Hazelton, and that is an older settlement than any other. Apparently road making takes time. It is the vital question everywhere and it is extremely important to everyone that every dollar be used to advantage.

Burns Lake is building up rapidly. The Royal Bank is erecting a substantial structure and there are a number of new stores and residences. Should the oil borers succeed in making a strike, there will be a boom, but even without that, there will be a good town.

Land Clearing.
Almost every farmer is clearing land everywhere between Hazelton and Burns Lake. Some are doing it in a small way and some very extensively. Fires make the air smoky as a result of the burning of slashings. While the timber is light, clearing is difficult. It costs anywhere from ten dollars an acre to one hundred, according to the denseness of the bush. By doing it gradually and using fire with judgment, twenty to thirty dollars an acres seems to be a fair average. Often there are tracts of many acres that cost almost

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CITY SHOCKED BY DEATH OF AN OLD TIMER

Charles Embleton Found Dead By Employee in His Home.

It was a decided shock to the citizens of Prince Rupert when last evening shortly after six o'clock word went through the city that Charles W. Embleton was dead. He was found dead from a gunshot wound in the heart at his home on Sixth Avenue West, by his friend J. Reynolds, who had arrived at the house in answer to a telephone call from the deceased.

Mr. Reynolds, who is employed at the Prince Rupert Pool Room and Cigar store of which the deceased was part owner with Paul Aivazoff, was in the St. Regis cafe, when the message was brought to him. He left shortly for the house, and just as he was entering the door of the deceased's room, he heard the report of the gun-shot that sent the deceased to his instant death. He at once telephoned the police and Dr. Eggert, who were immediately on the scene, but nothing could then be done. The remains were then removed. (Continued on Page Two.)

WILL CROOKS PASSED AWAY

Prominent Labor Leader Had Long Term in House of Commons.

LONDON, June 6.—Right Honorable Will Crooks, Labor member in the House of Commons for twenty years, died on Sunday, aged 69. Will Crooks was one of the most prominent figures in British politics on account of his long term in the House of Commons which he maintained on several occasions with difficulty. He was mayor of Poplar in 1901 and has been member for Woolwich since 1903. He was made a Privy Councillor in 1915.

RED CROSS

A public meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on TUESDAY, the 7th inst. at 8 o'clock. All parties interested in the Red Cross National Crusade for good health are invited to be present.