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Drop in Freight Rates is Announced

MUCH GOLD STOLEN FROM BURGLAR PROOF SAFE ON STEAMER

Queer Queries of a Political Agnostic

Why is Colonel Peck supporting the Conservative leaders in the present election?
Why is the independent candidate listed as a Conservative on the official list sent out by the Canadian Press to all newspapers with the little word "independent" underneath the name and of being placed in the independent column with the "independents"?
Why is it that throughout the city the Meighenites are going on Colonel Peck as our hero?
Why does not Colonel Peck go out straight and fight the issue as a Meighen candidate?
Why has Colonel Peck no political opinion other than the Meighen position?

NOVEMBER MAY BREAK RECORD FISH CATCHES

2,132,000 Pounds Has Been Caught at This Port—More Big Boats Coming.

With a total of 2,132,000 pounds of halibut landed at Prince Rupert so far this month, with several more large boats expected daily from Alaska, November gives promise of being a record-breaker in the amount of fish landed here. The figure given includes all caught up to yesterday afternoon. The account of the large quantity of fish marketed in the past days, the price is now getting up to a low point, and if the weather keeps as large there is likelihood of it increasing.

Conditions Good.

Following conditions for the past few weeks have been splendid. The weather has been of the best. The halibut have been plentiful. Captain Hansen of the Plover, which sold 50,000 pounds yesterday, reports that he never seen better weather on banks than has prevailed for the past month. There has not been a single day that it was not a fine day to fish. Captain Hansen is an old fisherman in these parts.

The catches are now being made in the Yakutat and W. banks. In the winter the boats will be sent to the Portlock and off Kodiak Island.

WHILE PRISON BURNS INMATES TRY TO ESCAPE

Operate Battle Between Police and Prisoners in Galway Jail Results Ten Wounded.
DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—While of uncertain origin was going in two sections of the prison structure, forty political prisoners rushed the wardens in an attempt to escape. A desperate struggle ensued and five men and five prisoners were wounded. The fire was quickly checked.

BURDE BACKS THE PREMIER

Says Government Will Have Square Deal in Face of Conspiracies.

VICTORIA, Nov. 23.—Major R. J. Burde, independent soldier member for Alberni, yesterday assured Premier Oliver of "a square deal while conspiracies were abroad in the House." He said he would like to break up both Liberal and Conservatives but would prefer to support the Premier to playing into the hands of traitors. Burde spoke in the Budget debate in the House, accusing the Legislature of wasting time and urged that it was time for some constructive legislation to be produced.

J. A. Gidderwood, R. H. Pooley and G. S. Hanes spoke to the budget, each criticizing the item, chiefly the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Gidderwood suggested that the Squamish-Clifton section be scrapped and the grade turned into a motor road.

Hinchcliffe disagreed with the minister of finance that municipal expenditures should be curbed by the municipal authorities themselves. He pleaded for a more effective education system and less extravagance. He said the present condition compelled the employment of inferior teachers in country districts.

Most of the day was taken up with the committee stages of the Vancouver bill.

LAND ARMAMENT PROBLEMS ARE SUBJECT TODAY

Powers Do Not Give Pronouncement as to Attitude Regarding French Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The delegations of the five powers discussed land armaments today but no definite declaration of policy resulted.

None of the powers presented definite proposals looking towards a concrete pronouncement supporting the French attitude toward restriction as outlined by Premier Aristide Briand on Monday when he announced that France was ready to cut her effective army in two.

PRINCE OF WALES IN TRAVELLING EMPIRE WANTS MEET YOUTHS

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Prince of Wales at Bombay, in replying to an address from Bombay University, said that in his journeys of the British Empire his especial desire was to mingle with the youths of all countries. He wanted to know what was passing in their minds and what they looked forward to.

POLITICAL CAPTIVES ESCAPE IN IRELAND

DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—While political prisoners were being removed from Spike Island to Kilkeny Jail forty-seven escaped by tunnelling.

Mrs. F. T. Saunders returned today from Vancouver where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Walsh.

EX-KAISER'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW FIGHTS FOR CHILD.



Princess Josephine and her son, Prince Eitel Frederick, wishes to raise him, but, although he is backed by the Hohenzollern family, the Princess stands a good show to win. Prince Joachim committed suicide a year ago last summer.

Boxes of Gold Are Stolen from Safe On Board Steamer

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Five boxes of gold bullion valued at \$125,000, out of a total of fifteen boxes consigned by the Australian Government to San Francisco banks, were missing from the steel safe when the steamer Sonoma of the Oceanic Steamship Company arrived. Supposedly burglar-proof locks had been filed off the safe and five of the boxes removed and the locks affixed again, so that the theft was not noticed until the ship reached San Francisco.

The gold seems to have been taken early in the trip from Sydney and was probably landed at Honolulu.

13 KILLED IN BELFAST RIOT

Many Wounded Following Throwing of Bomb into Car of Workmen.

BELFAST, Nov. 23.—Thirteen people were killed and fifty seriously injured in riots begun when bombs were thrown into a tramcar loaded with shipyard workers. A score were wounded slightly in an all day riot resembling civil war. Particular hatred was shown against shipyard workers, several of whom were molested or shot.

Several private shootings are reported in the district over the week end.

WIFE DROWNS AND HUSBAND IS NOW CHARGED MURDER

KITCHENER, Ont., Nov. 23.—A charge of murder has been preferred against Carl Aprens. His wife was drowned last Thursday evening while, with her husband, she was crossing the Grand River in a boat.

Freight Rate Reduction is Announced by Railway Board One Quarter former Advance

PRINCESS MARY TO MARRY L'ASCELLES, HEIR OF HAREWOOD

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The King announces his consent to the engagement of Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, heir to the earldom of Harewood, one of the eldest in England.

Princess Mary is 24 years of age and Viscount Lascelles is 35. He was on the staff of Earl Grey in Canada and has a distinguished war record.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The engagement of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles is being hailed with general acclaim. The public is delighted.

INTEGRITY OF CHINA

Peace Conference Deals with Eastern Questions Especially As Affecting Land Grabbing.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—A resolution declaring for the administration and territorial integrity of the countries of the east was adopted by the Peace conference yesterday. The representatives of the powers declared that they were ready to assist China to maintain a stable Government and to provide equal opportunities for all countries in the commerce of that nation.

RECENT VISITOR IN RUSSIA TELLS LOCAL PEOPLE OF AFFAIRS

Joe Knight, of Winnipeg, spoke to a gathering of 300 persons in the McIntyre Hall last evening on "Conditions in the Countries Bordering on Russia as Compared with Conditions in Russia." J. R. Burroughs was chairman and several interesting questions were asked the speaker after he had finished his address. A collection of \$70.85 was taken up which will go towards the local fund for the relief of the famine-stricken in Russia.

In his address, Mr. Knight, who visited Russia recently, said that, as far as comparing Russia and the adjoining countries was concerned, the whole of Russia where Soviets were established had every advantage despite the handicaps under which that country was now laboring. There was poverty and starvation in Russia but there was no waste. In the neighboring countries there was poverty, starvation and waste as well. In these countries, girls of 14 years of age were wandering the streets as prostitutes and they were encouraged as such by their own brothers. The majority of the people were, however, in favor of the Soviet system. In Latvia, out of a population of 1,250,000, the whole young adult male population of 40,000 had been conscripted and all civil work was being done by old men, women and children.

OTTAWA, Nov. 23.—There is to be a general reduction of 10 per cent. on freight rates on all railroads under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission. This has been ordered by the board to come into effect on December 1. Following a conference with the leaders of the three big roads, it was announced that the decrease would not be a straight percentage reduction but a reduction of 10 per cent. from the increases of rates made effective in 1920, when the rates were increased 40 per cent. in the east and 35 per cent. in the west. This will leave a net increase of 25 per cent. in the east and 20 in the west, one reduction having been effected a year ago.

A general reduction has also been made in sleeping and parlor and Pullman car charges granted in 1920.

THREW CLUB AT PRINCE BELIEVED IRISH SOLDIERS STOLE ARMS WINDSOR

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A quantity of machine guns and rifles which were stolen from Windsor where the Irish Guards were quartered, are believed to have been taken by Irish soldiers who escaped to Ireland. This is the opinion of the Daily Mail.

NOMINATIONS YESTERDAY

Are 630 Candidates in Field for 235 Seats in Dominion Commons.

OTTAWA, Nov. 23.—Three were 630 candidates nominated yesterday for 235 Canadian constituencies. The only one elected by acclamation was E. Gus Porter, Government candidate for West Hastings, where the Progressive nominee spoiled his papers and thus lost the nomination, leaving Porter unopposed. British Columbia has a Conservative in every one of the thirteen constituencies. The Liberals have eleven, Progressives five, independent or Labor six. Women candidates number five in all Canada, and none of these are in British Columbia.

CANNOT EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM ARMS PARLEY

Premier Hughes and Australian Parliament Doubtful of Results.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 23.—Opposing a motion in parliament from the labor side for a reduction of the appropriation for the Air Force, Premier Hughes declared that the Australians could not yet rely over much on the "Washington" disarmament conference and its possible results toward military curtailments. The motion was defeated.

F. B. Coram, formerly of the purser's office of the steamer Prince George, is in the city today on his way from Ocean Falls where he has spent the last fortnight, to Stewart, where he will take a position with the Premier Gold Mining Co.

PEOPLE OF YORKTON CANNOT HEAR TALK ON NEAR ELECTION

Outbreak of Small-pox Closes up All Public Places Including Churches and Schools.

YORKTON, Sask., Nov. 23.—On account of an outbreak of small-pox here, schools, churches and all public places have been closed. With the election only two weeks away, public meetings have been forbidden.

TRADES AND LABOR ENDORSE A LIBERAL

HULL, Nov. 23.—Dr. J. E. Fontaine, Liberal candidate, received the endorsement of the Trades and Labor Council here. While he was not a labor man it was pointed out that he was in close sympathy with their platform.