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THE REAL UNION GOVERNMENT

There is a difference between a real union government and a camouflage such as that suggested by Premier Tolmie in order to save himself the premiership. In his statement published in this paper yesterday Mr. Pattullo outlines briefly his position and emphasizes what kind of a union government he would form to deal with the present serious financial situation. He says: "The power of all the people must be mobilized to meet the present conditions. If called upon to form a government, I propose that men of the highest character and capacity and representatives of all interests shall be called into council." There is the true coalition, a coalition of all interests, industry, labor, the professions and agriculture with a strong man at the head whose aim and ambition is to prove himself a statesman. He realizes the desire of all for a "clean and courageous and forward administration" from which political partizanship has been banished.

If any person has not already read the reply of T. D. Pattullo to Premier Tolmie following receipt of a written invitation to him to join a coalition administration, we suggest that they do so now and a second reading might not be out of place.

ARE STILL IN RUNNING

Brooklyn Dodgers Retain Slim Chance to Win National Pennant

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Brooklyn Dodgers remained in the running, no matter how slim their chance, for the National League pennant by defeating the world champion St. Louis Cardinals yesterday while the Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates were losing to New York Giants and Boston Braves respectively.

Yesterday's Big League scores were as follows:

American League
 New York 3, Chicago 2.
 Detroit 8, Washington 3.
 Cleveland 9, Boston 6.
 Philadelphia 13, St. Louis 6.

National League
 Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 1.
 Chicago 3, New York 4.
 Pittsburgh 2, Boston 5.
 Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 1.

Baseball Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	84	59	.587
Pittsburg	78	64	.549
Brooklyn	77	68	.531
Philadelphia	73	70	.515
Boston	73	72	.503
New York	66	76	.465
St. Louis	65	78	.455
Cincinnati	58	87	.400

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	101	43	.701
Philadelphia	88	55	.615
Washington	85	57	.599
Cleveland	80	61	.567
Detroit	69	70	.496
St. Louis	59	82	.418
Chicago	44	96	.314
Boston	40	102	.282

GOVERNOR LOST OUT

PHOENIX, Arizona, Sept. 15.—George W. Hunt, aged Democratic governor of Arizona, appeared last night to have lost the gubernatorial primary to Dr. B. D. More who was reported at that time to be leading by over 5000 votes.

News of The Sport World

Need For Local Track Facilities Is Stressed By Spartan Club Head

Interesting Sidelights on Recent Junior Olympics Given By Bill Plommer—Alex Walters and Ronald Allen Put Up Great Performances

The necessity of suitable track facilities being provided in Prince Rupert if field and track activities so effectively instituted by the Spartan Athletic Club are to be successfully continued here is stressed by J. W. Plommer, former president of the Spartan Athletic Club here and now residing in Vancouver, in a letter to Philip Edgcombe of this city. Mr. Plommer, in his letter, gives some interesting sidelights on the recent Junior Olympic meet in Vancouver in which five local athletes participated. He has high hopes of the local boys distinguishing themselves in future activities. Following are some extracts from Mr. Plommer's letter:

"Yesterday I experienced one of the most thrilling days of my life. First of all I saw Alex Walters (Prince Rupert) run Vincent Forbes ragged in the preliminary heat; then I saw him win the second round in 10:5 (only one other runner equalled this time!); then I saw him place a very close second to Howard McPhee in the semi-final. McPhee had run two very slow heats previous to this, whereas Alex's heats were two of the fastest. He (Alex) was, therefore, more tired than McPhee. Even at that, McPhee only did 10.6. In the first heat Alex was up against Forbes who was my pick for 'the man to beat.' Alex, therefore planned to go right out to beat him. Unfortunately his start was slower and Forbes had about two or three yards lead. But Al put on the steam and at the 50-yard mark passed Forbes who tried to run faster and once more pulled a tendon. I imagine it was weak anyway, because only a week had elapsed since he first pulled it while training. He was able to finish second and qualify for the second round, but later scratched. In the second round, Alex got a perfect start and won by yards. In fact, had he experienced more competition and known his pace better, he could have eased up in this race, but he galloped home in 10.5—with no opposition.

"An hour later in the semi-final he was drawn with McPhee who is considered as fast as Forbes. McPhee's preliminary and second round heats had been very slow—10.7 and 10.6—and as a result he was fresher than Al. However, Al forced him to run all out in 10.6 which is not so hot. Al was about a foot behind him. Collier, the only other man to do 10.5 (in his preliminary heat), ran second in the second round to Poole of Kelowna who won the second round in 10.8, a mere crawl. In the semi-final he (Collier) ran with Poole again, placing third! Poole's time here was 10.6.

"So Alex, in my estimation, was the best man in the sprints, yet in Sunday's Province he isn't mentioned while Barrett of Vancouver, who ran second to Poole in the semi-final, is conceded a chance to win both 100 and 220! You've got to show me, though, I'm willing to put my shirt on Alex to win the hundred tomorrow. And won't I enjoy pointing out this oversight of Alex's achievements of yesterday to Tyerman.

"The track is very slow here. It is just a cinder track with no clay foundation. It breaks up very easily; gives a runner no 'bound,' and the starting holes look like craters after about four heats. Ah, well, tomorrow it will be perfect as the only track event before the final of the 'century' is the hurdles.

Ronnie Allen
 Next comes Ronnie Allen who ran a great race. No foolin'! From he gun he led a pack of 11 starters! The track was crowded and they came along four deep like a regiment of hussars. I was acting as track inspector and, what a job it was trying to see who was being fouled. Someone stepped on Ronnie's foot in the first few yards but he sprinted for the 'pole' on the

turn and grabbed the lead—as he usually does. He passed me at the second turn leading the pack and favoring me with a broad grin. Never saw such impudence. However, he kept his lead and set the pace all the way. But the pace was not fast enough. As you know Ronnie doesn't sprint much for the tape but he can keep any pace he sets. Tomorrow I am instructing him to run the first 440 in about 59 flat. By the time they reach the second 440, he will have run all the 'sprint' out of the rest or else the St. John's Ambulance Corps will be wheeling friend Ronnie out on a stretcher. But I am ahead of my story.

"In the last 10 yards the two runners trailing Ron put on a feeble sprint and both managed to fall over the tape a few inches ahead of our Ron who was third, but as fresh as a daisy. Of course he qualified for the final tomorrow; but I can guarantee right now that he won't be as fresh as a daisy. His chief opposition, Mackenzie and Wallach, are stout runners. As I said before, if Ron can run them into the ground with a scorching pace in the first 440, the race will be his. At least I am sure he will bring home one of the medals awarded for first, second and third place. Anybody that pants in behind Mackenzie and Wallach has nothing to be ashamed of. Alex Wilson, later in the day, saw Wallach running the mile and commented very favorably upon his style. After that 380 tomorrow I imagine our little badminton wizard and talented runner too will have had a thrilling experience.

Carl Smith
 "Carl Smith ran well in his heat and placed a good second qualifying for the final. Unfortunately though, he ran out of his lane, for about three yards—and was disqualified. Poor kid! But he was warned by the starter; and the track inspector, who disallowed him, yelled at him when he first stepped over, but he evidently was too excited to hear him. So that finished Carl who will in future profit by his experience.

Thurber and Morrison
 Bishop Thurber and Roy Morrison did their best in the pole vault but when you consider that the bar was set at 9 ft. 6 in. to start jumping, and that they had only just qualified in clearing that height in Rupert, you will not be surprised to learn that Roy could not make the height and was immediately eliminated; but it was no disgrace—there were many others in the same fix. Bishop cleared the height on his first jump; but in the second round they raised the bar to 10 ft. 6 in.—and he hadn't a chance in the world. This was done to eliminate as many as possible, because there were 43 jumpers to be eliminated, and when you consider that each one was entitled to three attempts each time the bar was raised to a new position you can readily believe that, had the bar been raised one inch or two at a time, they would still be jumping to decide the best six for the final.

"The broad jump was put on at the same time as the 'hundred' so Alex decided to scratch. I was quite positive he had no chance anyway, because I knew several boys could clear 20 ft. 6 in. and ever over 21 ft. whereas Alex had only done 19 ft. 7 in. at his best. He also confessed that he had not trained for it. In the afternoon, while he was running his second round heats and the semi-final heat, the pole vault was taking place; so Alex had to

agree to jump at whatever height the bar might be when his race was over. Immediately after the semi-final which was his third race—and all three were tough—the last vaulter had tried 9 ft. 6 in. and Alex had to jump at once or start at the new height, 10 ft. 6 in. So he jumped and cleared. But being tired with a day's heavy running, he found the sudden rise of one foot too much and was eliminated. He also admitted having neglected his training for this event, so he has no alibi.

In the Finals
 "So for Monday's finals we had two men placed and a third, Carl, should have been there too. There was Ronnie up against a fast field in the 80 and Alex against an even faster group; comparatively, in the 100 yards. Alex ran first. He finished fifth but was well up to the tape and had much to be proud of. The first three were bunched closely and the fourth and Alex were close behind. Their first start was 'false' and Al told me that, on returning to his holes for the second start, he found the back hole had collapsed. As a result he got a slow start. And I am convinced that, in the 100 yard event, the start is fifty percent of the race.

"I am very proud of Alex, and I shall continue to train him during the coming year. With more close competition down here he should develop a great deal. Remember, when I first started him running last year he only did 11 seconds and an occasional 10 8-10 seconds in practice, whereas, when I left on July 1, although the time was officially 10 4-10, two watches had 10 2-10. I hope during the next year to see him get down to a steady 10 seconds on these better tracks. There are still many crudities in his running that need correcting, especially in his start, which is very inconsistent, and in his stride which must be lengthened. His arm action is also too high and this tends to lift him up rather than shoot him forward. I also intend to handle Leslie Wilson, if he wishes and Ronnie if he comes down here this year.

"In the final of the 80, Ronnie ran well until they turned the last curve into the final 220 yards. He was in third place to Wallach and Mackenzie, two wonderful runners who are strong and experienced. As you know, the runners do not have to stay in their respective lanes in distances over 440 yards. As a result there is a tendency for 'jockeying' for position on the inside track, for elbowing, for cutting in front of a runner too closely. Well, Ronnie experienced his first piece of jockeying when a runner tried to cut in front of him, and in so doing, jabbed Ronnie with his elbow, knocked him out of third place, broke his stride—and his heart too. He had no chance. It was track inspector at this point on the oval, and had the other runner disqualified, but as he was beaten out by another runner for third place he failed to place anyway—so it made no difference. However, it was an excellent lesson, an one that can only be taught by experience. A man

BADMINTON ORGANIZED

The Prince Rupert Badminton Club held its annual meeting last night in the City Hall and decided to continue activities during the coming winter season. A membership fee of \$10 for the season was set.

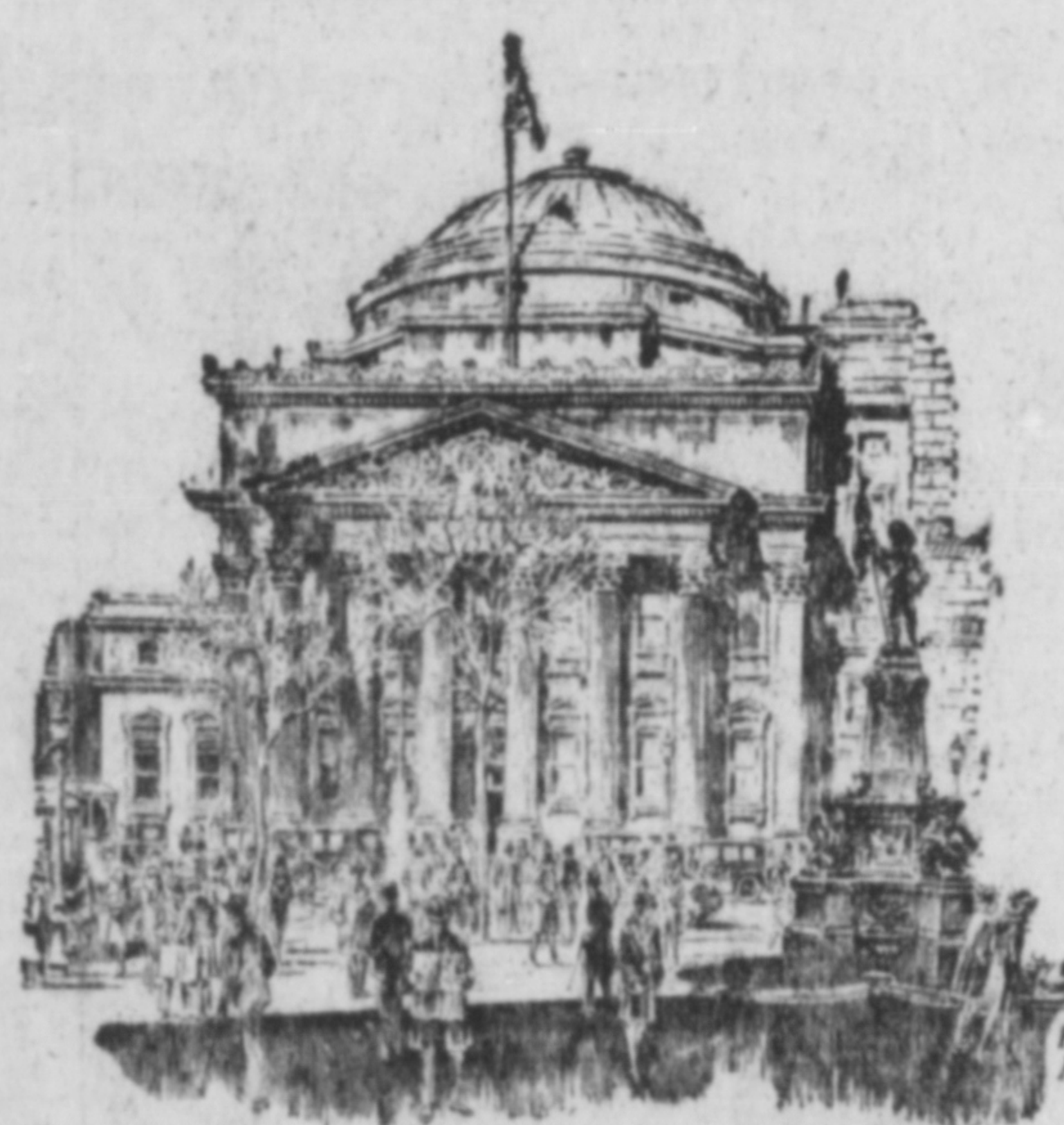
Officers were elected as follows: President, George C. Mitchell. Vice-President, W. L. Stamford. Secretary—Miss Lillian Halliwell. Treasurer, Miss Frances Cross. Executive—Miss Bessie Thompson, Mrs. G. A. Bryant and M. J. Dougherty.

must learn to protect himself at all times. Ronnie did very well on the whole. In his race on Saturday, he led all the way but the time was much slower than the heats that Mackenzie and Wallach won in 2:06 and 2:08 respectively and approximately Ronnie's heat was in 2:12. Mackenzie is also the High School champion for both the mile and half-mile, a wonderful runner with a terrific sprint for the tape. And he seems able to judge his race perfectly, knowing instinctively just when to let a runner pass him and when not to. This, of course, is something which can only be learned in competition among good runners. And that is something these boys can never learn in Prince Rupert until a decent 440 yard track is made for them to work on.

Local Facilities

"The facilities for track work in Rupert are nil. The very fact that those boys trained and qualified on that terrible football field is amazing. Runners down here wouldn't even walk on it for fear of straining every muscle and tendon in their bodies. It is disgraceful. And while Prince Rupert's citizens may be proud of the boys who represented the town so well down here, they should be filled with remorse that better conditions were not provided so that they might attain championship calibre. To think that a town of 7000 inhabitants could only contribute three athletes of ability is nothing to be proud of. And it is the future job of the Spartan Athletic Club to educate the citizens along those lines. Until these boys attracted notice early in July, practically no one in Rupert did anything to help them or to provide the club with equipment. From reports that have come to me I am amazed at the wonderful enthusiasm that developed—at the last minute—among people whose attitude was apathetic during the two years that we strove to advance track work in Rupert.

But I better say no more. Though I am leaving Rupert, my thoughts will always be with the Spartan Club which will be your charge during the ensuing year. If at any time I can help or advise you in any way let me know."



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