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Soviet Government Is Now Bankrupt

FORMER MUNITIONS BOARD HEAD CHAIRMAN GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY BOARD

Moscow Despatches to Paris State That Premier Lenine Sends Out Distress Signals

RIGA, May 30.—According to direct dispatches received from Moscow from independent sources Lenine, the Soviet Russian premier, has declared that communism is in complete bankruptcy and has asked that the presiding officers of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee approve of an unlimited return to capitalism. He also asks that all constitutional Democrats and other parties be recalled for the purpose of rebuilding the state.

This action would completely upset the system now obtaining in Russia and would mean the downfall of the soviet regime as a failure. The despatches are causing more attention from the diplomats of all Europe than has any news for months.

YOUNG MAN WAS DROWNED WHILE GOING PORCHER

E. A. Gurster, Aged 22, Lost His Life Saturday Afternoon at 5:45.

At another instance of the tragedy so often attendant upon the inability to swim is to be recorded in the drowning of Edward A. Gurster, a young man employed at the dry dock and well known in the city, who lost his life 125 yards from the shore of Porcher Island on Saturday afternoon.

In company with Miss Kitty Noelle, who was going to visit friends at Porcher Island, Ted, as the deceased was commonly known, and a fisherman, Oscar Olsen, left here in the launch fish Belle at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. In Carr Passage near Porcher Island, there was a breeze blowing so the engine power was supplemented with the sail and about 5:45 the young man who had been in the cabin most of the time came up on deck to get some fresh air. Shortly after coming out there was a change of wind and he was struck by the sail boom and swept overboard into the water.

Heard Shriek. Olsen, who was below at the time, heard a shriek from the air and rushing up saw what had happened. He immediately stopped the boat and put off in the dinghy towards the struggling lad but his boat upset and he had difficulty in saving himself by clinging to the upturned craft and making for shore which he reached in an almost unconscious condition. Meanwhile, Gurster was seen by Miss Noelle from the launch to rise to the surface three times and finally sink.

Aid was summoned from some of the rangers on the island and all night until 3 o'clock in the morning the shore nearby the drowning was patrolled but without avail. Finally, Miss Noelle and Olsen returned to Prince Rupert yesterday morning and the police and coroner were notified of the accident.

Police Search. Later yesterday morning another search party consisting of Provincial Constable Alex Saint, Olsen, Reginald Clark, Russel McElraith and Sid Davis, the two latter partners of the deceased in their residence on Third Ave., left for Porcher Island. The afternoon was spent with grappling irons in an endeavor to recover the body, but the efforts were, however, unsuccessful and the

search was given up. The settlers on the island say that the current in Carr Passage is so strong that the body was likely swept out and the chances of recovery are remote. The party returned to the city last night. Ted Gurster was but a young man 22 years of age. His parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gurster reside at 915 Robson Street, Vancouver, and the lad was brought up and educated in that city. His father conducts a tobacco business at Bowen Island. There are two brothers and one sister. Deceased, since coming here two years ago, has been employed at the shipyard and for a while was steward in the Prince Rupert Club. He had been very well known and was well liked by all with whom he came in contact.

RESULTS OF BY-ELECTIONS

Government Candidate Returned York-Sunbury and Liberal in Yamaska.

OTTAWA, May 30.—The final figures in the federal by-election in York-Sunbury, New Brunswick, on Saturday give R. B. Hanson, the Government candidate, a majority of 813. His only opponent was the farmer candidate, Ernest S. Stairs, who received a good vote.

In Yamaska constituency, Quebec, M. A. Boucher, the Liberal candidate, was elected by a majority of 1,513 in a three-cornered contest. His opponents were A. A. Mondau, Conservative, and Joseph Lambert, farmer.

SILESIA INTO THREE PARTS

Is Scheme Advocated at Council of Ambassadors Today

PARIS, May 30.—The division of Silesia into three zones, one under Polish jurisdiction, one under Germany, and the third governed temporarily by the Allies was discussed by the council of ambassadors on Saturday. This plan was urged by the British and Italian representatives.

CAPTAIN NICHOLSON GOING TO HOSPITAL

VANCOUVER, May 30.—Capt. G. H. Nicholson, superintendent of G. N. B. steamers, has been taken seriously ill and goes into hospital tomorrow for an operation.

PRIZE STOCK BEING SHIPPED OLD COUNTRY

Specially Selected Four Carloads of Steers for Great Britain's Market

EDMONTON, May 30.—Sixty fattened steers, making four carloads of prize animals for shipment to the Old Country, left here Saturday night. Before being killed they will be exhibited in Glasgow. They were chosen by Hon. Duncan Marshall and will be in charge of Professor Dowell of Alberta University.

GENERAL SMUTS AND COLLEAGUES LEAVE ATTEND CONFERENCE

CAPETOWN, May 30.—General Smuts, premier of the Union of South Africa, accompanied by a large party, which includes several of his cabinet colleagues sailed for London on Saturday to attend the Dominion's conference. A general ovation was given as General Smuts and his party departed from this port.

MORE KILLINGS TAKE PLACE IN IRELAND

Constables, Soldiers and Civilians Fall Victims in Dublin Raids

CORK, May 30.—Two Fitzgerald brothers, a soldier and a railway porter, were taken from their homes here and killed. A party of Ulster policemen were fired on in Tyrone. Constable Coulter was killed, and one man with whom he was speaking later died of wounds. Another man wounded in the attacking party escaped.

DESTRUCTION SAID TO BE SUCCESSFUL

So Says Dail Eirann in Commenting on Last Week's Activities

DUBLIN, May 30.—Dail Eirann has issued a statement that the destruction of the customs house at Dublin and military operations have been a complete success. It is stated that the lives of four million people is a more sacred charge than an architectural masterpiece.

NATIVES LIVING ON ROOFS ACCOUNT FLOOD

REGINA, May 30.—Men, cattle and horses have been drowned and the residents of the Big Earth Indian Reservation are living on the roofs of houses on account of a flood in the Garrod River.

HEADQUARTERS OF REPUBLICANS CAPTURED

DUBLIN, May 30.—The Crown forces announce the capture of the headquarters of the "Irish Republican Army" in a recent raid.



Mrs. Anne Unquhart Potter Stillman at the referee's hearing in the suit for divorce brought by her husband, James A. Stillman.

The Wonderful Valley of the Bulkley River.

By the Editor.

A trip through the Bulkley Valley is sufficient to dispel any idea as to the inadaptability of the district for agriculture. Bright green fields of timothy are seen everywhere and chocolate brown land that has just been plowed or seeded and which very soon will also be green. Everywhere prosperity is apparent.

The people of the Bulkley valley are fearful of boomsters and also they dislike a pessimist. They are anxious that the outside world shall know the truth about the place and that new settlers who come shall have a good idea of the difficulties as well as the possibilities.

We drove through the best part of the country around Telkwa, more particularly the Tye Lake and Round Lake districts. There are few farming districts as pretty as these anywhere in the world. The land is rolling, partly covered with timber, but with large stretches cultivated, with herds of cattle and here and there a flock of sheep. The cattle had wintered well and are now finding plenty of grass in the fields or on the range.

Butkley Crops

The principal crop is timothy hay, with oats coming second and wheat and barley following close. The question of wheat growing is discussed a good deal. Last year there was summer frost that injured, but all was sold at a good price for chicken feed. Usually, we were told, wheat ripens well and grades high. Wheat growing is not the future industry of the valley, however. At present beef raising occupies the attention of most of the farmers, but dairying is likely to take precedence in the near future, as that is the industry almost all are looking forward to.

Fine Deer

Leaving W. E. Williams with our host, Dick and I climbed the hill at the back of the farm. I have no idea how high it is, but it is a hard climb. As we were going up an open glade, we looked half a mile ahead near the top of the hill and saw a dog chasing something.

Prudhomme's Ranch

We went to see Alex Prudhomme, for we all knew him and although we might have been opposed to him politically at the last election, that has nothing to do with our trip through the country. We found he was branding some of his young cattle and the man who was helping him was another candidate at the recent election, Geo. Murray, who contested the seat in the Conservative interest. We had supper with these two men and were treated most hospitably.

Sir Joseph Flavelle Is New Chairman Grand Trunk Railway Board Directors

MONTREAL, May 30.—Sir Joseph Flavelle has been elected chairman of the Grand Trunk board of directors. Howard G. Kelley, president of the railway, is made a director retaining the post as president.

With the government's new move in nominating and calling to London the names of the new Grand Trunk directors, this pioneer railway for the first time in its history gets a Canadian directorate as a prelude to being taken over by the Canadian people for whose benefit it will be run hereafter.

Even though the appointments are temporary while arrangements are being made for bringing the system into co-ordination with the Canadian National Railway system, some of them will likely become permanent.

The naming of Sir Joseph Flavelle as chairman accords with the general impression created some weeks ago that he might be sought after by the Canadian government to act as chairman of the unified board of directors when all the government roads are brought under one management. That he is not a railroad man is urged by some who object to the appointment but the report made is that he was not a munitions man before he took over the munitions board and managed it successfully for the Imperial government. It will surprise no one if he remains chairman of the permanent board which must eventually be named by the government.

MAJALASPINA DID NOT FIGHT JAP

Captain Newcombe Denies Report in Wireless Message.

TOKIO, May 30.—The Foreign Office has no confirmation of the destruction of a Japanese boat allegedly caught sealing in Canadian waters as reported by Prince Rupert despatches. The Japanese consul at Vancouver has been asked to investigate the report.

VANCOUVER, May 30.—There is no foundation for the report that the Dominion fisheries cruiser Majalaspina had captured a Japanese sealer, says a wireless from Captain Holmes Newcombe of the Malaspina.

NAVIGATION WILL BE OPEN SOON ON YUKON

First Vessel Expected to Leave Whitehorse Bound North on June 6.

DAWSON, May 30.—Navigation from Whitehorse to Dawson and the mouth of the Yukon River and tributary points will open in a few days. The first steamer is expected to leave Whitehorse for Dawson on June 6.

AVIATORS FALL

Four or Five Killed at Nancy, France, on Friday

NANCY, May 30.—Four or five aviators, who were flying an aeroplane, were killed when the machine crashed to the ground.

NEW TARIFF BILL

WASHINGTON, May 30.—An emergency tariff bill, taxing the majority of agricultural products, will come into effect today.

A fine animal and we were told afterwards it was a mule deer. At the top of the hill we found a blue grouse. It was very tame and allowed us to approach within a few feet, now and then hoofing softly. Even when chased it refused to run or fly very far away.

Wonderful View

The view from the hill was wonderful. On every side of the wide valley were snow clad mountains and below was the shining lake with green fields, brown plowed land and poplar and spruce woods, with here and there a homestead. The Bulkley winding up the valley and the Telkwa River flowing in from the south all added to the beauty of the landscape. The valley with the Tye lake as a centre was one of the finest bits of the country through which we passed.

STERNER RULE FOR IRELAND

Martial Law Likely to be Extended All Over Country Except Ulster

LONDON, May 30.—The government's policy for sterne repression of the criminal element in Ireland involves the strengthening of the Crown forces it is stated. Close to 50,000 more troops have been sent and it is likely that martial law will be extended to all the country except Ulster. The Kitchener block-house system may also be adopted.