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Irish Settlement Comes As Surprise FISH CATCH FOR MARCH EXCEEDS MILLION AND HALF POUNDS

Lloyd George Scores Another Great Victory by Securing an Agreement from Irish Parties

LONDON, March 31.—An agreement designed to restore and promote peace in Ireland through co-operation between the Northern and Southern governments was signed last evening by representatives of both the Irish governments and countersigned by representatives of the British cabinet.

Right Hon. Winston Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, announced that the agreement had been reached during the first day's conference between North and South Ireland. It was the most important agreement yet made, promising a definite step toward Irish peace. It deals chiefly with the employment question in the Belfast district and the reorganization of the police of that neighborhood.

FREE STATE BILL PASSES.

LONDON, March 31.—The Irish Free State Bill became law today when King George gave his assent to the measure. The House of Lords decided not to insist upon amendments it had adopted and an adjustment was reached between the two houses of parliament.

B. C. MEMBERS ASK CHANGE IN DRUG ACT

OTTAWA, March 31.—Hon. H. S. Belland, minister of health, received a delegation of all the British Columbia members who urged amendments to the Drug Act in order to cope with the traffic in British Columbia.

The matter will be placed before the cabinet by the minister.

LABORITE WINS BIG MAJORITY

Banton Elected in East Leicester
With Over 5,000 Votes to
Good.

LONDON, March 31.—Labor scored another notable success yesterday in the riding of East Leicester, where a man named Banton was elected with a majority of over 5,000 over the coalition Liberal and with a straight Liberal also running.

COMMISSIONER OF PALESTINE GOES OFF ON HOLIDAY

Sir Herbert Samuels Expected to
Be Away From Duties for
Two Months.

JERUSALEM, March 31.—Sir Herbert Samuels, high commissioner for Palestine, will leave for England in a few days to take his first holiday since he assumed office in July 1920. He expects to be away two months and while in England will confer with the British Government in regard to the future of Palestine.

HAD BEST OF BOUT BUT LOST ON FOUL

Albert Lloyd of Australia Got
Decision From Soldier
Horace Jones.

LONDON, March 31.—Soldier Horace Jones, Canadian heavy-weight boxer lost to Albert Lloyd of Australia on a foul in the tenth round after having the best of the bout.

JOE HOWE IS BACK FROM OLD COUNTRY

Joe Howe, of the Howe & McNulty Hardware Company, returned on last night's train from a four months' holiday trip to England. Mr. Howe states that in England at the present time are dull, as in the case in almost all parts of the world. His visit was confined to England and he did not go to either Scotland or Ireland.

FROM FORT NORMAN

Ronald McKinnon Comes out with
Dog Team—Travelling Was
Slow.

EDMONTON, March 31.—Ronald McKinnon of the Imperial Oil Company's staff at Fort Norman, has arrived in the city bringing word that no startling developments have taken place in respect to oil since the last news came out, prior to the freeze-up. It is understood that very little work was accomplished by the men left at the oil drills, owing to the extreme weather and solidly frozen ground. The condition at the discovery well is the same as before; oil exists in the drilling, but the well cannot be classified as a gusher.

The winter in the north is reported to have been severe, and the travelling out by dog team was difficult due to the fact that the wind had thrown the ice flakes into hummocks prior to the freeze up. Over and around these obstructions the dogs had to make their way and in consequence travelling was slow between Fort Norman and Wrigley, where these conditions existed.

Mr. McKinnon left Norman on January 27th, and travelled the entire 1,200 miles to McMurray by dog team, relays of fresh dogs being secured at each post—a cold and costly journey.

Wada, the Japanese explorer was met with in the north, and was last seen by Mr. McKinnon at Fort Simpson, it being Mr. Wada's intention to leave for the "outside" immediately.

J. G. Brown, of Victoria, assistant to William Henderson, supervising architect of public works for the Dominion Government in British Columbia, arrived from the south on the Princess Mary this afternoon. Mr. Brown will be returning south on the Princess Beatrice tomorrow afternoon. He is a vocalist of note in the capital.

COAL MINE STRIKE ON MIDNIGHT

Complete Tieup of Union
Mines and Many Others
to Join.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31.—A complete tieup of the union coalfields in twenty states is predicted by officials of the United Mine Workers of America when the strike order goes into effect at midnight tonight. It is asserted that 100,000 non-union workers will also lay down their picks. President John L. Lewis said at least 600,000 at least would walk out.

SMALL BOATS IN PORT WITH BIG QUANTITY FISH

Twenty-five Vessels Market 221,000
Pounds Halibut at Today's
Sale.

Twenty-five smaller fishing vessels marketed 221,000 pounds of halibut at the Fish Exchange today, making the biggest single day's receipts for the month. There were no large schooners in the list of arrivals, but these are expected in a very short time now. On account of the heavy arrivals, the price was down low today around the 10c and 12c mark for first-class fish.

The arrivals and sales were as follows:

Sentinel, 22,000 pounds, sold to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co. at 10.6c and 1c.

California, 12,000 pounds, and Lenox, 10,000 pounds, sold to the Pacific Fisheries at 10.8c and 1c.

Nidaros, 11,000 pounds; Adeline, 5,000 pounds, and Success, 7,000 pounds, sold to the Booth Fisheries Co. at 10.8c and 5c.

Hi Gill, 8,000 pounds, and National, 15,000 pounds, sold to the Sinclair Fisheries at 10.6c and 1c.

Sherman, 18,000 pounds, and Defiance, 5,000 pounds, sold to the Royal Fish Co. at 10.8c and 5c.

Star, 12,000 pounds; Pelican, 8,000 pounds, and Ethel June, 3,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at 11c and 5c.

Marguerite, 6,000 pounds; Fantasy, 11,000 pounds, and Kim-mont, 5,000 pounds, sold to the Sinclair Fisheries at 11.4c and 5c.

W. & F., 11,000 pounds; Alliance, 6,000 pounds, and White Star, 6,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at 11.5c and 5c.

Margalice, 10,000 pounds; E. Lapsell, 10,000 pounds, and May-blower, 5,000 pounds, sold to the Alton Fisheries at 11.5c and 5c.

Valid, 5,000 pounds, sold to the Sinclair Fisheries at 11.7c and 5c.

Minnie V., 5,000 pounds, sold to the Royal Fish Co. at 12.2c and 5c.

Thelma H., 10,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at 10.5c and 5c.

AIRSHIP LINE TO INDIA IS PROPOSED

LONDON, March 31.—An imperial airship line to India and Australia is proposed here and a committee has been appointed to deal with it.

In Spite of Bad Weather on Fishing Banks March Halibut Catch is Bigger

In spite of adverse fishing conditions which prevailed on the halibut banks for one-half of the month of March, the amount of halibut landed at this port during the month totalled 1,692,000 pounds, an increase of nearly three times over the same month last year and an increase of over 200,000 pounds over the amount for February this year, which was 1,329,750 pounds. The highest price for the month was 17.7c and 7c and the lowest, 8c and 4c.

From March 5 to 20, weather on the fishing grounds was very stormy, and boats were compelled to come in with very small catches. This condition prevailing for such a time reduced the total considerably from what it might have been.

Present indications are that April should be a big month, for conditions are all favorable to good fishing. The weather is better, there is plenty of ice, bait and eels, and many of the larger boats, including the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company trawlers, are preparing to start out for the season. Seattle schooners are steadily arriving to take their share of the harvest of the deep on the northern banks. Many of these boats will market here.

RESOLUTIONS BEFORE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE YESTERDAY

One Read From Prince Rupert
Asking for an Outlet to the
Skeena by Road.

VICTORIA, March 31.—At yesterday's session of the convention of the associated boards of trade of British Columbia fourteen resolutions were read from various sections in regard to roads.

Prince George wishes an Edmonton-Vancouver road by way of Prince George. Prince Rupert wishes an outlet to the Skeena River. Prince George is also asking that the mail service be routed to Vancouver by way of Jasper on the C. N. R. instead of by way of Edmonton. These requests will be placed before the authorities.

GOVERNMENT ASKED INVESTIGATE FUEL OIL AND B. C. PORTS

VICTORIA, March 31.—The Associated Boards of Trade passed resolutions asking the Federal Government to investigate the importation of fuel oil, fuller utilization of British Columbia port facilities, and administration of the Indian reserve lands and also to separate the department of fisheries in British Columbia under a federal deputy minister.

FRED STORK ON 5 COMMITTEES

Member for Skeena Will Be
Busy Man for Next Few
Weeks at Ottawa.

Hansard reports of the proceedings of Parliament show that Fred Stork, member for Skeena is likely to be a very busy man during the next few weeks. His name appears on no less than five important committees of the House of Commons. He is a member of the committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, one of the most important in the House and one which affects Prince Rupert very materially. In addition to that he is one of the private bills committee, banking and commerce, agriculture and colonization, mines and minerals. In each of these he will have an opportunity to serve the Skeena district.

CHEERS FOR SETTLEMENT IN IRELAND

Churchill Pays Compliment
to Ulster Leaders—Free
State Benefits.

LONDON, March 31.—The signing of the agreement between representatives of the Northern and Southern governments of Ireland outlining measures for the pacification of the country came with unexpected suddenness. The announcement was greeted with cheers in the House of Commons.

Right Hon. Winston Churchill told the Commons this morning that the Free State party is enormously strengthened by the agreement and he paid a tribute to what he termed the statesmanlike courage of the Ulster leaders.

B. C. MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE

Will Deal with Pensions, Insurance and Re-establishment of Soldiers.

OTTAWA, March 31.—By unanimous consent Premier Mackenzie King was given permission by the House of Commons to move for the establishment of a special committee in respect to pensions, insurance and re-establishment of returned soldiers.

The British Columbia members on the committee include Clarke of Burrard, Humphrey of Kootenay West, Munro of the Fraser Valley, Stork of Skeena and Black of the Yukon.

BIG HOTEL BURNED

Fire at Nassau, Bahama Islands,
Causes Nearly Five Million
Dollars Damage.

MIAMI, Fla., March 31.—The three hundred room Colonial Hotel at Nassau, Bahama Islands, was destroyed by a fire which for a time threatened the destruction of most of the city. The conflagration was controlled after it had caused damage running into a million pounds sterling.

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U. S. IS ASKED TO CO-OPERATE IN BIG FLIGHT

The Machine to Be Used by the
Smith Brothers is a Viking
Amphibian.

CALL ALASKAN POINTS.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The British embassy here has requested the state department to have all proper facilities extended to Sir Ross Smith and Sir Keith Smith, the British aviators when they reach the United States on their attempted flight around the world.

The aviators plan to make stops at the Aleutian Islands and Unalaska after crossing from Siberia and they will then cross Canada to the Soo, swinging south to New York from there.

From New York the aviators plan to make their way up the Atlantic coast to Newfoundland and if the weather is good they will try to reach Ireland direct, otherwise they will fly to the Azores and up the coast of Portugal to the point of starting.

The machine used will be a Vickers Viking Amphibian plane which can be landed on either land or water, being provided with wheels which may be withdrawn into recesses in the hulls of the pontoons.

BROKE INTO LIQUOR STORE

Thief Got About \$255 Worth of
Spirits from Anyox Govern-
ment Store.

ANYOX, March 31.—The liquor store at Anyox was broken into in the early hours of Wednesday morning and a quantity of bottled goods was stolen. A pane of glass was taken out of the window and the entry was made thereby. The thieves turned out the watch-light and committed the robbery in the dark. It is estimated that about \$255 worth of the spirits, mostly Rye Whiskey and Rum were stolen. No arrests have been made so far.

INGENIOUS PLAN OF CHEQUE FORGER IN A WINNIPEG CASE

WINNIPEG, Mar. 31.—Abraham Abrahamson is held here on seven charges, including two of forgery. The city police allege that the prisoner entered a business house and stole cancelled cheques and used the firm's official stamp on a number of blank cheques.

On his arrival home the alleged forger placed a strip of carbon paper beneath one of the cancelled cheques and over the stamped cheque and traced in the signature. Then removing the carbon he wrote in the signature by tracing over the carbon with a pen.

NOTICE.

Prince Rupert Rowing and
Yacht Club Limited.

All launches will be moved to the Dry Dock during the construction of floats on Sunday, April 2.

A. McRAE, Secretary.