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Party Leaders Debate on Naval Policy GOVERNMENT REPORTS UNEMPLOYMENT ALMOST DISAPPEARED

Fight Commences in Commons Over Naval Estimates; Last Night Tories Made Blockade

OTTAWA, May 17.—The Opposition blocked the passage of the naval estimates last night following announcement by the government that the naval strength to be maintained would comprise the destroyers *Patrician* and *Patriot* and four trawlers evenly divided between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to be used as training ships for a volunteer navy on a part time basis.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative opposition, said that the proposal fell short of Canada's moral obligation as an integral part of the British Empire. He declared that Canada

should bear her share of the burden of defence or retire from the Empire. The Canadian parliament had consented to accept and maintain Britain's gift ships, but now the Liberal government proposed to repudiate the agreement, scrap the ships and waste seventeen cents per capita annually on a navy which would not produce one finished fighting sailor.

Premier's Reply
Premier W. L. Mackenzie King said that the government was carrying out the Laurier naval policy for a volunteer navy available for the British Admiralty in case of emergency. The late government had accepted ships which would have been scrapped by Britain herself now, but which would cost Canada \$2,500,000 annually to maintain. The Premier asked that the estimates be considered at once.

T. L. Church, member for Toronto, however, started reading the New Zealand naval history and assured the Premier that he was prepared to go on with it for days.

Mr. King then consented to adjournment at one o'clock this morning with no estimates passed.

OFFICER OF PROHIBITION IS CHARGED

SEATTLE, May 17.—Arvid Franzen, prohibition agent, surrendered to the United States marshal today charged with perjury.

The arrest came as a result of a recent trial here of a druggist named Woods on a charge of infringement of the Prohibition Act. In the course of the trial Franzen said that he and other prohibition officers had framed Woods to secure a conviction. Bonuses were paid, he said, for convictions under the prohibition laws.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT NOTICE

Hays Cove Circle Bridge is closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

Bridge is available for pedestrians only. Traffic will detour via Eleventh Avenue and Bacon Street, or Conrad Street.

Dated this 15th day of May, 1922.

By Order,
F. J. WHITTAKER,
City Engineer.

NAVY CUT NOT SO BIG

Government Announces Two Destroyers Will Remain in Commission.

OTTAWA, May 17.—Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Defence, announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that an important change had been made in the government's naval policy and that reductions were not to be so extensive as had been at first proposed. It is now the intention of the government to retain in commission the two destroyers *Patriot* and *Patricia*, presented by the British Government, and four trawlers.

CANADA REMAINS PART OF EMPIRE

Washington Methods Are Taboo in House of Commons

OTTAWA, May 17.—The Commons still sticks firmly to British methods of House procedure, and no application of Washington methods will be allowed. There was a nice example of this recently when A. W. Neill, Independent, Comox-Alberni, sought to place certain documents in Hansard without reading them. He was speaking on the debate on Oriental immigration and desired permission the House to include a brief from the lawyer representing the State of California during a recent investigation. Deputy Speaker Gordon, who was in the chair, not hearing any particular protest, was about to give Mr. Neill permission when Mr. Meighen rose to protest. He said it had been the custom to allow ministers to place statistical tables in Hansard, but beyond this the House had never gone. He saw some danger in starting such an innovation as Mr. Neill proposed. Premier King agreed, but said he had thought that in this instance the matter might be over looked. But Hon. Charles Maclellan, a former Speaker, also protested. He was followed by Hon. A. K. Maclellan with a similar argument. Hon. Mr. Crerar also added his opposition, saying that if such were allowed he could see Hansard growing to many times its present size.

Mr. Neill saw many others ready to speak, too, and he hurriedly asked for his documents back, adding: "I have no hesitation in reading this, as I am still a comparatively young man."

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, of Toronto, with their two daughters, arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning. Mr. Robinson is the editor of the Toronto Telegram.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS MEETING JULY 15.

GENEVA, May 17.—The council of the League of Nations decided today to hold a special meeting, not later than July 15, to consider the question of approving the British mandate for Palestine.

LIQUOR AND DRUGS SEIZED IN TACOMA

Drugs Valued at \$11,000—Two Stills with Mash and Liquor from Illicit Factory.

TACOMA, May 17.—Drugs worth \$11,000 were seized in a rooming house here last night and a man and a woman were arrested.

Two fifty gallon stills containing much mash and liquor were also confiscated in an illicit liquor factory here.

RUSSIAN ACCEPTANCE INVITATION TO HAGUE PARLEY ANNOUNCED

GENOA, May 17.—Russia has accepted the proposal of the powers for a meeting at The Hague to discuss the Russian situation it was officially announced this afternoon. In accepting the Russians have proposed certain modifications in the plan which will be discussed at a meeting during the afternoon.

MOTOR SCHOONER IS DERELICT OFF THE COAST OF OREGON

MARSHFIELD, Oregon, May 17.—The motor schooner *Ozmo*, which became waterlogged off Cape Blanco, has been abandoned by her crew of seventeen. The pumps gave out and the vessel is derelict.

EACH CHOCOLATE IN BOX SENT ACTRESS CONTAINED BRANDY

NEW YORK, May 17.—A 50-pound box of chocolates from Paris for Billy Burke, the actress, remained with the customs people. Each chocolate contained a sizeable swallow of brandy.

K. OF P. TO SUSPEND MEMBERS OF KLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—William Ladew, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, announced today that he would request the suspension of any member found to belong to the Ku Klux Klan.

Five carloads of halibut were marketed at the Fish Exchange this afternoon.

WINS INDOOR TENNIS TITLE.



Francis Hunter is the new indoor tennis king. He won the national indoor tennis title from Frank T. Anderson in four sets in New York city. Hunter's terrific drives and speed proved too much for his adversary.

GENERAL MANAGER OF RAILWAY HERE

A. E. Warren Arrives in City with Party of Officials.

A. E. Warren, general manager of Western lines for the Canadian National Railway, arrived in the city this morning from Vancouver in the course of a general inspection tour. He is accompanied by the following officials: Captain G. H. Nicholson, general manager of the C. N. R. coast steamships; H. A. Dixon, chief engineer, Winnipeg; J. M. Horn, general freight agent, Vancouver; J. R. Cameron, assistant general manager, Vancouver; S. Morrison, chief engineer maintenance of way; W. G. Manders, assistant freight traffic manager, Winnipeg; W. Simpson, secretary to Mr. Warren and A. Gillard, secretary to Capt. Nicholson.

Upon arrival Mr. Warren made an inspection of the new depot and overhead approach. He will confer with the heads of departments this afternoon and leaves on a trip of inspection over the line tomorrow morning by motor speeder.

STRAWBERRY CROP.

VICTORIA, May 17.—Gordon Head and Saanich farms, it is expected, will produce strawberries worth \$130,000 for the wholesale market this year.

GOVERNMENT IS DEFEATED

Adverse Vote in British Commons—No Crisis Expected.

LONDON, May 17.—The government was defeated last night by a narrow margin on a technical motion not involving policy on educational matters.

There was a government caucus today after which the cabinet decided to accede to the wishes of the House and appoint a committee to enquire into the education program.

The resignation of the cabinet is not looked for as the defeat was merely a technical one.

PEACE COMMITTEE ADMITS FAILURE

Unable to Find Basis of Unity For Republican Factions in Ireland

DUBLIN, May 17.—The peace committee of the Dail Eireann, which has been trying to find a basis of unity for the Irish factions, formally reported to the Dail today that negotiations had broken down.

Unemployment Situation Throughout Province Is Improving Very Rapidly

VICTORIA, May 17.—Unemployment throughout British Columbia has decreased so rapidly during the past couple of days that in some parts of the province it has practically disappeared altogether. The provincial employment offices report this week to the Department of Labor that they are now placing men much more freely than before. Improved weather conditions are given as part of the cause.

J. M. Campbell, the local provincial government employment agent, reported this morning that while the situation here is

much improved, there are still some 80 unemployed registered at his office. Several of these, however, it is believed have obtained employment outside of the office and it is possible that the number is not actually that high now. The difficulty here is that there are a lot of floaters who come in to take up the places on the list of those whose names are struck off when work is secured.

The demand of the railway for laborers is the chief one at this time here and men are being sent out all the time. Yesterday afternoon there was an order for 27 men to be sent out as soon as they can be obtained. On Saturday five more men were sent across to Kelly's logging camp on Moseby Island. Outside of this there is not much in sight although some men may be required at Anyox when dam building operations commence. It is pointed out, however, that it is no use of men going to Anyox on the off chance of getting employment. All must be sent through the labor bureau to which the orders are sent.

NEW BRUNSWICK DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE B.C. SALMON

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 17.—Anglers are annoyed by the report that the Dominion Fisheries Department, desiring to know if British Columbia salmon could be transplanted to Atlantic waters, had placed 200,000 fingerlings of the Pacific "canery" salmon type in the St. John River. Thomas F. Allen, superintendent of the Tobique Salmon Club, says the Pacific salmon are not game fish, and he fears that if they become acclimatized that they may crowd out the Atlantic salmon which furnish the anglers with sport and the harbor and river fishermen valuable catches.

It is stated by Fisheries Inspector H. E. Harrison, of Fredericton, that the stocking of the St. John with the Pacific fingerlings was done without consulting the fisheries officers of this district.

FORMER MAYOR OF VALDEZ ADJUDGED INSANE IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, May 17.—Dr. Frank M. Boyle, former mayor of Valdez and a well known Alaskan pioneer, was adjudged insane at a hearing before Superior Court Judge King Dykeman.

Judge Dykeman ordered Dr. Boyle confined in "The Meadows" sanitarium near here. Attorney Maurice D. Leech says he will petition the court to be appointed Boyle's guardian. During the hearing Dr. Boyle suffered an epileptic fit and had to be carried from the court room.

WHALE SEASON OPENING NOW

Consolidated Whaling Corporation Will Operate Out of Kyuquot and Naden Harbor.

VICTORIA, May 17.—The Consolidated Whaling Corporation will open the whale hunting season off the British Columbia coast this week. Four boats will be operated out of Kyuquot station on Vancouver Island and Naden Harbor on Graham Island.

MANY PEOPLE KILLED WHEN BRIDGE GIVES WAY AT WACO, TEXAS

WACO, Texas, May 17.—Twenty-four persons are reported to have been drowned when the Marlin bridge over the Brazos River collapsed under pressure of extremely high water yesterday.

MARLIN, May 17.—Four bodies have been found and fifteen are still missing following the collapse of the bridge in the swollen torrent of the Brazos River. Thirty people, who were standing on the bridge watching repairs to the dykes, were all precipitated into the water as well as a dray, team and several automobiles. Some of the twelve people recovered will die of injuries.

APARTMENT HOUSE IN CHICAGO BURNS; INCENDIARY ORIGIN

CHICAGO, May 17.—A large apartment house in the course of construction here was destroyed last night by a fire believed to have been of incendiary origin and part of a system of terrorism launched by a section of labor interests which are defying the wage award of Judge Landis.

JIM TRACEY KAYOEED BY BILL BRENNAN

NEW YORK, May 17.—Bill Brennan, of Chicago, knocked out Jim Tracey, the Australian heavyweight, in the eighth round here last night.

PRINCE RUPERT SWIMMING CLUB

A meeting will be held in the Police Court, City Hall, on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. All interested in swimming welcome.

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