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PLANS FOR REORGANIZING OF CITY HALL AGRARIANS WITH ALLIES ARE PLANNING TO ENTER B. C. POLITICAL FIELD

Mayor Recommends Dismissal of Four City Departmental Heads--- Vance, Hooper, Duncan and Woods

The first inkling of the scope of the recommendations regarding official reorganization which Mayor H. B. Rochester will put before the city council for endorsement at the meeting on Monday night, was received last night by four heads of departments at the city hall. It came in the form of personal letters to W. D. Vance, city treasurer; E. A. Woods, city clerk; T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities; and T. B. Hooper, city solicitor, informing them, if the recommendations were approved by the council, the letters would serve as a notice of dismissal to take effect on December 31st this year.

CITY HALL IN MEXICO CITY IS DESTROYED

Mob Clashes With Police in Six
Hour Battle Alleging In-
difference to Water
Famine

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—A mob wrecked and burned the City Hall in the course of a six-hour battle with the police in protest against alleged widespread indifference to the water famine. The police fired on the mob and killed seventeen besides injuring fifty. Troops are patrolling the city and business houses are closed.

SUDDEN DEATH BERT RUSSELL

Well Known Pianist Expired in
Hospital This Afternoon Fol-
lowing Attack of Heart
Failure

Robert C. (Bert) Russell, the well known musician and pianist in Arthur's Orchestra, was stricken with heart failure about 1 o'clock this afternoon in the Good Eats Cafe and expired a few minutes later in the General Hospital. Deceased had gone into the restaurant about 12:30 and had given an order for toast and tea. He complained shortly afterwards of pains across the chest and suddenly collapsed. Dr. W. T. Kergin was called and rushed him to the hospital where he died. Deceased had an axe in his hand when entering the restaurant and was on his way to the St. Elmo Hotel to do some work for A. Roy. Only last night he played with Arthur's Orchestra at the St. Andrew's hall and was apparently in normal health then.

The late Mr. Russell, who was about 40 years of age, is survived by a wife and son in Vancouver. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the Moose Lodge of which he was a member.

THREE BURNED PORTLAND FIRE

Ben Hur Hotel Swept by Fire Last
Night

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 1.—Three men lost their lives and property estimated at \$75,000 was damaged in a fire which swept the Ben Hur Hotel here last night. The dead are J. J. McDonald, address unknown, and two Filipino bus boys.

REVENGE WAR IS PLANNED

Daily Mail Says it Has Proof
of Russo-German Secret
Pact

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Daily Mail claims it possesses proof that Germany and Russia are working under a secret pact to make munitions in Russia, drill soldiers under German supervision, concentrate airplanes and prepare for an agricultural campaign in Russia to make the two countries independent of ocean imports with a view to launching a war of revenge chiefly against France.

BURDE HAD STORMY TIME AS CHAIRMAN IN HOUSE THURSDAY

VICTORIA, Dec. 1.—Major Dick Burde, the Independent member for Alberni who enjoys interrupting speakers and delaying the business of the House, was chairman of bills yesterday. He had to call Fred Anderson, member for Kamloops, to order often and since threatened stronger methods if the member did not obey the order of the chair. The House was much amused and the press gallery especially enjoyed the scene. Burde is now getting some of his own medicine.

LABOR BILLS BROUGHT UP

Guthrie Measure for Protecting
Children Was Defeated—
Present Act Covers It

VICTORIA, Dec. 1.—Private members' day yesterday gave the Labor members a chance to take to their bills, none of which seems likely to pass.

Hon. J. W. deB. Farris, member for Vancouver, took exception to three bills, one of which was introduced by Sam Guthrie, Labor member for Newcastle. It was defeated by 23 to 15, having been opposed by Mr. Bowser and Mr. Oliver and the most of the Liberal members. The bill was supposed to protect children but Mr. Farris said there were already wider powers under the present Act.

Much Discussion

The matter is being freely discussed on the streets today. The mayor handed out the letters last night without any word and the officials concerned seem to be more anxious to see what substitutes will be made in the staff than in their own notices. Many people take the view that it would be very difficult to carry on the work of the city with new officials who have not a grasp of the situation as the present heads especially as the election is slated for January 11 and a considerable amount of work has to be done in preparation.

BRITISH CAPITAL IN STEWART MINES

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—A property on the Bear River near Stewart has been acquired by a British syndicate which is negotiating for more properties. The company will put British capital into the Stewart mining areas.

ANXIETY FELT FOR SCHOONER MORENGEN

Coastguard Cutter Smith Des-
patched From Ketchikan in
Search For Her.

Anxiety is felt in Ketchikan regarding the safety of the halibut schooner Morengen which is long overdue. The Morengen left Petersburg on October 14 last and was last heard of on November 5 when she was seen in a heavy storm off Yakutat. The coastguard cutter has gone in search of the schooner which is commanded by Capt. Walderbaugh.

SEVEN OF CREW LAKE MICHIGAN STEAMER DEAD

Canadian Ship Broke up in Heavy
Gale today

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 1.—Captain Mason Bernard and six members of the crew of the Canadian steamer Maplehurst lost their lives early today when the ship broke up a mile west of Portage Lake canal during a heavy gale. Nine other members of the crew were rescued after jumping from the bridge into lifeboats.

Amalgamation of All Returned Soldier Organizations is Live Question Penticton Convention

PENTICTON, Dec. 1.—The provincial convention of the Great War Veterans' Association opened here today with a stirring speech by Major M. J. Grehan, of Vancouver, Dominion president of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association of Canada.

Major Grehan discussed the amalgamation of various returned soldiers' organizations and stated that the first meeting of the newly constituted British Columbia section of the amalgamation committee would be held in Vancouver on December 7, next Thursday. A platform opinion on amalgamation would then be submitted. This platform, along with similar platforms from other provincial committees, would be referred to the Dominion amalgamation committee to guide in working out a plan for the amalgamation of all veterans' associations in Canada.

The British Columbia amalgamation committee includes Col. J. Leckie, of Vancouver; Col. E. Edgett, of Vernon; Walter Drinnan, of the Great War Veterans' Association; J. W. Glenwright, of Vancouver, representing the Grand Army United Veterans; President Ross of the Vancouver Imperial Veterans; Major Grehan and General Ward, of the Vancouver Army and Navy Veterans. Members for Vancouver are: This, he thought, was good business and what any business man would do.

CERTAIN BRANDS LIQUOR BOOSTED

H. A. Urquhart Appeared Before
Public Accounts Committee
at Victoria Yesterday

VICTORIA, Dec. 1.—H. A. Urquhart, former liquor vendor at Vancouver, who visited the Old Country on a purchasing trip for the Liquor Board, told the public accounts committee yesterday of his visit and of the qualities of the various brands of liquor purchased. He said the vendors had received a letter from J. H. Falconer, member of the board, asking the staffs to put their selling ability behind certain brands. This, he thought, was good business and what any business man would do.

WIDER POWERS DEALING WITH FOREST FIRES

Minister of Lands to Introduce
Amendments to Forest Act
in Legislature

VICTORIA, Dec. 1.—Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, will introduce in the legislature a measure amending the Forest Act to give the department wider powers in dealing with forest fires. The experience of the past season has shown that much drastic action is necessary and that it will be without cost to the people of the province generally if the timber is conserved.

MONTREAL COLLEGE BURNED TO GROUND

Laval Dental and Veterinary Col-
lege Razed in Fire Believed
of Incendiary Origin

MONTREAL, Dec. 1.—The Laval Dental and Veterinary College, situated on the University of Montreal but in a separate building, was burned to the ground last night. The loss is estimated at about \$500,000. Eight firemen were injured by flying glass. Rumors of incendiarism are current.

LABOR BILL REJECTED BY BRITISH COMMONS

Measure in Regard to Unemploy-
ment Turned Down by Vote
of 303 to 172

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The House of Commons today rejected by a vote of 303 to 172 an amendment to the speech from the Throne moved by the Labor Party. The amendment raised the question of unemployment.

United Farmers Launched New Political Body at Vernon to be Known as Provincial Party

VERNON, Dec. 1.—A new political organization to be known as the Provincial Party was launched by the United Farmers of British Columbia at a meeting here yesterday of the political committee of farmers' organizations. All organizations not in accord with the two old parties are invited to join with the farmers to form the new party. Labor men, business men and others will be invited to confer with representatives of the United Farmers Party at its annual meeting to be held in January to plan an active campaign throughout the province.

BLIZZARD ON GREAT LAKES

Ties up Biggest Grain Shipment
Ever Sent Out of Port
William

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 1.—After having loaded and cleared with 7,000,000 bushels of grain yesterday constituting a record shipment day, several ships have been compelled to remain at Thunder Bay under shelter of islands unable to venture out into Lake Superior on account of a heavy blizzard at the head of the lakes. The ships had to leave the harbor last night in order to secure lower insurance rates expiring on November 30. Only one vessel is reported in the middle of the lake and it is battling with the storm. The others scurried to shelter.

LANDINGS OF FISH DURING NOVEMBER

Landings of fish at the port of Prince Rupert for the month of November, according to official figures compiled by the local office of the Dominion Fisheries department, were as follows:

Cod	56,000 lbs.
Halibut	2,294,400 lbs.
Salmon	400 lbs.
Crabs	400 lbs.

IRISH BILL PASSES LORDS' COMMITTEE

Third and Final Reading Will be
Made on Monday, it is Ex-
pected

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Irish constitution bill passed without amendment through its committee stage in the House of Lords today. It will receive its third and final reading on Monday.

VICTORY BONDS ARE BEING REDEEMED IN ALL CANADIAN BANKS

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—In every bank in Canada today Victory Bonds are being redeemed. In all between seventy and eighty million dollars will be paid out and more than a hundred million dollars of the loan converted.

KILLS MANAGER OF STORE THEN TURNS PISTOL ON HIMSELF

DUCK LAKE, Sask., Dec. 1.—After admitting theft from the store where had been employed as a clerk for 28 years and having been dismissed, A. G. Davidson, aged 65, returned to the store with a revolver and shot and killed David McNair, manager. He then committed suicide by turning the gun on himself.

VOLCANO ACTIVE
LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Stromboli volcano, on the island of that name off the coast of Sicily, is in violent eruption says a despatch from Rome today.

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United States, 1-32 premium.
Sterling, \$1.51 1/2.
Hong Kong, 55.45.