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LAUSANNE CONFERENCE WEATHERS CRISIS CONSERVATIVE MEMBER FAILS TO FOLLOW UP HIS ALLEGATIONS IN OPEN

Esling Backs Down on His Charges so P. G. E. Enquiry Falls Through

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—The Pacific Great Eastern Railway investigation fell through yesterday when W. K. Esling, member for Rossland, first changed his allegation from against the government to the Northern Construction Co. and then refused to give evidence under oath in regard to the information he said he had against the company. He said that he would not say the government had allowed wrongful payments and he had not intended his remarks as a specific charge. He did think, however, that wrongful payments had been made amounting to over \$1,000,000 and the books and officials of the company could not be summoned at this late date. The Premier should be asked to hold an investigation after the session was over. Unless he could get the Northern Construction officials and books, he (Esling) would refuse to go ahead.

FINE WEATHER ON FISH BANKS

As a Result Big Schooners Are
Coming In—167,000 Pounds
of Halibut Marketed
Today

Fine fishing weather prevails on the halibut banks and as a result, big schooners with big catches are beginning to arrive in port. Four of these marketed a total of 167,000 pounds of halibut this morning and more are due within the next few days. The fishermen report that the weather does not seem so cold further north as it is here.

Today's sales were as follows: Liberty, 55,000 pounds, at 12c and 7c, to the Pacific Fisheries; Senator, 34,000 pounds, at 12c and 7c, to the Royal Fish Co.; Pioneer, 67,000 pounds, at 12c and 9.5c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.; Volunteer, 11,000 pounds, at 12c and 9.5c, to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage.

CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS OPEN

Premier Poincaré Addressed
Gathering at London Today

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The conference of the Allied premiers had a two hour session here this morning when the heads of all four delegations, British, French, Italian and Belgian, addressed the gathering.

Premier Poincaré of France insisted that France's great interest must be recognized. He declared that the German reparations question had arrived at a stage where something radical must be done. It is understood that Premier Poincaré, towards the close of the session, said that France would consent to a moratorium of two years from Germany if certain economic guarantees accompanied it.

PRISON GUARD IN DUBLIN WAS SHOT

Two Students Entered Hospital
Seeking to Liberate Prisoner
but Without Success

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—Two men, apparently students seeking to liberate a prisoner, entered a prison hospital yesterday and ordered the police officer guarding the prison to throw up his hands. When the officer raised an alarm, the students shot and wounded him and escaped.

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SIX NATION INDIANS RESISTED MOUNTIES

Officers Seeking For Illicit Stills
Near Brantford—One Native
Arrested and Convicted

BRANTFORD, Dec. 9.—Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who were hunting for stills on a Six Nation Indian reserve here, met with resistance from Indians who had stills. Only one native was arrested and yesterday he was sentenced to three months. The police have returned to arrest others who successfully resisted arrest abetted by the villagers.

CALGARY TIGERS BEAT ST. PATS.

CALGARY, Dec. 9.—The Tigers, Calgary's professional hockey team, opened the season here last night by defeating the Toronto St. Patrick's in an exhibition game by 7 to 5.

For a world's champion hockey team, the St. Patrick's have not made the clean sweep on their Western tour that might have been expected. Of five games played so far with the Western teams they have won two, from Edmonton and Seattle, lost two, to Victoria and Calgary, and drawn one with Vancouver.

ASTORIA FIRE SMOLDERING

Relief and Reconstruction Starts
—Public Buildings Unharmed

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 9.—Amid the smoldering ruins of the city's business district, relief activities and preliminary work toward reconstruction began at dawn today. There were a thousand fires scattered about the devastated area during the night and sailors with fixed bayonets guarded the vaults of the burned banks. The spectre of the fire bug rose from the ashes of the wrecked city and there are many rumors which the authorities are attempting to run down. All the public buildings were unharmed save from broken glass caused by the dynamite explosions.

COLDEST TEMPERATURE FELT THIS MORNING

Mercury Sank to 12 Degrees
Above Zero, According to Dominion Meteorologist

The lowest temperature this fall was reached early this morning when the mercury sank to 12 degrees above zero, according to H. O. Crewe, Dominion meteorologist. At 1 a.m. the thermometer stood at 13 degrees above zero and sank another degree shortly after. The lowest this year was in February when it went down to seven degrees. This day last year it was raining and the temperature was 52 degrees.

The younger generation made good use of the cold weather and a group of boys had a lively fire going beside the pond on the G. T. P. hotel site early in the morning to warm themselves while skating.

Many complaints were received at the city hall about frozen water pipes and this condition seems to be very prevalent about the city.

FOUR WOMEN WILL HAVE SEATS IRISH FREE STATE SENATE

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—The senate of the Irish Free State will have four women members, it was stated here today. Dowager Countess Desart and Mrs. Myse Power have been nominated by the President of the Dail. Mrs. Green, historian, and Mrs. Costello have been elected by the lower chamber.

SHOPMEN'S WAGE TO REMAIN CUT

Statement to This Effect Issued
by Railway Association
of Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—An official statement issued by the railway Association says that the wage cut imposed on 35,000 railway shopmen of Canadian lines on August 16 from 5c. to 4c. an hour is to remain in force.

A statement by the Shopmen's Union says the representatives of the men have agreed to a continuance of the present scale of wages as cut.

AUSTRALIAN MARINE STRIKE NEARLY OVER

Two More Boats Have Sailed
From Sydney For Vancouver

SYDNEY, Dec. 9.—The seamen's strike which has been in progress for several weeks is practically broken. Two more ships, including the Waiwaka, have sailed for Vancouver.

GLAZING MILL NEAR SCRANTON DESTROYED

Four People Killed and Several
Were Injured in an Explosion

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—Four persons are dead and several are injured as a result of an explosion which destroyed a glazing mill near here today.

LEGISLATURE TO TALK BEER

Capt. Ian MacKenzie Asks for
Untrammelled Discussion—
Whiteside Will Object

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—The legislature on Friday passed a resolution providing for consideration of a change in the Liquor Act in respect to the sale of beer.

Capt. Ian MacKenzie, member for Vancouver, urged that it was the duty of the House to consider the question regardless of party. He thought that the majority of members favored a more elastic condition. Looking across at the Conservative benches, Capt. MacKenzie said that last year a number of the members had left their seats when the matter was being considered. He asked them to stay in their seats like men this time and vote according to their judgment. In his own party, many were sincerely opposed to the loosening of restrictions but he thought that the majority of the electors believed there should be a safety valve. The Pensioners' Association of the Great War Veterans' Association had declared in favor of selling beer by the glass. If the House feared to act on its own initiative why not go back to the people? Trusting the people was a good liberal doctrine. The beer system in Quebec had been a success.

David Whiteside, member for New Westminster, notified the House that he would raise a point of order on Monday since the resolution had to do with the spending of money.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Banks and E. R. Workman are passengers on the Prince Rupert today on their way to Stewart.

PATRICIAN SHOULD ARRIVE HERE TODAY

Captain Donald, of the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert, reported seeing the torpedo boat destroyer, H.M.C.S. Patrician at Albert Bay yesterday morning. The naval vessel spent the night at Bella Bella and should be along here this evening, doing all her travelling in the daytime.

The entertainment committee of the Board of Trade and Secretary E. V. Exitt have offered their services to Mayor Rochester for the entertainment of the naval men.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Results of League football games in the Old Country today follow:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Arsenal 1, Birmingham 0.
Aston Villa 0, Sheffield United 1.
Manchester City 2, Blackburn 1.
Bolton W. 3, West Bromwich 0.
Burnley 3, Middlesboro 0.
Stoke 3, Cardiff City 1.
Huddersfield 3, Chelsea 0.
Everton 1, Sunderland 1.
Newcastle United 0, Liverpool 1.
Notts Forest 0, Tottenham 1.
Oldham 2, Preston N. E. 1.

Division II.
Bradford City 1, Notts County 2.
Clapton Orient 0, Bury 2.
Crystall Palace 1, Blackpool 1.
Fulham 1, Coventry City 0.
Hull City 2, Barnsley 1.
Rotherham C. 1, Manchester U. 1.
Wednesday 2, Leicester City 1.
Southampton 0, Derby C. 1.
South Shields 0, West Ham 0.
Stockport C. 0, Port Vale 2.
Wolverhampton 0, Leeds U. 1.

Division III. (Southern)
Brighton & Hove 2, Aberdare 1.
Bristol C. 1, Luton Town 0.
Exeter City 2, Southend U. 1.
Millwall-Portsmouth game postponed; fog.
Newport C. 2, Gillingham 1.
Northampton 1, Merthyr Town 1.
Plymouth A. 2, Charlton A. 0.
Queen's Park R. 1, Brentford 1.
Reading 1, Norwich City 1.
Swindon Town 2, Swansea Town 1.
Watford 0, Bristol Rovers 1.

Division III. (Northern)
Aston Villa 0, Lincoln City 2.
Barnard 2, Southport 0.
Chesterfield 2, Bradford 2.
Darlington 2, Nelson 3.
Durham City 0, Walsall 1.
Ratcliffe Town 1, Crewe A. 4.
Hartlepool U. 0, Accrington 0.
Wigan Borough 0, Tranmere R. 0.
Wrexham 2, Staleybridge C. 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division I.
Aberdeen 1, Clyde 0.
Airdrieonians-Third Lanark game postponed; fog.
Alloa 5, Kilmarnock 2.
Celtic 1, Falkirk 1.
Hibernians 2, Hamilton 0.
Morton 3, Albion Rovers 0.
Motherwell 4, Hearts 1.
Partick Thistles-St. Mirren game postponed; fog.
Raith Rovers 0, Ayr United 0.
Rangers 1, Dundee 0.

FRANCO-CANADIAN COMMERCIAL PACT IS NOW CONCLUDED

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The new commercial treaty between France and Canada has been concluded. The details have not yet been disclosed.

Optimism Reigns at Lausanne After Turkey and Russia Fall Apart on Dardanelles Demands

LAUSANNE, Dec. 9.—Optimism reigns here today for the Near East conference has weathered its most difficult session to date.

Ismet Pasha's statement yesterday of the Turkish views in connection with the Dardanelles question brought a reply from Lord Curzon, British foreign minister, which resulted in a general clearing of the conference atmosphere.

Turkey has apparently broken away from Russian control and Foreign Minister Tschitcherin and associates, although resentful of Turkey's failure to hold out for complete autonomy of the straits, are accepting the situation.

A modified plan for control of the straits to satisfy the Turks and the Allied powers is being worked out.

LABORITES UP IN ARMS

Over Execution of Rebels in
Reprisal for Shooting
of Deputy

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—Labor members of the Dail Eireann are up in arms over the execution of Liam Mellows and other rebels yesterday in reprisal for the murder of Sean Males, the Free State deputy. President Cosgrave peremptorily refused to give them a statement on the government's attitude and ordered the chairman to proceed with the business of the House.

The labor members served a warning that they would press the matter further and said that the Free State's good name had been tarnished.

TO ADVERTISE FOR NEW OFFICIALS

City Council Again Discussed Re-
organization in Committee
Last Night

The committee of the whole of the city council met again last night and discussed once more the re-organization of the city hall. According to information gained this morning—the meeting was a closed one—it was decided to recommend to the council on Monday that advertisements for the heads of departments be placed in the southern papers at the end of the month. The suggestion of running the fire department on the two-platoon system was also brought up but nothing was done.

PROHIBITION SOUNDLY BEATEN NEW ZEALAND

Majority in Favor of Wets is
Raised From 3,232 in 1919
to 16,138

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Dec. 9.—The vote on prohibition in New Zealand gave the wets a majority of 16,138. The majority for the wets in 1919 was 3,232.

BANDITS MAKE BIG HAUL OF WHISKEY AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 9.—Twelve bandits overpowered government guards at a distillery and escaped with bonded whiskey valued at \$50,000.

MEMBERSHIP DAY TUESDAY

Fair Board Will Have Big Can-
vas in Connection with Drive
Then

Tuesday will be Membership Day in connection with the drive that the Northern B.C. Agricultural & Industrial Association is putting on for new members. A thorough canvass of the business section will be made on that day and members of the committees will approach every individual in their respective districts recording the names of all those they do not see. A special meeting of the board will be held on Monday evening to make final arrangements for the canvass.

The canvassing committee are to be as follows:

Wholesale district and waterfront—W. E. Thompson (Capt.), D. G. Stuart, W. J. Kirkpatrick and one selected citizen.

Fraser Street, Second and Third Avenues west of Sixth Street—Ald. J. H. Kelly (Captain), J. F. Venables and two selected citizens.

Second Avenue east of Sixth Street and McBride Street to Third—M. M. McLaughlin (Capt.), John MacRae and two selected citizens.

Third Avenue and Fraser Street east of Sixth Street and side streets—C. G. Mills (Captain), Ald. T. Silversides and two selected citizens.

MARRIAGE OF WELL KNOWN COUPLE TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT

Miss Olga Rank Becomes the
Bride of Edward Clapp.—Rev.
Grant Officiating

An interesting wedding was quietly solemnized in the Manse by Rev. Dr. H. B. Grant at 8 o'clock last evening when Miss Olga Rank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rank, Seventh Avenue East, was united in marriage to Edward Clapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clapp, Fraser Street. Miss Olga Rank was bridesmaid and Alex. Roy, best man, the members of the bridal party being the only persons present.

Following the ceremony, the party went to the St. Regis Cafe for a wedding supper and there they were surprised by a number of their friends and general hilarity followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clapp are both well known among the younger people of the city and are very popular. Both have resided here since childhood having attended the public schools of the city. The groom has been engaged with his father in business here and the bride has been book-keeper in McRae Bros. store for some time. They will take up their residence in the Richmond Rooms.