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WAR CLOUDS SEEM TO BE ROLLING AWAY

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FROM EAST ARE THE GUESTS OF PRINCE RUPERT

Peace Settlement being Drawn up by France and Britain with View to Settlement Without War

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Prospects for peace in the near east brightened today as the French cabinet representatives met to consider tentative conditions of settlement drawn up by allied delegates here. The conditions which are expected to form the basis for negotiations at a peace conference, provide for the re-occupation of Constantinople and Eastern Thrace, including Adrianople up to the line of the river Maritza with a neutral zone along the Thracian, Bulgarian and Grecian frontiers; internationalization of the Dardanelles, maintenance of permanent allied military force at Gallipoli and strict guarantees for the protection of minorities in Turkey.

BRITISH POLICY
LONDON, Sept. 23.—The policy of Great Britain for the near east is to establish freedom of the Dardanelles under the supervision of the League of Nations, Premier Lloyd George declared in a statement this afternoon.

The premier stated that whatever steps the government had taken to strengthen the military and naval forces in the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus had been dictated by two supreme considerations—first, Great Britain's anxiety as to the freedom of the seas between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and, to prevent an exceptionally horrible war from spreading to Europe.

PICARELLO IS AWAITING TRIAL

Captured by Posse at Blairmore with Woman Companion Sent to Lethbridge.

FERNIE, Sept. 23.—Emil Picarello charged with the murder of Constable S. C. Lawson, was captured late yesterday afternoon and is being taken to Lethbridge for trial. His woman companion, Mrs. Lasandra, was also captured.

The capture was effected by a posse at Blairmore, Alberta. When the officers surrounded the building in which the pair were hiding, both came out and surrendered.

Picarello is a well known citizen of Coleman, Alta. He is said to have gone to the home of Constable Lawson and shot him dead.

NEW AMERICAN CUSTOMS RULE

Duty of Two Cents on Canadian Fish Goes Into Force.

A. D. Gillies of the Canadian Express Company has received instructions in connection with the recently passed tariff measure that the new United States customs tariff is in effect and the assessment of a duty of two cents a pound on halibut and salmon should be made. Smelts go free. Other fish pays a duty of one cent a pound.

The American customs also advise that a duty be collected on all shipments of American caught fish from Prince Rupert unless the same is accompanied by a United States coastwise manifest. They say they will not recognize the Canadian customs manifest except Prince Rupert to a Canadian port of exit or to a Canadian port of origin.

This would seem to mean that, unless other arrangements are made, American halibut boats coming here will have to pay duty unless they first call at an American port.

CANADA ALLOWS AMERICAN VESSELS NEW PRIVILEGES

The Canadian customs department has made a new ruling in favor of American fishermen which makes it possible for American fishermen to secure bait and stores at a Canadian port without first signing a declaration that the catch would be brought here. All they have to do is to pay a license fee of one dollar.

WHIST LEAGUE STARTS AGAIN

Organization Meeting For Forthcoming Winter Was Held Last Night

S. M. NEWTON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT

The preliminary organization meeting of the Fraternal Whist League for the forthcoming winter season took place last night in the Metropole Hall, delegates from nine prospective gentlemen's teams and four ladies being in attendance. Officers were elected and general planning for the activities of the season were discussed.

The following are the officers for the year:
President, S. M. Newton.
First vice-president, Mrs. S. V. Cox.

Second vice-president, H. R. Love.
Secretary-treasurer, E. A. Donohoe.

The delegates were Ald. John Dybbavn, Valhalla; W. McCulloch, St. Andrew's Society; Mrs. W. Anderson, St. Andrew's ladies; G. W. Johnston, Sons of Canada; S. M. Newton, Sons of England; W. Reid, Elks; Mrs. H. F. Glassey, Ladies of the Royal Purple; Mrs. S. V. Cox, Daughters and Maids of England; B. M. Simpson, Moose Lodge; Harry Love, Oddfellows; W. Burken, Knights of Pythias; Mrs. George Leek, Pythian Sisters; E. A. Donohoe, Knights of Columbus. The Great War Veterans and the Loyal Orange Lodge were mentioned as prospective entries but no delegates from these orders were present. The Rebekahs were not represented and it is doubtful if they will be taking part.

A committee comprising G. W. Johnstone, E. A. Donohoe and W. Reid was delegated to look after the securing of a hall and report to the next meeting on Thursday night.

It was decided that ladies' games would be played this winter on Wednesday nights and gentlemen's on Fridays. The league will start in games soon after October 1, it is expected.

STOCKS IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The stock market was generally irregular but most issues closed firm with net gains for the day.

VANCOUVER MEN GO TO STEWART

Grant Mahood at the Head of Party of Twenty Going North Today.

Piloted by Grant Mahood, general manager of the American Mining and Milling Co., Ltd., a party of 20 Vancouver district businessmen is in the city today on the steamer Prince Rupert enroute to Stewart where they will make a general inspection of the mining field tomorrow. Arrangements have been made to have the steamer prolong her stay at Stewart tomorrow and on arrival cars will be waiting to take the party up Salmon River to Fish Creek trail where horses will take them up the mountain to the Fish Creek mines. A visit to the Premier is also planned. The Prince Rupert will likely remain at Stewart till about 1 o'clock in the afternoon delaying here on her return here until possibly midnight.

The party consists of R. A. Creech, of Powell River; Dr. T. H. Agnew, Dr. Lachlan MacMillan, J. George MacDonald, of Vancouver; P. R. Fleming, of Victoria; H. Zeffert, of Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Sears, G. A. Laidlaw, T. M. Christie, H. J. Bush, George Stewart, Dr. W. S. Watson, E. Hamilton, F. Stanley, G. C. Lebric and others. T. M. Christie is Vancouver manager of the American Mining and Milling Co., and George Stewart is also on the staff. Among the directors of the company on the trip are Dr. Lachlan MacMillan and J. G. MacDonald. Mr. Sears is the company's solicitor.

A special invitation had been issued to the Montreal Board of Trade excursionists to make the Stewart trip with the party but this could not be accepted on account of the itinerary having been fully arranged already. Last night on the steamer Mr. Sears addressed the excursionists telling of the Stewart mining field and Northern B. C. generally. This proved very interesting and was much appreciated by members of the distinguished party.

Mr. Mahood, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Christie will remain in Stewart for a time but other members of the party will be back on their way south tomorrow night.

MEIGHEN WILL SUPPORT KING

Will do Anything to Make Clear to World Solidarity of Empire

TORONTO, Sept. 23.—The declaration that he would support the Mackenzie King Government in any step to make clear to the world the solidarity of the British Empire so far as Canada is concerned in the handling of the eastern situation was featured in a speech by Arthur Meighen before the Conservative Club.

"When the British message came, Canada should have said, 'Ready! Aye, ready. We stand by you,'" he said.

ARRESTS IN GREECE

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Several arrests have been made on charges of plotting against the state and the present regime says an Athens despatch. Those arrested include supporters of former Premier Venizelos.

SEIZE DRUGS GREAT VALUE

Said to Be Worth Half a Million—Greatest Haul Made Yet.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—A drug raid, the biggest ever carried out in the United States, was made on the Hotel Douglas by forty detectives. The raiders said they seized half a million dollars' worth of drugs. The seizure is said to have cut the artery between the drug centre and the remainder of the United States.

ANYOX TO HAVE NEW GYMNASIUM

Sum of \$4,000 to be Spent on Structure at Beach for Recreation

FLOOD TENNIS COURT MAKE SKATING RINK

ANYOX, Sept. 23.—At the regular meeting of the Community League held here on Wednesday, the action of the league council in deciding to erect a new gymnasium building at the beach was ratified on the motion of councillors Lowry and Armour. The sum of \$4,000 was voted for the purpose. The new building will be available for a general recreation hall, dances and indoor sports. This is in addition to the hall at the mine which it was decided last week should be built there.

Mrs. Hoffman asked if it would not be possible to build a skating rink at the beach, and after some discussion it was decided to reinforce the foundation of the lower tennis court and flood it so that it could be used for skating during the cold weather.

HERE PREPARING FOR WRIGLEY DIRECTORY

Frank H. Horn, secretary of the Wrighley's Directories, accompanied by E. G. Kidd, is spending a week or two in the city in connection with their publication. The directory is to be more complete than ever this year for it will include a full city directory of both Vancouver and Victoria, something that has not been done before.

Mr. Horn says that they have captured the directory business of British Columbia after six years' hard work.

RABBIT BREEDER FELL DEAD AT VICTORIA FAIR

VICTORIA, Sept. 23.—M. Brinkman, president of the Victoria rabbit breeders' association, dropped dead at the agricultural fair yesterday.

BURNED TO DEATH HOME DESTROYED

NANAIMO, Sept. 23.—George W. Bamforth, 36 years of age and a returned soldier, was burned to death here when his home was destroyed by fire.

Miss Alice Du Vernet left last night for Kitwanga where she will spend a month's holiday.

Montreal Board of Trade Party Arrived Today from South; Spend Day in City

The British parliamentary and Montreal Board of Trade excursion party arrived at noon today on the steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Donald, from Vancouver to pay their visit to this city before starting tonight on the return journey to Montreal by the Canadian National Railways. The distinguished visitors were welcomed at the boathouse by Mayor Rochester, C. H. Orme, president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, E. C. Gibbons and Thomas McGlymont, members of the reception committee, and members of the board generally. This afternoon a program of sightseeing and general entertainment is being proceeded with in their honor.

The excursionists report the journey up the coast from Vancouver as having been one of the most delightful features of their long and extensive tour. Officials of the steamship company showed every courtesy and did everything within their power towards providing comfort and convenience for the members of the party. In this they were eminently successful.

Last night a concert and dance was held on the steamer, the ship's orchestra providing the music. A collection was made which netted \$160 for the British Seamen's Widows and Orphans Fund. An amusing feature of the evening was the mock presentation of an old pipe to Sir Arthur Currie by other members of the party.

Soon after arrival here, the party transferred to their special train which is standing at the station. Several local citizens were guests of the railway company and members of the excursion at luncheon.

Afternoon's Program

The afternoon's program provides for a harbor front trip by special train in the course of which the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.'s and the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Engineering Co.'s plants will be visited. At 5 o'clock the ladies of the party are to be guests of honor at the Girl Guides' tea in the Metropole Hall. At 7 o'clock the big fish banquet in the Central Hotel takes place, General Sir Arthur Currie and W. E. Cushing being the speakers.

The special train taking the excursionists East is scheduled to leave at 10:30 city time. The Prince Rupert Club has been thrown open for the afternoon to all gentlemen members of the party.

LITTLE DAMAGE FROM LAST NIGHT'S STORM

Hazelton Hydroplane Safe with but Slight Gash in one of the Metal Wings.

The waterfront got quite a dusting up with last night's gale but no damage of any consequence is reported today as a result. One end of the Dominion Government launch float was torn away from its moorings and detached from the ganeway landing to the railway grade but none of the boats suffered.

It was generally reported around town this morning that the airplane Hazelton had sustained serious damage but investigation proved that the only mark the machine had from the elements was a gash of a few inches made in one of the wings when it must have come in contact with some obstruction. Major Thompson and George Beirnes had the machine tightly moored with ropes both aft and forward in readiness for the storm.

CRERAR SAYS PARLIAMENT MUST DECIDE

No Promise of Troops for Overseas Service Should Be Made.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—A. T. Crerar, progressive leader, after a conference with Premier Mackenzie King, said his stand in regard to the threatened war situation was that no troops should be promised for the near east until Parliament has had an opportunity of pronouncing on the matter. The Canadian people, said he, were entitled to the fullest information.

TARIFF EFFECT PRINCE RUPERT

Seattle Predicts Loss of Business to This Port From New Tariff

SEATTLE, Sept. 23.—Fish brokers here predict that the American tariff law effective today, which lays a duty of two cents a pound on fish, will cause American fishermen who have been taking their catches to Prince Rupert to resume former bases at Ketchikan and Petersburg, Alaska. Fresh fish, it is expected, will be iced at Ketchikan and Petersburg instead of at Prince Rupert and brought here for curing or other preparation. It is believed the new duty will shift to American railways large fish shipments formerly handled by Canadian lines.

FISHERIES REPORT RADICAL DOCUMENT

Said to Recommend Curtailment of Licenses to Japanese and Reorganization Department of Marine.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—Some sweeping recommendations are understood to be included in the report of the commission on British Columbia fisheries submitted today. The contents have not yet been made public but it is said to recommend the curtailment of the issue of fishing licenses to Japanese and the reorganization of the department of marine and fisheries.

ONTARIO WITHDRAWS TEN MILLION LOAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—It is anticipated that as a result of the withdrawal of the ten million dollar loan by the province of Ontario, the province will later enter the New York market for a \$25,000,000 loan.