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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Burns Lake Business Block Wiped Out

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR WORK ON NEW DAM AT ANYOX

Fire Destroys Big Building at Burns Lake During Night

BURNS LAKE, March 8.—The slumbering population of Burns Lake was suddenly aroused by the alarm of fire on Monday night, when the Burns Lake Hotel, owned by John C. K. Sealy and Robert M. Gerow, burst into flames and was soon all consumed. The loss was a heavy one and included the Gerow store, the Burns Lake Hotel and the Shaw Feed and Produce Co., the total loss being estimated at close to \$75,000.

Constable Carr was among the first to respond to the call, and immediately recognizing the impossibility of saving the hotel, store and attached buildings, directed the efforts of the crowd to saving the adjoining edifices. Under his cool headed directions the contents of the N. T. Morse and Jean Johnson buildings were salvaged by a group, prominent among whom was Charles Olson, who shovelled snow fast enough to prevent the fire from making a new start in those buildings.

The buildings which were destroyed were on the south side of the track in a district occupied largely by French-Canadian and Scandinavians. They are cut off from the part of the town on the north side, where the largest part of the business of the place is done.

The owners of the destroyed buildings are the same people who are interested in the oil drilling on the shore of the lake where they have been carrying on operations quietly and are said to have been made substantial offers for their oil holdings.

The excellent work done by Constable Carr in saving some of the buildings on the south side is the subject of general comment.

Little insurance was carried by owners of the buildings.

NINE STEAMERS OUT FOR SEALS

Compromise Arrangement with Striking Marine Engineers Allows Vessels to Leave.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 8.—Under a compromise agreement between striking marine engineers and most of the sealing steamer owners, all ships got away to the ice fields on schedule time.

Nine steamships go to the fields for seals this year and their crews total slightly over 1300 men.

VIOLENT STORMS IN NEW ENGLAND STATES

One Death and Several Injuries as Well as Flooded Highways Result.

BOSTON, Mar. 8.—Swollen rivers, flooded highways and other minor damage resulted today as local effects of a rain and wind storm that swept New England last night. One death and several injuries are attributed to the storm.

MARKET PRICES.

Word received in the city this morning indicates that Alberta butter has gone up four cents a pound wholesale. Evaporated milk is down 50c a case.

TRYING TO AVERT ENGINEERS' LOCKOUT IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, March 8.—The first definite move toward averting a lockout of engineers was made yesterday when the Government intervened. Hon. T. J. McNamara, minister of labor, met the executive of the Engineers' Union and as a result a decision was reached to reopen direct negotiations between the unions and the employers.

SYSTEM OF STATE INSURANCE SOUGHT

REGINA, Mar. 8.—A system of state insurance, similar to the Manitoba act, is favored by Saskatchewan employers, according to a decision reached at a recent conference of employers here. Legislation to make such a measure effective will probably be asked at the next session of the provincial legislature.

MEDALS FOR ALLIES WHO AIDED BRITISH SOLDIERS IN FIELD

LONDON, March 8.—The King has sanctioned the issue of medals to those of allied nationality who at imminent risk of their lives rendered assistance to British soldiers behind the enemy lines.

MAYOR OF NELSON IS CANDIDATE FOR PROVINCIAL HONORS

NELSON, March 8.—Mayor C. F. McHardy has been nominated by the Conservatives of the riding to contest it on their behalf in the forthcoming by-election. The vacancy is caused by the retirement of Dr. Rose who was defeated in the Federal election.

VANCOUVER FAVORITES

Enter First Game with Regina Tonight 10 to 6 in Their Favor.

VANCOUVER, March 8.—The Vancouver Millionaires, champions of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association, will enter tonight's game with the Regina Capitals, Western Canada champions, ten to six favorites. It is felt that Vancouver will gain the right to play either Ottawa or Toronto St. Patrick's for the Stanley Cup and the world's championship for the prairie team has just had five hard matches in the last week and have had little time to limber up after the journey from Edmonton. The Capitals arrived here this morning.

LLOYD GEORGE BETTER.

LONDON, March 8.—Premier Lloyd George was sufficiently recovered from an attack of bronchial catarrh to preside at a meeting of the cabinet this morning.

LATEST PHOTO OF MRS. CARUSO AND GLORIA.



This is the latest picture to be taken of the widow and daughter of the famous tenor, who have just taken up their residence in New York city for the winter and spring.

PARLIAMENT OPENED TODAY

Swearing in of Members Commenced Yesterday and is Being Continued.

OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—The Dominion Parliament was opened today by the Governor-general, this being the first occasion on which Lord Byng has officiated at such a task.

The swearing in of the members of Canada's Fourteenth Parliament commenced yesterday and was continued today. By tomorrow most of the members will have taken the oath.

The formal opening took place at 3 o'clock, when the members were summoned to the Senate and afterwards returned to their own chamber for the election of a speaker, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux being chosen.

Tributes to the newly elected speaker by leaders followed, after which the House adjourned to meet again tomorrow for the formal opening with the speech from the throne.

After tomorrow adjournment will take place until Monday, when the debate on the address will commence.

VISCOUNT GREY SERIOUSLY ILL

British Statesman Operated on For Ulcers and in Serious Condition.

LONDON, March 8.—Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary and one of the outstanding figures of British public life, was operated on yesterday for ulcers and is now in a serious condition.

Lord Grey has also suffered from partial blindness and his physical condition made necessary his resigning the position of British Ambassador to the United States.

BALFOUR ON COALITION

Speech of Sir Arthur Does Little to Improve Government's Condition.

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Right Hon. Sir Arthur Balfour, K.G., in pleading for a continuance of the Coalition in a speech in this city at the Carleton Club did nothing to improve the position of the Coalition Government and left matters pretty much as they were, with the resignation of Lloyd George still hanging in the air. This is the almost unanimous opinion of political correspondents and editorial writers in the morning papers.

FIRE INSURANCE ADJUSTER PLEASED LOCAL CONDITIONS

C. R. Gilbert, insurance adjuster, returned on today's train to Terrace, after having spent a week in the city looking into several matters concerning his duties. The claims of the school board in connection with the Seal Cove fire; Matt Videk, for his house on Comox Avenue; and R. E. Benson, studio fire, were closed. The Comox Avenue fire was given a careful investigation, for it was fully covered by insurance.

EXCHANGE RATES ARE MOVING UPWARD

American exchange this morning showed another advance, a steady climb having taken place from the 2 per cent. low mark. The rate today is 5 1/2 per cent.

Preparing to Build Short Railway to Dam at Anyox Slashing Has Commenced

The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co. is commencing the building of a short railroad line to the site of the new dam which is to be put in by the company at Anyox, said H. S. Munro, general manager of the company, who is in the city today on his return to Anyox from a trip as far south as San Francisco on company business. The contract for the building of the dam has not yet been let and it will be some time yet before actual operation on it commence. The present railway work is the slashing and clearing of right of way.

Mr. Munro says that the present heavy rains will be welcome at Anyox, for there has been a scarcity of water there this winter and for one week the plant was practically closed down on this account. This was the first time in the history of Anyox that operations were curtailed on this account. The building of the dam will in a large measure prevent any recurrence of such a difficulty.

There is nothing very gratifying about the copper market at present, says Mr. Munro. The present price is around 12 7/8c, which shows a drop in recent weeks. Mr. Munro is of the opinion that copper will not go over the 13 1/2c mark this year.

Mr. Munro hopes to remain in Anyox three or four weeks.

TIE CUTTING BY LOCAL FIRM IN INTERIOR IS DONE

Prince Rupert Logging Co. Will Float Most of Ties Down Stellaco River When Ice Breaks.

The Prince Rupert Logging Co. Limited, of which W. E. Williams and J. R. Morgan of this city are the principals, have completed the cutting of 75,000 ties for the Canadian National Railways at Francois Lake and the camp there has been shut down. Although actual cutting is all done, delivery of a large part of the ties has not yet been made, for there are about 50,000 that will have to remain at the lake until the ice clears out in the spring, when they will be taken down the Stellaco River to the railway at Fort Fraser.

J. R. Morgan arrived in the city from the interior on Sunday night.

TENSE POSITION LIMERICK TODAY

Negotiations Opened with View to Settlement of Difficulty.

LIMERICK, March 8.—The city is quiet today. Large forces of Irish Republican regulars are occupying six barracks. The British troops are still here. Five hundred more Republican regulars arrived with armored cars. Negotiations opened between Richard Mulcahy, Dail Minister of defense and others, with the insurgent republican troops and it is hoped an understanding will be reached.

BIRTH.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntyre, of Smithers at the General Hospital today.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAfee returned today on the Prince Rupert from Vancouver. Mr. McAfee is manager of the Big Bay sawmill at Georgetown.

DAYLIGHT BILL GREAT BRITAIN

France to Standardize Time Along With Great Britain and Belgium.

LONDON, Mar. 8.—The second reading of the summertime bill will be reached shortly in the House of Commons. Public opinion is in favor of the continuance of daylight saving, although a small but insistent and influential opposition comes from the sections controlled by the agricultural interests.

A special sitting of the French Chamber has been called for today to give effect, so far as France is concerned, to an arrangement for standardizing the summer time period with that of Great Britain and Belgium.

PROGRESSIVES NOT OPPOSING

Decided in Caucus Today Not to Be Official Opposition—Mr. Meighen Leader.

OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—Mr. Arthur Meighen will be the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons. The Progressives, in caucus, decided at noon today not to advance official opposition to the Mackenzie King government.

CANADA FIRE LOSSES FOR YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$5.22 PER HEAD

OTTAWA, March 8.—Fire losses in Canada for 1921 amounted to \$5.22 per capita according to a report made by the Department of Insurance. Fires reported to the department caused property damage amounting to \$45,015,930. British Columbia's quota of fire losses was \$8,050,000 or \$5.83 per capita.

SUSPEND IMPORT DUTIES ON FOOD

WARSAW, March 8.—All import duties on food, clothing and shoes have been suspended for six weeks by an order designed to lower the cost of living.

UNIONIST ELECTED

Sir Robert Beard Is Member for Wolverhampton 3000 Majority Over Labor Candidate.

LONDON, March 8.—Sir Robert Beard, coalition Unionist was elected over the Labor candidate, A. K. Waldgren, by a majority of about three thousand in the by-election for Wolverhampton.