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BRILLIANT SPEECH BY SIR HENRY THORNTON

EXPLOSION AT STEWART CAUSED LOSS OF LIFE AND CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

Politics, Destructive Criticism and Sectionalism Will not Find Place in Railway Administration

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Making his first public speech in Canada in his new capacity, Sir Henry Thornton, K.B.E., president of the Canadian National Railways, told the Montreal Board of Trade, at a banquet in his honor last evening, that he had accepted the management of the railway on the distinct assurance of Premier Mackenzie King that politics were to enter in no way in the administration of the system. He pointed out that disaster would surely follow if this rule were departed from and stated that his sole endeavor would be to render honest and efficient railway service for the people of Canada without fear or favor. Constructive criticism, Sir Henry stated, would always be welcomed but other varieties would be ignored. He also warned against pernicious sectional pride.

FARRIS ASSAILS BOWSER ACTIONS

Declares Leader of Opposition is
Standing in With Bootleg-
gers or Playing Politics

VICTORIA, Dec. 6.—Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., made a fine address in the legislature yesterday replying to Hon. W. J. Bowser's criticism of the Attorney General's resolution regarding liquor importations. He outlined the situation showing the difficulty Hon. Mr. Manson had in enforcing the law and declared that Mr. Bowser's policy was to attack anyone holding his position. He said that Mr. Bowser was playing with the whole question and, in concluding, said: "I now charge the leader of the opposition with acting in defiance of the principles of his own platform and the welfare of the people of the country. He is either deliberately standing in with the bootleggers or playing politics with the life blood of this country in regard to its moral welfare."

PORKY QUILL CAUSED DEATH

Untimely Demise of Frank Pierreway
Followed Quenel Monday Night

QUESNEL, Dec. 6.—Swallowing a porking quill caused the death here of Monday night of Frank Pierreway, aged 30, son of M. Pierreway, of Prince George, one time owner of the townsite of South Fort George. It is believed that the unfortunate man swallowed the quill when drinking water out of a swamp. It pierced the intestines and caused acute peritonitis.

WELL KNOWN COUPLE WILL MARRY TONIGHT

Many friends will be interested in the announcement that the wedding of Miss Helen Smith of 217 Ninth Avenue East, and Sam Baudenschild will take place at 8 o'clock tonight in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. H. B. Grant officiating. The couple will take up their residence in the city.

SKATING TODAY AT SALT LAKES

Several ardent skaters went over to the Salt Lakes this afternoon on their first skating trip of the season. It is reported that the ice is in excellent shape already and if the present frost continues for another twenty-four hours, it will be perfect.

DISORDER IN MINE FIELDS

Fights Have Already Occurred
in Edmonton District
—Extra Police Dispatched

EDMONTON, Dec. 6.—Extra provincial police are being rushed to the mine district where a strike commenced last Friday. All mines affected are picketed by strikers who are actively endeavoring to persuade the men still at work to quit. A clash with the provincial police yesterday resulted in two policemen being injured. There were fist fights and sticks and stones were flying. One mine manager drew a gun on the strikers.

conclusion of the feast. Apart from the pleasure of meeting those whom I hope to become my Canadian friends, I should have preferred to make no public speeches until I had been in Canada for at least a year. At the expiration of that time my deeds, whatever they may be, would have spoken in more accuracy than any statements I can make tonight; for words are easy, of pronouncement, but actions speak with greater eloquence. Let me frankly say that I have not the intimate acquaintance with Canada and its transportation needs which many of you possess, and it would be folly in the absence of detailed study of the position, to speak in other than somewhat general terms.

"The amalgamation of the constituent railways now known as the Canadian National Railways has for the last two years shown an improving financial position although the position is not today what any one of us would wish. The fact, however, that the position is improving, shows that it will yield to treatment, and reflects much credit upon those who, until the appointment of the present administration, were charged with the administration of the constituent properties. I should be wanting in observation and appreciation if I did not take advantage of this opportunity to thank Sir Joseph Flavelle, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Kelly, their officers and their associates on the former boards of directors, for the excellent spade work they have already done and the zeal and efficiency with which they executed their responsibilities. I hope that those of us who will follow the trail they have so ably blazed may still count upon their valued advice and support."

Daniel's Satisfaction

"I have always envied the prospect Daniel when he appeared upon one occasion at a dinner the result of which promised to be unpleasant to the principal guest. With what ever delight the lions may have looked forward to the dish which was about to be set before them, Daniel at least, as the honored guest, had the satisfaction of knowing that he would not be called upon to speak after the

VOTERS' LIST IS BIGGER THIS YEAR

The municipal voters' list was posted last night by City Clerk E. A. Woods. It contains 2,118 names, an increase of 300 over last year. The court of revision on the voters' list will sit in the council chamber at the city hall on Monday, December 11.

MALASPINA FAILS TO FIND TRACE OF MISSING SCHOONERS

The fisheries protection cruiser Malaspina made port this morning after a fruitless search for the missing American halibut boats. The crew reported that the first boat they saw when they were nearing Prince Rupert, and did not even see the American revenue cutter searching for the missing boats. Captain Newcombe is awaiting instructions from Vancouver before setting out again.

LIQUOR INQUIRY STILL GOES ON

R. H. Gale, Ex-Mayor of Vancouver, Resents Reflections—
Dealers Testify

VICTORIA, Dec. 6.—Ex-Mayor R. H. Gale, of Vancouver, scornfully declared before the public accounts committee yesterday afternoon that the citizens resented Mr. Bowser bringing his name before the committee for political purposes. He had never, directly or indirectly at any time, sold a bottle of whiskey and he did not know the men with whom his name has been connected. James Hunter and another liquor dealer gave evidence showing that the price paid for whiskey by James Patterson, purchasing agent, to which exception was taken, were reasonable. This has upset the work of Mr. Bowser and Mr. Pooley who, during the past few days, have been trying to show that the prices paid were too high.

Harry Briggs, another dealer, admitted pestering the life out of the purchasing agent and telephoning him 365 times in the year. He charged Mr. Patterson with using ungentlemanly language towards him. Mr. Patterson denied this but some members of the committee thought he would have been quite justified if he had used strong language.

FRANCE GIVES CANADA LAND

Two Hundred and Fifty Acres
Granted on Vimy Ridge as
Memorial Site

HAMILTON, Dec. 6.—Hon. S. C. Mewburn, chairman of the Canadian Battlefields Memorial Commission, has been officially advised that the French government has given to Canada 250 acres on Vimy Ridge as a park for a mammoth memorial planned by the commission for Canadian soldiers.

In hunting fortune keep "in tune."

PLATFORM OF LABOR PARTY CITY AFFAIRS

Was Set Forward at Last Night's
Meeting—Nominate Candidates
Next Week

The United Labor Party of Prince Rupert, at its meeting in the Carpenters' Hall last night, adopted a platform in connection with the forthcoming civic elections, which it is to actively participate in, and decided to call a public meeting for December 15 when open nominations for civic honors will be received. George Rutherford presided and there was a large attendance.

The platform as adopted subscribes to a policy of economy in civic affairs and would submit a referendum to the people providing for a reduction of the city council from mayor and eight aldermen to mayor and five aldermen. It urges, as far as possible, the co-ordination of administration of the school and police affairs by encouraging the election of candidates to the double office of alderman, school trustee and police commission and the purchasing of supplies such as coal for the city hall, hospital and schools in annual quantities by competitive tender.

Regarding street surfacing the bringing in of Smith Island rock is condemned with the statement that local rock with gravel and tarvia surfacing would be equally as good. A general road policy for rough grading and surfacing wherever is possible throughout the city on the 35 per cent property abutting and 65 per cent general tax basis is also urged.

Other points urged in the platform are: fullest inquiry into the Bosh School affair by the city and not by the government; recognition of the Civic Employees' Union and regular revision of wage scales in relation to changing living conditions; endorsement of the council's Hays Creek bridge bylaw; discouragement of the erection of an incinerator until the city's road questions are solved; appointment of a labor representative on the Library Board; the establishment of a dental clinic in connection with the schools, and a more active system of apprenticeship in the telephone exchange eliminating the employment of married women except where they are the sole support of a family.

NO LIQUOR WILL BE ALLOWED IN TURKEY

Commencing Today None Will be
Allowed to Enter—Two Months
to Consume Present Stocks

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 6.—Commencing today, no liquor will be permitted to enter Turkey. All stocks on hand must be consumed within two months or they will be destroyed.

WILL INVESTIGATE FIRES AT TERRACE

Chief A. C. Minty of the provincial police has been instructed from Victoria to conduct an enquiry into the recent fires at Terrace. A. J. Smith, fire marshal of the province, was sent a wire last night by the chief expressing his willingness to undertake the work and the necessary documents will be rushed here.

One Man Was Killed and Four Injured in Explosion Which Shook Premier Mine Sunday

(Special to Daily News).
STEWART, Dec. 6.—Carl Booy, an Austrian, was killed instantly, and H. Westburg, John Runzi, Joe Paripovich and G. F. Thomas were injured in the terrific explosion which wrecked a temporary powder magazine in the No. 2 level of the Premier mine early Sunday morning.

When the explosion occurred the four men who were injured were pushing cars into the tunnel from 300 to 500 feet distant from the actual point of the explosion.

Provincial Constable J. P. Scarlett and Provincial Mine Inspector T. J. Shenton left immediately after the accident had been reported for the scene. An inquest was held yesterday afternoon by Coroner John Conway, who arrived by special boat from Anyox.

It appears that there were eight cases of dynamite stored in the magazine and the only person near was Booy. The force of the explosion was so terrific that steel cars several hundred feet away from the magazine and around several bends in the tunnel were badly smashed, battered and twisted. Air and other pipes and also the track for a distance of from 100 to 500 feet down the tunnel were torn up and strewn along the floor in a tangled twisted mass under tons of rock that had been shaken loose from the roof.

It is understood that Booy has a brother living in Saskatchewan. He is being communicated with.

PATRICIAN IS DUE HERE MONDAY AND REMAIN TWO DAYS

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—H. M.C.S. Patrician left Esquimaux yesterday and is to reach Prince Rupert on December 9, leaving there on December 11. Enroute north, the warship will call at Alert Bay.

BAPTIST BAZAAR IS HELD TODAY

Great Enthusiasm Has Characterized Preliminaries and Success is Assured

The Baptist Ladies' Aid bazaar opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the social hall of the church. Judging from the amount of work and enthusiasm which has characterized the many weeks of preparations, much success should result.

Mrs. B. Newell, president of the Ladies' Aid, is general convener and the various departments with those in charge are as follows: Novelty booth—Mrs. C. H. Elms and Mrs. McMillan; White elephant—Mrs. Ralph Walker and Miss Stella Nickerson; Candy booth—Mrs. J. McDonald and Mrs. Gibson; Home cooking—Mrs. James Hampton and Mrs. H. Hubbard; Sewing—Mrs. E. H. Shockey, Mrs. W. T. Muse and Mrs. D. Peyton; Tea room—Mrs. George Johnston, Mrs. A. Iverson, Mrs. A. H. Bayne, Mrs. J. M. Fraser, Mrs. S. Hamblin and Mrs. E. J. Robinson.

W. B. Martin has returned to the city from Port Simpson where he has completed the contract for the plaster and brickwork on the new Girls' Home there.

WOMAN GETS SIX MONTHS

Olive Solem Liquor Selling Case
Will be Appealed

Olive Solem was sentenced to six months in Okalla Prison Farm this morning by Magistrate McClymont for selling liquor. No defense was offered by L. W. Patmore who appeared for the accused. He stated that he would reserve his argument for the appeal case which he intends to launch. T. B. Hooper prosecuted.

The case for the crown was chiefly the evidence of Constable Dixon who purchased the liquor. In company with Constables McDonald and Logan and with marked money in his possession he visited the home of Mrs. Lillian Ponzo at Seal Cove. The other constables remained at a distance from the house.

The accused answered the door and conducted him into a bedroom where Mrs. Ponzo was lying on the bed. She asked him his name and then told the accused it was all right to give him a drink. He purchased two rounds of drinks and then bought another round after visiting the store to buy cigarettes and telling the constables to follow him in.

The other constables testified to finding the marked money on the accused.

A charge of allowing whiskey to be sold on her premises will be heard against Mrs. Ponzo this afternoon.

RAILWAY SHOPS ARE DESTROYED

Big Fire at Fort William Yesterday—Cars Filled With Freight
Also Burned

FORT WILLIAM, Dec. 6.—The Canadian Pacific Railway's shop No. 5 on the waterfront here was destroyed by fire yesterday. Box cars nearby, containing quantities of sugar, flour and package freight, were also destroyed. A vessel narrowly escaped the flames by swiftly pulling out into the lake.

FISH SALES

Five boats disposed of 96,000 pounds of fish at the Fish Exchange this morning. The catches and prices were:
Panama, 50,000 pounds, at 18.2c and 9c, to the Booth Fisheries.
E. Neilson, 6,500 pounds, at 17.5c and 8c; Pelican, 4,000 pounds, at 17.5c and 8c; Groth, 5,000 pounds, at 16.1c and 8c, to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.
Livingstone, 29,000 pounds, at 16c an 8c, to the Atlin Fisheries Ltd.