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Money Loan... Probably be Called on Matter of Reparations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Gossip indicates that the United States may loan Germany \$1,500,000,000 with the bankers supplying the money and the government backing Germany's credit. Government circles formally deny such a loan. It was discussed in conferences held by Dr. Weichert, German ambassador, with J. P. Morgan and afterwards with Secretary of State Hughes. The government admits considering the general European financial situation and also that the recall of Ambassador Harvey to Washington for two weeks is connected with money talks.

"LADY TREE" IS ARRESTED

Much Alarmed Woman to Face Charge of Bigamy—Extravagant Personage

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Juliette Bryson alias Tree, alias Dowd, alias Wilson, has been arrested by order from Victoria on a charge of bigamy. She married Robert Lees, of Vancouver while summering on Vancouver Island where she ran up a big bill at the Empress Hotel and with taxi-cab companies which are still unpaid. She is said to have a husband alive and is not divorced according to information in the hands of federal authorities. She came to the coast last spring and registered at the Vancouver Hotel as Lady Tree. Later she admitted that she had no title.

GOVERNMENT IS DEFEATED

That is Early Forecast in Australian Election Returns

LONDON, Dec. 16.—It is considered probable that the government, led by Premier Hughes, in Australia will lose seven seats in the federal election, says an exchange telegraph despatch from Melbourne today. Premier Hughes himself has been re-elected, but the country party, the Agriculturalists, will get the balance of lower.

JAPANESE LINER HAD BIG FIRE LOSS

Flames Break Out in Hold of Chicago Maru at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—A fire, which was discovered at midnight last night in the hold of a valuable cargo of cotton in the afterhold of the Japanese freight and passenger steamer Chicago Maru, was extinguished after several hours of work with assistance from the city fire department. The loss reached \$10,000.

CHARLEY WHITE IS GIVEN TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT DECISION

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Charley White was awarded a technical knockout over Ritchie Mitchell in the tenth of a fifteen round bout here last night.

OXFORD WINS

ROEHAMPTON, Dec. 16.—Oxford easily defeated Cambridge today in the annual cross-country run. The distance was seven and a half miles and Oxford's time was 44 minutes, 29 4-5 seconds.

ELKS' CHRISTMAS CHEER

Those who know of any family or person in need, please notify our Secretary at once. Phone 672.

REDUCTION OF COUNCIL WAS NOT FAVORED

Labor Party Defeats Provision in Committee's Report on Constitution

P. R. SYSTEM OF ELECTION URGED

The clause in the United Labor Party's manifesto that the council be cut from eight to five aldermen was defeated after a long discussion at the labor meeting last night in the Carpenters' Hall. George Casey, as one of the committee, brought the question before the delegates and stated that the Civic Employees' Union had passed all the manifesto but asked that an amendment be inserted in the council clause to the effect that a plebiscite be submitted to the people on the use of the Proportional Representation system in the civic elections in place of the present system. The aldermanic clause was lost after a long discussion as to its merits. Several delegates felt that by cutting the council down to five aldermen, the chances of Labor electing candidates might be greatly lessened. It was also pointed out that it would not cut down the taxes to any marked degree and in any case the aldermen were entitled to a fair remuneration.

Smaller Council

Ald. Rod McLeod said he would rather see a council of six men, two for each of the three chief committees. George Casey said that the city had a lot of expensive habits which would have to be cut down if the people wished to practice economy. The council at present is the same size as Vancouver and the city is being run like New York. Let us govern ourselves according to our requirements," he urged.

On a vote being taken the motion was lost by 18-5.

The P.R. system was also discussed at length and the meeting went on record as favoring it but no plebiscite will be asked in January but rather later in the year when the public have had it explained to them.

INSURANCE ACT FINALLY PASSES

Part Time and Full Time Agents on Same Status—Scale of Fees

VICTORIA, Dec. 16.—The insurance agents licensing bill finally passed the legislature today. It gives part time agents the same status as full time agents.

The fees will be as follows: Fire and general, \$15 for cities of 25,000 population and up; cities of 5,000, \$5; smaller places, \$2.50; office employees, \$2.

Life insurance, \$3 for cities above 5,000 population and \$2 for smaller places.

COUGARS BEAT METS BY 2 TO 1 SCORE

VICTORIA, Dec. 16.—The Victoria Cougars defeated the Seattle Metropolitans in last night's Pacific Coast Hockey League game by a score of 2 to 1.

SOUTH VANCOUVER CAN RUN ITSELF WHEN BILLS PAID

VICTORIA, Dec. 16.—A bill giving autonomy to South Vancouver as soon as it has retired its indebtedness to the province has been passed by the legislature. The municipality is also given the right to issue bonds to the extent of \$1,000,000 for the purpose.

LEGISLATURE ROSE AT NOON TODAY

VICTORIA, Dec. 16.—The legislature was prorogued by the administrator at noon today after a few bills had passed their third reading. The House sat last night until 1:30 in order to get business advanced to allow for prorogation today. The house was in session exactly seven weeks and 100 new acts were put through besides completing all routine business and voting supply.

PREPARED FOR DEATH

Magnificent Coffin Found on Kaiser's Old Flaniship "Bremen"

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—An old caskboard in the Kaiser's former flagship "Bremen" now the "Constantinople," on which the Kaiser went on long voyages, revealed a stilted coffin which was to have carried Wilhelm back to Germany in case he died while at sea. It is a magnificent affair with a steel case bearing the Imperial arms and containing a white satin bed couch with box springs and upholstered. The white satin is now grease-spotted.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Results of football games in the Old Country today follow:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I.
Arsenal 4, Huddersfield 1.
Aston Villa 1, Newcastle U. 1.
Birmingham 1, Everton 1.
Blackburn R. 1, Bolton 0.
Burnley 1, Oldham A. 1.
Cardiff 3, Manchester C. 1.
Chelsea 0, Tottenham H. 0.
Liverpool 1, Notts Forest 1.
Middlesbrough 3, Stoke 1.
Sheffield U. 2, Preston N. E. 2.
Sunderland 3, W. Bromwich 2.

Division II.

Barnsley 2, The Wednesday 1.
Blackpool 0, Hull City 0.
Bradford 2, Fulham 1.
Bury 1, Rotherham County 0.
Clapton O. 0, South Shields 0.
Goventry C. 1, Leeds United 2.
Derby C. 2, Leicester C. 0.
Manchester U. 1, Stockport C. 0.
Notts County 1, Southampton 0.
Portvale 2, Crystal Palace 0.
Wolverhampton 1, West Ham 1.

Division III. (Southern)

Newport C. 1, Brighton and H. 0.
Portsmouth 1, Luton Town 2.
Queen's Park 1, Bristol City 2.
Reading 0, Northampton 0.
Swansea Town 0, Millwall 1.
Walsford 1, Plymouth A. 0.
Southend 5, Exeter 0.

Division III. (Northern)

Crewe A. 0, Bradford 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division I.
Aldon R. 1, Raith Rovers 2.
Ayr United 1, Rangers 1.
Clyde 1, Hamilton 2.
Dundee 2, Alloa 1.
Falkirk 1, Airdrieonians 1.
Hearts 0, Celtic 3.
Kilmarnock 1, Partick 3.
Motherwell 0, Hibernians 2.
St. Mirren 0, Aberdeen 1.
Third Lanark 1, Morton 1.

ENGLISH CUP

Sixth Qualifying Round
Walsall 1, Wigan Boro 3.
Gillingham 1, Blyth Spartans 1.
Charlton A. 2, Darlington 1.
Brantford 0, Merthyr Town 1.
Wrexham 1, Hartlepool U. 0.
Woolfham 2, Mansfield 0.
Workop 1, Chesterfield 0.
Staleybridge C. 0, Bristol Rovers 0.
Barrow 2, Bath City 2.
Aberdare A. 0, Carlisle U. 0.
Norwich City 5, Salford 1.
New Brighton 1, Clapton 0.

CAPTAIN BOYD FOUND GUILTY OF AN ERROR

Marine Court Delivers Finding in Connection With Stranding of Canadian Farmer

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Capt. William J. Boyd, formerly master of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine steamer Canadian Farmer, has been found guilty of an error of judgment in striking Danger Reef with his ship on June 18 last according to decision made by the marine court presided over by Wreck Commissioner MacPherson. With regard to the charge of falsification of the ship's log, Capt. Boyd is also found at fault and has been assessed the costs of the proceedings amounting to \$216.55. He was reprimanded in connection with the first mentioned charge.

CONFIDENCE VOTED IN FRENCH PREMIER

Poincare Makes Plea to Chamber of Deputies For Cessation of Strife

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Premier Poincare's plea to the Chamber of Deputies for a truce in the party strife because of the pending foreign negotiations, resulted in the Chamber expressing confidence in him by a vote of 512 to 76 early today.

GIBBONS SCORES WIN OVER BILLY MISKE

ST. PAUL, Dec. 16.—Nearly eight thousand fans saw Tommy Gibbons pummel his way to an easy victory over Billy Miske here last night in their 10-round bout. The fans are convinced today that Gibbons is the logical contender for Jack Dempsey's heavyweight boxing crown.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. TUBMAN ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

C. N. Tubman, city road foreman, who is leaving the city for Victoria, was entertained by the members of his staff last night at a stag party at his home on Third Avenue. After a delightful dinner had been partaken of, humorous songs, recitations and speeches were much enjoyed. During the proceedings the guest of honor was presented with a handsome club bag by Dan MacKenzie, on behalf of those present. Mr. Tubman, in a few fitting remarks, thanked his staff for the honor they had bestowed upon him which had come as a complete surprise. Mr. Tubman leaves to-morrow night for his home in Victoria.

PATTULLO SPEAKS VANCOUVER BOARD

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, addressed the Vancouver Board of Trade yesterday and returns to Victoria today.

ESKIMOS BEAT SASKS

EDMONTON, Dec. 16.—Edmonton beat Saskatoon 5 to 4 in last night's Western Canada Hockey League game.

The lucky turkey winners at the Prince Rupert Billiard parlors in the last week number ten. Of these, two men, Nels Peterson and G. Royer, captured two birds. The other winners included Fred Gilhuly, M. Viock, Joe Kilby, J. Ryan, L. Ross, G. Russell, Gunner Anderson and R. Turner. Besides the turkeys, other valuable prizes were won.

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Government Members Oppose Jail Sentence Instead of Fine for First Beer Sales

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—The worst bone of contention in the legislature debate yesterday on the amendments to the Liquor Act brought forward by Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, was the clause providing for jail sentences for the first offence of selling beer.

Capt. Ian MacKenzie, member for Vancouver, especially opposed the measure and was supported in his contentions by H. F. Kergin, the Liberal member for Atlin, and Thomas Uphill, the Fernie Labor member.

Capt. MacKenzie made an impassioned appeal for a fine instead of prison sentence for the first beer selling offence. With that end in view he submitted an amendment.

Mr. Manson said he had voted for the sale of beer by the glass but, so long as there was no such law on the statute book, reasonable enforcement of the law against it must be secured. This could not be done by fines for owners of the bars would put a different vendor in each time and pay the fines when they were convicted.

Direct Prosecution

Capt. MacKenzie suggested the prosecution of the proprietors of the bars but not returned soldier clubs where no profit was made but simply their own beer was distributed.

Mr. Manson objected and said that proprietors of bars were often in soldiers' names. Hundreds of them were disobeying the law.

Mr. Perry wanted jitney bars restored for the sale of beer up to three per cent.

Mr. Manson objected to this also and said that some municipalities made no attempt to enforce the law. Men, who were otherwise decent citizens, when on police commissions sat back and paid no notice. The same was true of police officers. He was weeding them out and intended to get rid of more yet.

More Liquor Stores

Mr. Kergin urged the establishment of more liquor stores. Then it would be easier to enforce the law, he claimed.

Capt. MacKenzie, in his final appeal, said that it would be a crime against civilization to send men to jail for selling a drink of beer. He knew that Mr. Manson was trying to enforce the law. All were anxious to do so but that was no excuse for putting a man behind the bars. He appealed especially for his comrades who went overseas.

The measure passed.

AMENDMENTS TO WORKMEN'S ACT

Manson's Proposals Call For Increase in Compensation and Free Medical Services

VICTORIA, Dec. 16.—Hon. A. M. Manson's bill increasing the amounts payable to disabled workmen under the Compensation Act passed the committee stage last night and will be finally passed before the committee rises.

Instead of fifty-five per cent of the wages being paid the amount will be 62 1/2 per cent and \$100 for burial instead of \$75.

The proposal to make appointments to the Board permanent was defeated on motion of H. F. Kergin, member for Atlin.

Workmen will have medical services but no payments under the Act will be made to people leading immoral lives.

FISH SALES

Five boats brought in 37,000 pounds of fish which was marketed at the Fish Exchange this morning. The sales and prices were:

Lumen, 14,000 pounds, at 10.2c. and 7c.; E. Lipsett, 10,000 pounds, at 10.1c. and 7c.; Tramp, 5,000 pounds, at 10.2c. and 7c.; to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Cape Spear, 8,000 pounds, at 10c. and 7c. to the Atlin Fishermen.

PROVISIONS OF TRADE TREATY

Fielding in Wire to Ottawa Indicates Some of Clauses Franco-Canadian Agreement

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—A cable received from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canadian minister of finance, indicates that the Franco-Canadian trade agreement, which was signed on Friday, gives Canada the benefit of a minimum tariff on 128 items and, under general tariff, similar treatment to that given United States. Canada, in return, gives tariff reductions on French articles entering Canada as follows: light wines, perfumery, books, printed matter, automobiles, locomotives, lace, silks, furs, rubber goods, feathers and cinema films.

CHIROPRACTIC DISPOSED OF

Bill Providing for Qualifications Finally Passed by Legislature this Morning

VICTORIA, Dec. 16.—The Chiropractors' Bill was finally disposed of in the early hours of this morning.

Rev. Thomas Menzies, member for Comox, moved that the fifth member of the examining board be not a doctor or chiropractor. This was defeated 27 to 13.

The bill provides that, in order to qualify for practice, a graduate of a three year course in chiropractic may take examinations in the province set by two doctors and two chiropractors. The referee will also be a medical man.

Local chiropractors are much disappointed.

MISS ADELINE DUMONT HAD BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thirty Guests Were Entertained Last Evening at Games and Dancing—All Had Fine Time

Miss Adeline Dumont, daughter of Mrs. Chris. Heudrickson, 229 Seventh Avenue, East, celebrated her fifteenth birthday last night at a party where she entertained some thirty guests. Playing of games and dancing was the order of the evening and a delightful time was spent by all.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence, H. Rivett, H. Blundon, Miss Chrissie McLeod, Miss May Martin, Miss Florence Smith, Miss Rosario Soriano, Miss Myra Kinsler, Miss Evie Rivett, Miss Vera Parry, Miss Mary Allstone, Miss Nellie Lawrence, Dan McKenzie, Henry Smith, Jinto Martin, Willie White, Buster Hill, Ernest Green and Miss Allstone and others.

All Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters are requested to attend the funeral of our late Brother C. B. Stewart, at the Castle Hall, Sunday at 2 p.m.

F. GARTON, G.G.
C. HARVEY, E.G.