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Original G. T. P. Policy To Continue REVOLUTIONARY STRIKE IN SOUTH AFRICA ENDS IN BLOODSHED

Very Reassuring Message is Received by Mayor Rochester From Alex. Manson at Ottawa

"We have personally interviewed the Premier and every minister except two and we find them all distinctly sympathetic with our position and desirous of carrying through the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway on original plans," says a very reassuring telegram which was this morning received by Mayor Rochester from Hon. A. M. Manson, head of the Prince Rupert delegation to Ottawa. "The minister of railways may be particularly counted upon to meet our wishes within reason and as speedily as finances permit and, in the meantime, we can safely count on improved service. The minister of railways intimated that, immediately upon the close of the session, he proposes coming to Prince Rupert to investigate the details of the changes. The railway policy will not be announced for some time. Several ministers have promised to come to Prince Rupert this summer."

DAILY MAIL FLAYS GENOA CONFERENCE

Says Refusal of U. S. to Participate Robs It of Its Importance.

LONDON, March 11.—The Daily Mail says the refusal of the United States to participate in the Genoa conference so greatly deprives the conference of its importance that some doubt is felt in political circles whether it will be held at all and that its abandonment may be a question of days. The paper says that by America's absence the conference loses any utility may ever have been conceived possible from it and denounces it as a costly gradist scheme for humoring Germans and Bolsheviks.

OVERHAUL ON TUG LORNE IS FINISHED

Came From Dry Dock to Ocean Dock Yesterday—Swanson Bay Ferry Also Done.

The Canadian National tug Lorne moved from the dry dock to the ocean dock yesterday afternoon after having completed an overhaul which included painting and repairing of woodwork. It has not been announced what service the Lorne is going into this season, although Capt. Nicholson announced, when here recently, that negotiations were under way with a view to keeping the vessel busy.

The Swanson Bay car ferry also came off the dock today after having undergone a complete overhaul. The second barge is also finished repairing.

LIEUTENANT BRUCE MURDERED BELFAST

Constable Cullen Died as Result of Gunshot Wounds Yesterday.

BELFAST, March 11.—Lieut. Bruce of the Seaforth Highlanders was murdered last night by a party which was afterwards pursued by the military without success. Constable Cullen died from a gunshot wound sustained yesterday.

The official statement shows that 22 Catholics and 17 Protestants were killed in Belfast last month.

SHIRT TORCH SAVED LIVES

Schooner Eileen Lake Foundered and Cook Lost Life—Others Went to Belgium.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 11.—The two hundred ton schooner Eileen Lake foundered off the Newfoundland coast on January 19 in a two day terrific storm during which time the cook died of exposure.

After seeing two ships pass them, the mate took a pile of kerosene and with his shirt made a torch which attracted help from the Belgian steamer Persier which rescued the balance of the crew and took them to Antwerp. The men arrived here on the Corsican today. The commander of the Eileen Lake was Captain Shorsworthy.

The Corsican also brought the crew of the wrecked schooner Optimist.

MUCH INTEREST IN NELSON ELECTION

Kenneth Campbell and Mayor C. F. McHardy to Contest Seat—Nomination March 18.

VICTORIA, March 11.—Much interest is being taken here in the by-election in the Nelson riding where a successor to Dr. Rose, Conservative, is to be elected. The Liberal nominee is Kenneth Campbell and the Conservative, Mayor C. F. McHardy. Nomination day is set for March 18. Samuel Fawcett is returning officer.

IRISH ERUBLICANS SETTLE DIFFERENCES EVACUATE LIMERICK

BELFAST, March 11.—Settlement of the trouble between rival forces of the Irish republican army in Limerick was reached under an agreement by which both parties are to evacuate the city.

BRITISH PREMIER GOES FOR HOLIDAY

LONDON, Mar. 11.—Right Hon. David Lloyd George and family left for Criccieth, Wales, for a long holiday. The successor to E. S. Montagu in the India office is not expected to be appointed until Monday.

CIVIC WAGE REDUCTION DISCUSSED

Figure Submitted at Meeting of Council, with Employees Last Night.

There was a special meeting of the city council last night to further go into the matter of the proposed ten per cent reduction in all civic wages and salaries. Mayor Rochester and all the aldermen were present as well as W. D. Vance, city treasurer, and T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities, representing the heads of departments. Besides there was a good sized gathering of employees several of whom spoke. Evidence was laid before the council and after the meeting adjourned to meet again on this subject at the call of the chair.

A list of comparative prices of provisions showing the present cost of living as compared with 1914 and the prices in Vancouver was presented. The list showed, figuring conservatively, that the cost of living in this city now as compared with 1914 had increased by 35 per cent. Costs here at the present time were 26 per cent higher than in Vancouver.

Mr. Vance said that rents in the city had advanced 100 per cent and Harry Birch corroborated this statement.

Not Fairly Compared.

Frank Vickers said that civic employees and railway employees could not be fairly compared. Railway employees had been given greater increases than the most of civic employees and could better stand the cut which had been made in their salaries. They also enjoyed concessions in the way of transportation and bonuses.

T. C. Duncan said that the electrical workers would ask for a meeting with the council before any cut was put into effect. There was at present an agreement between the council and them.

Casey at Length.

George Casey, of the fire department, spoke at length and produced quotations from the Labor Gazette covering costs in 60 Canadian cities on 29 specified articles. This showed an increase of 53 per cent between 1913 and 1915.

Mr. Casey said the firemen would be willing to sacrifice some pay if the two platoon system were adopted but if the present system remained in effect they considered no cut was warranted.

The proposed reduction would practically put the salaries of firemen at \$87 per month and street workers at \$7.50 an hour graduated to normal conditions.

J. M. Cramer, salesman and field worker of the Washington Egg and Co-operative Poultry Association is in the city. He was formerly a newspaperman of Juneau and is going to Alaska to open up markets for his concern.

STRIKE OVER JURISDICTION

British Engineers Think They Should Say When Overtime Necessary.

LONDON, March 11.—Final attempts to avert a strike of engineers of Great Britain involving a million men failed at the conference last night and the strike was to go into effect at noon today, the engineers announced.

The dispute is chiefly on the point of whether the engineers should decide what constitutes legitimate overtime, which the men wish to keep down to prevent unemployment. The employers do not welcome the interference of the men on this point.

PREMIER TO RESIGN

LONDON, Mar. 11.—According to a message received by Reuters from Greek semi-official sources, the cabinet of Premier Gounaris will resign as the result of an adverse vote yesterday in the chamber of deputies.

BIRTH.

There was born at the General Hospital on March 11 to Mr. and Mrs. James Owens, Sixth Avenue East, a daughter.

Strike in South Africa Proves to be Revolutionary

JOHANNESBURG, Mar. 11.—Insurrection prevails throughout the Rand except in the city of Johannesburg. Martial law was declared and fighting became common between strikers and police. Parties of burghers are taking a hand in the situation, which grows out of the miners' strike.

The mine manager and two special constables were taken out on the veldt and shot. Seven special constables protecting a mine were killed.

In the fighting at Newlands twenty-seven policemen. One was killed and seventeen wounded in fighting at Fordsburg. Bombs were thrown in some places, a train derailed at another, but without loss of life.

Strikers' headquarters have been seized and under martial law the Government of South Africa proposes to take extreme measures to suppress the revolt which is on the part of white men particularly. No natives are taking part.

JOHANNESBURG, Mar. 10.—Martial law was proclaimed here today. Fighting between bands of strikers and the police has broken out in the entire extreme-eastern section of the Rand.

LONDON, Mar. 11.—The general strike called by the leaders of the miners at Johannesburg is really a revolutionary movement, according to a Capetown correspondent of the Daily Telegraph. He says the strike issue is overshadowed by the threat against the state.

JOHANNESBURG, Mar. 11.—Casualties in the fighting between striking miners and the police reached thirty-two killed and fifty-seven wounded up to 9 o'clock Friday night, when firing was still continuing. Of the killed nineteen were policemen. By 11 o'clock last night all the streets were deserted.

GHANDI ARRESTED SAYS REPORT FROM INDIA LAST NIGHT

LONDON, Mar. 11.—The India Office announced last night that Gandhi has been arrested in India. No details are disclosed, but everything is said to be quiet there so far.

POPULAR PURSER GOING NEW YORK

Malcolm Woods of Steamer Prince Rupert Gets Well-earned Promotion.

Malcolm Woods, for several years purser on the Canadian National steamer Prince Rupert, will be making his last trip in that capacity next week, for he is to retire from the marine service of the company to become travelling passenger agent out of New York under C. E. Jenney, general agent at that city. Mr. Woods is very well known here and is very popular with all travellers, who will regret his leaving this coast but will be glad to hear of his promotion.

It is understood that Jack Crawford, purser on the Prince Albert, will succeed Mr. Woods on the Prince Rupert and that Norman McLean will take Mr. Crawford's post.

8000 WILL SEE HOCKEY BIG MATCH

Six Thousand Regina People Turn Out to Welcome Home Victorious Team.

REGINA, March 11.—Six thousand enthusiastic hockey fans greeted the victorious Capitals on their arrival from Vancouver this morning for the final elimination contest for the Stanley Cup games in the east next week. The players are resting up for tonight's game.

The weather is colder and the ice will be fast when Vancouver and the Capitals line up. It is expected that 8000 will witness the game.

FISHERMAN DIED

The death occurred last night at the General Hospital of Fred Stenning, a Norwegian fisherman, aged 58 years. He was admitted to the institution yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Rochester Urges Ratepayers to Support Bylaw

To the Ratepayers of Prince Rupert:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—In December, 1920, the ten-year agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway for a lump sum of \$15,000 per year in lieu of all taxes, except local improvement, expired and in that year the railway went into the hands of the receiver, namely, the Minister of Railways, who is still in charge of the railway company's affairs, the Grand Trunk Pacific at that time becoming part of the Canadian National System.

In 1921 an amicable arrangement was arrived at between the city and the Canadian National whereby they would pay taxes amounting to approximately \$15,000 based on the 1920 rate, but owing to increase of mill rate the sum of \$55,634.19 taxes was paid by them. In addition to this amount they paid on railway lands alienated by lease \$8,926.15; also \$4,339.49 covering special rates on drydock property, as provided for under By-law No. 324.

Under this bylaw the drydock was exempt from general taxes, but through an error on the part of the city they were billed with full taxes on the drydock property, and paid \$22,500 which amount otherwise they would not have been called upon to pay.

The present agreement provides for the railway company to pay annually \$15,000 in taxes for five years, plus all local improvement taxes, approximately \$5,372 for 1922, plus taxes on lands under lease at present and a large proportion of taxes on lands alienated by sale or lease during the five year period and with the drydock property exempt providing that it is operated continuously—otherwise this property becomes liable for full taxes.

Regarding the over-payment of \$22,500 made last year the council now seeks authority from the ratepayers to refund said amount which the council believes the City is morally obliged to do, and the railway company has agreed to accept the sum of \$4,500 annually under this agreement without interest. An appeal against the assessment as ratified by this year's Court of Revision has already been filed by the railway company and will be prosecuted should this bylaw fail to carry, and the tax commissioner of the railway company believes that he can obtain the same results, or better, on the appeal.

In view of this situation and of the fact that this City must necessarily depend on the railway company to a great extent for its future development, the majority of the city council feel that it is in the best interests of the city to ratify this agreement, and therefore, would respectfully urge the ratepayers to give it their whole hearted support. If this bylaw passes, the city council believes it will be able to carry on without having to tax improvements, which would be contrary to the principles of the single tax system that has been in force here since the incorporation of the city.

The above are plain facts as confronting the City at the present time. You should not be influenced by misleading figures and misrepresentations now being published.

Respectfully yours,
H. B. ROCHESTER, Mayor.
Prosperous advertising means regular continuous advertising.

PROVINCE MAY COLLECT TAX ON LIQUORS

Court of Appeal Decides Their Favor in Two Attempts to Break Law.

VANCOUVER, March 11.—The Government Liquor Act is intra vires of the province and British Columbia therefore has power to collect a tax on liquors imported, according to decisions handed down by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

In the first case a man named Ferguson appealed from a conviction of selling liquor on the ground that the act had not been proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor personally and therefore was not in effect. He lost.

In the second case a man named Little appealed against the province assessing him on liquor bought from others than the Government vendors. This decision means that British Columbia can tax liquor brought from outside the province.

PULP ORDER FROM BRITAIN

Sixty Million Dollars Worth to be Delivered Covering Period of Ten Years.

MONTREAL, March 11.—The Saguenay Pulp and Paper Co. has closed a contract with a group of newsprint mills in England for delivery from the Chilcote plant of 150,000 tons of sulphite pulp and a million tons of ground wood pulp spread over ten years. The value of the contract is said to be \$60,000,000. Mills owned by Lord Northcliffe and Lord Burnham are among those receiving the pulp.

TEN PER CENT. DROP IN CIVIC SALARIES VICTORIA EXPECTED

VICTORIA, March 11.—A ten per cent cut in civic wages is expected to take place here. Wages of outside employees will drop from \$4.40 a day to \$4. Firemen and policemen will be reduced and all other services except possibly the teachers. The Teachers' Federation is opposing any reduction in their pay.

LEAGUE ENDANGERED.

LONDON, Mar. 11.—The Navy League, founded in 1915, is in danger of dissolution owing to internal dissensions.