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Pope Benedict Is Said To Be Dying

OLOF HANSEN TELLS OF SECURING BUSINESS FOR INTERIOR

Pope Benedict Receives Last Sacrament Today

ROME, Jan. 20.—The life of Pope Benedict hangs in the balance today. Fears were expressed at noon that he was in a dying condition. There was a sudden change for the worse this morning and the bronchial affection spread to the lungs. Oxygen was administered to him at 11 o'clock this morning and a little later he received the last sacrament. Extreme unction was administered by the cardinals, who declared his condition so grave that only a miracle could save him. At 12:30 he was reported to be in a dying condition.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The Papal Nunciature here received word from Rome at 5 this afternoon saying the Pope was sinking rapidly.

SHINGLEMEN URGE LOWER FREIGHT RATE

Would Have Scale Reduced to That Previous to Year of 1914.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 20.—The Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association adopted a strong resolution yesterday condemning the high freight rates as the chief handicap in the lumber business of British Columbia and urging a reduction to the scale prevailing before September, 1914.

F. R. Pendleton of Red Gap, B. C., was elected president of the association for the coming year.

WEATHER QUEEN CHARLOTTE IS REAL SUMMERY

Tom Deasy, Indian Agent, Says People Are Working in Gardens and Cattle Feeding Out.

The Queen Charlotte Islands are enjoying real summery weather and the winter there has been an exceptionally mild one so far according to Tom Deasy, Queen Charlotte Island Indian Agent who reached the city yesterday afternoon on the way from Massett to Skidegate where he is to hold the election of the native council on February 1. Mr. Deasy says that there has been practically no snow up to now, there having been but one light flurry. Some of the people are beginning to get their flower gardens in order and the cattle have been pasturing out all winter.

Mr. Deasy is optimistic about the coming season on the Islands. There is a big run of salmon expected and the Wallace Cannery at Woden River is preparing to operate again. The plant has about 10 gas boats which will fish in the early part of the season for springs in Beale Straits and later for pinks in Massett Inlet.

NEARLY ALL BRITISH POLICE LEFT IRELAND

DUBLIN, Jan. 20.—All the auxiliary police except two battalions have now left Ireland. These will leave tomorrow. Today the evacuation of the army began in earnest.

LIBERALISM IS REVIVED

National Council Formed—Lloyd George President, Churchill Vice.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A revival of Liberalism in this country is imminent, and the next election is likely to be contested on strict party lines.

The national Liberal conference, held in Central Hall, House of Commons, yesterday, was attended by 2700 delegates, who unanimously adopted a resolution that a National Liberal Council be formed.

Premier Lloyd George was elected president and Winston Churchill vice-president.

OTTAWA ACTIVITIES IN POLITICAL WORLD

Premier Returns From North York Nominations and Two Westerners Expected.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—Premier Mackenzie King is back from the North York nomination meeting. Hon. Charles Stewart of Alberta and Hon. J. H. King of British Columbia are expected to arrive within the week. The two Kings will confer regarding the acceptance by the British Columbia man of the portfolio of public works and an announcement regarding the by-election in East Kootenay will be made shortly after Dr. King's arrival here.

INFLUENZA IS ON INCREASE

Last Week 1262 Deaths in United Kingdom, Increase of 443.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The latest mortality returns show no abatement in the outbreak of influenza in the United Kingdom. Last week there were 1262 deaths from disease, an increase of 443 over the previous week, besides 707 deaths from pneumonia. The aged are particularly affected. London is still a storm centre of the outbreak.

MEMBERS GAZETTED.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—By Saturday all the members of the new Parliament with the exception of ten have been gazetted. Included in those not yet gazetted are Comox-Alberni, Skeena, South Vancouver and Yukon.

EXPECTS THAT THERE IS TO BE ACTIVITY

A. R. Mallory, of Port Clements, Says Lumber and Fish Business to Start Again—Masset Inlet.

A. R. Mallory, stipendiary magistrate, notary public and postmaster of Port Clements, who arrived yesterday afternoon from Graham Island on the Prince John, says that a resumption of logging and sawmill operations and a big salmon run is expected this season on Masset Inlet.

Machinery for the lumber business is now being put in shape in readiness for the season's business and there is every indication that there will be renewed activity. Among the plants which Mr. Mallory expects will operate this year are the Buckley mill at Buckley Bay, the Canadian Trading Co.'s mill at Seawell and the Graham Island Spruce and Cedar Co.'s plant at Port Clements.

There will be a lot of work going on around the head of the Inlet this year according to Mr. Mallory.

NEWS BUDGET FROM ISLANDS

Massett Indians Are Showing Much Activity and Missionary Is Busy.

Miss Annie Andrews, a nurse of the Victorian Order, arrived last week from Calgary to take up her duties among the Indians of Skidegate Village.

Wallace Young and Miss Amy Collison of Skidegate were married last week at Skidegate by Rev. W. Allen, the Methodist minister.

Douglas Edenshaw of Massett is building a new 60-ft. gasoline boat which he hopes to have completed by the time the fishing season opens. The Indians are doing the work and the boat will be used for fishing and packing.

The new \$5000 church built at Massett by the Indians out of native materials is nearing completion and an electric light plant has been installed in connection with it. This church, which is the largest in the diocese, was formally opened several months ago by the Venerable Archdeacon W. H. Collison of Kinloch.

Rev. J. Gillet is providing much entertainment for the various towns of the islands with his moving picture outfit. He makes trips to the various places at regular intervals and his coming is always looked forward to. He receives a change of film every fortnight.

The natives of Massett and Skidegate are devoting a lot of time to civic improvements, and they are now busy building roads and streets in the villages.

There has been a good deal of social activity on the islands this winter and dances and entertainments are frequently put on in the various towns.

The dam of the Skidegate waterworks went out in the recent floods, but forty of the natives went immediately to work, with the result that now the village has a new and better tank than the old one. Water can be thrown to the roof of the highest house in the village. There is a good waterworks and fire fighting system.

CARPENTIER WILL BOX TED LEWIS

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Francis Deschamps, manager for Georges Carpentier, has signed articles for a match between Carpentier and Ted Lewis to take place in London early in April.

Negotiations are still proceeding with a view to a return match with Jack Dempsey.

SHINGLE TRUST INCORPORATED

New Concern to Enter Export Shingle Market—Dividends Limited.

VICTORIA, Jan. 20.—The shingle manufacturers of the province have formed a \$600,000 corporation known as the B. C. Consolidated Shingle Manufacturers' Limited, for the purpose of entering both foreign and local markets. The articles of incorporation limit the cash dividends to ten per cent per annum to shareholders but the extra profits, if there should be any, will be paid to the shareholders in shares instead of cash.

FISHERMEN COMING FROM GREAT LAKES

Number Wish to Engage in Halibut Industry at This Port.

This morning the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. received a letter from the representative of the Lake Fishermen in Toronto stating that a number of young men, who have been engaged in fishing on the lakes have determined to come to Prince Rupert to engage in the halibut fisheries. They have saved anything from \$1,000 to \$12,000 each, but lack the local experience which is necessary before engaging in the industry.

Letters of this kind received from different parts of the country indicate how well known Prince Rupert is becoming.

CONSERVATIVES WILL HOLD CONVENTION

Preparatory Meeting of Executive on February 8 at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 20.—An executive meeting of the Conservative Association has been called for February 8 to prepare for a provincial convention to be held in the early summer.

French Demand Their Pound Of Flesh From Germany and Vote Confidence in Poincare

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Following President Poincare's declaration that France would adhere to the peace treaties and demand full reparation, the Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in the new ministry, the vote standing 472 to 107.

In his address to the chamber the new premier said Germany was responsible for the war and for the manner of conducting it. "Until everything due has been paid we can not afford to be generous. The reparations problem is the key to all others."

Premier Poincare was given the biggest ovation accorded any leader since the days of war enthusiasm and Clemenceau.

DELEGATION IS ENDORSED

Smithers, Terrace and Fort Fraser Back Local Board of Trade.

The memorandum of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade which is to be placed before the Dominion Government at an early date by a local delegation is receiving endorsement by outside points in the district and already three places, Fort Fraser, Terrace and Smithers, have sent letters to C. V. Ewert, the secretary of the board, backing up the various requests. Besides these, press reports and private advices from many other points show that the matter is to be given general endorsement.

J. Evans, secretary of the Smithers Citizens' Association, in a letter received here by last night's mail announced that an executive meeting of the association had unanimously endorsed the reports and recommendations.

Route to Naas.

E. E. Chandler, president of Terrace Board of Trade, wrote that his board had endorsed the memorandum with the request that the government be asked to investigate the route to the Ground Hog coal fields by way of the Kilsunkalun and Naas River valleys. There was a great tonnage of ore, wealth of timber resources and a great agricultural country along this route. Expert investigation had brought forth that the route was free from engineering difficulties and was a practical one. Terrace also asks that the geological branch of the Department of Mines make an investigation of the geological structure and mining possibilities of the district adjacent to Kilsunkalun Lake.

J. R. Tannock, secretary of the meeting of Fort Fraser citizens, stated that a meeting had been held and the memorandum had been endorsed, especially that portion of it suggesting a light railway to tap the soldiers' settlement reserve at Stuart River.

In connection with the proposed Ottawa delegation a letter has been received from W. E. Payne, secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade, inquiring if the Prince Rupert Board was to join the delegation which it was expected would leave Vancouver about February 7 or 8 in order to be in the capital in time for the sitting of the Railway Commission on February 15.

THIRD SET OF TEETH.

DANVILLE, Ky., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Sally Helm is dead at her home near here at the age of 105. She had cut her third set of teeth.

Big Pole Contract Has Been Secured By Smithers Firm

The Hansen Tie and Timber Company, of which Olof Hansen of this city is the head, has received a contract for the supply of 300,000 feet of cedar poles to an Eastern Canada firm. They will be used, it is understood, for bridge building and in connection with hydro-electric construction. As the poles have to be peeled, there will be a good deal of work provided and it will take about four or five months to fill the contract. The cutting will be done between Hazelton and Terrace and settlers will be given first chance on the work as far as possible. A. Goodenough, the superintendent of Hansen operations west of Smithers, will be in charge of the work.

Mr. Hansen reported this morning that most of the actual cutting of ties for his railway contracts this winter is finished and the work of hauling has commenced. What ties still remain to be cut are those of some settlers. It is expected that all the work will be cleaned up by April 1.

MEIGHEN NOT OPPOSING KING

Deprecates Action of North York Conservatives in Nominating Man.

TORONTO, Jan. 20.—The Star publishes an interview with Hon. Arthur Meighen in which the former premier says the action of the Conservatives of North York in nominating J. A. M. Armstrong to oppose W. L. Mackenzie King in the by-election "was no work of mine." Mr. King was endorsed by the country as a whole, said Mr. Meighen, and there was not sufficient grounds for the departure from the well-established constitutional custom of not opposing a minister immediately after his election.

Mr. Meighen thought that Mr. Armstrong's nomination might injure his own chances for election in Grenville.

PRIVILEGES FOR U. S. FISHING BOATS WILL BE CONTINUED

The privileges extended to United States fishing boats at this port in 1918 are to be continued pending full consideration of the whole matter by the government, according to a letter which has been sent by W. A. Found, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, to the local Board of Trade in answer to an inquiry on the matter.

FISH ARRIVALS

Three fishing schooners, with a total of 73,000 pounds of halibut, sold their catches at the Fish Exchange this morning.

They were: Albatross, 50,000 pounds, sold to the Royal Fish Co. at 17c and 5c.

Kaien, 45,000 pounds, and Groth, 8,000 pounds, sold to the Sinclair Fisheries at 18.6c and 5c.

J. B. Lambert, Dominion Government public works engineer returned last night from Alice Arm and left again on the Prince John this morning for Stewart.

FROZEN FISH IS SHIPPED

Steamer Noponset Takes Trial Shipment from Vancouver to East Coast.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 20.—Two hundred tons of frozen fish, the first shipment to the Atlantic coast by water, left on the steamer Noponset by way of the Panama Canal.

If this shipment arrives in good condition it is expected that a big proportion of all rail shipments of fish will be diverted to this route.

USED BALLOTS FOR ELECTION

Massett Natives Take on White Custom in Electing Councillors—William Matthews, Chief.

MASSETT, Jan. 20.—At the election of Indian councillors last week, the natives of Massett took on the custom of white electors when they voted for the first time with ballots. A notable feature of the election was that not a single ballot was spoiled. There were ten candidates out of which six were to be elected. The successful candidates were William Matthews, Alfred Adams, Jasper Amos, Robert Bennett, George Jones and Peter Hill. Following the election William Matthews was chosen chief councillor.

NOTABLE DIFFERENCE IN FREIGHT RATES ON DIFFERENT ROUTES

In connection with investigations into the local freight rates it was found that the rate from Vancouver to London, England or Liverpool by way of the Panama Canal for canned salmon is 86 a ton. This is exactly the same rate as is charged from Vancouver to Prince Rupert for the same commodity. The European route is more than ten times longer than that in this port.

PREMIER CRAIG IS VISITING CHURCHILL

BELFAST, Jan. 20.—Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, has gone to London to confer with Winston Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, on outstanding questions concerning the government of Northern Ireland.