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IRISH ELECTION RETURNS SHOW PRO-TREATY PARTY WINNING

Fishing Prospects For Season Reviewed by Chief Inspector Who is Visiting Prince Rupert

Major J. A. Motherwell, chief inspector of Dominion Fisheries, is in the city today on a brief visit to the local office in connection with the opening of the sockeye salmon season which commenced at midnight last night. Major Motherwell arrived direct from Vancouver on the fisheries protection steamer Givenchy last night and is returning south tonight on the same steamer. He is accompanied by his sister, Miss Motherwell.

Major Motherwell stated today that the appointment of a permanent fisheries inspector for District No. 2 had not yet been made but the matter was now before the civil service commission and announcement should be forthcoming within two weeks. In the meantime A. Mackie was carrying on the duties here.

LAST LIQUOR SHIPMENT IN NORTH LAND

DAWSON, June 20. — A train load of liquor worth \$70,000, and an extra carload for Altn district, rushed through from Vancouver through Skagway from the steamer Princess Louise last Thursday, crossed the boundary into Yukon territory over the White Pass route a few hours before the United States embargo preventing transportation of liquor through Alaska went into effect. This train load of fourteen cars may be the last shipment for Yukon and Altn for some time.

REPORT OF RAILWAYS

First Three Years of Operation Full of Difficulties Say Directors

OTTAWA, June 20. — "The three year period during which the present board has operated the Canadian National Railways has been full of operating difficulties and disturbed economic conditions. In this period three separate groups of railways have been worked into one smooth system. The physical property of the road has been greatly improved and proper rolling stock and motive power provided." So reads the annual report to parliament of the directors of the Canadian National Railways covering chiefly the features already touched on by the minister of finance in his budget speech. The Grand Trunk Pacific so far has received \$82,480,000 in advances from the government, exclusive of interest. The report stresses the necessity for maintaining the property in first class condition.

STEADY IMPROVEMENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Noted by W. S. Fisher, President of C.M.A., in Opening Annual Meeting

ST. ANDREWS, N.B., June 20. — Generally speaking business is steady although very slowly improving. The international situation seems to be clearing and money is easier. Surplus stocks have been reduced and basis production is recovering. Unemployment is decreasing and prices are stabilizing with demand reviving. These statements were made today by W. S. Fisher, of St. John, S.B., president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in the opening address of the fifty-first annual convention.

PRO-TREATY IS WINNING IN IRELAND

Forty-seven Griffith Candidates Elected So Far

DUBLIN, June 20. — The position of the various parties in the Irish parliamentary election so far as reported up to five o'clock this afternoon was as follows: Pro-treaty, 47. Coalition Republicans, 26. Labor, 10. Independent, 12. The outstanding feature of the vote is the preponderance in favor of pro-treaty candidates.

PRINCE RUPERT LED ALL U.S. CONSULATES IN RED CROSS FUNDS

Prince Rupert consulate exceeded all others in the donations to the American Red Cross, according to a letter received by U. S. Consul Wakefield from Charles H. Foster, manager. The letter acknowledged the receipt of \$244 made up of 234 memberships at one dollar each and two contributions of \$5 each.

ESKIMOS BEAT CALGARY AT OPENING OF SERIES

EDMONTON, June 20. — The Eskimos defeated Calgary by a score of two to nothing in an exhibition series of baseball games of teams formerly in the international league.

PIONEER FARMER DEAD

VICTORIA, June 20. — William Kingsote, a pioneer farmer of the Quamichan district died yesterday aged 82 years. He settled at Quamichan 16 years ago.

RAILWAY RATES CUT

Proposal Made For Drop in Freight on Basic Commodities

OTTAWA, June 20. — Definite offers of freight rate reductions contingent on the suspension of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement were made by the C.P.R., the Canadian National and the Grand Trunk railways this morning to a special committee of the House on railway transportation costs to apply to certain basic commodities such as grain, forest products, coal, building material, fertilizers, pig iron, ores, etc. The suggested reductions are 20 per cent for eastern Canada and 16 1-2 per cent for western Canada.

STEEL BRIDGE ACROSS HAYS CREEK DECIDED

Plans of City Engineer Adopted Last Night and Cost Estimate Called For

The city council last night adopted the plans of the city engineer for a steel bridge of two spans with trestle approaches to replace the present condemned wooden bridge over Hays Creek on Sixth Avenue. The favorable report of the Board of Works on these plans was adopted and the engineer was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost.

The plans as submitted called for two steel spans on three concrete piers. The two spans will total 120 feet in length and will comprise about one-fifth of the entire length of the bridge, the remainder of the structure consisting of two timber approaches from east and west. The proposed bridge will be 24 feet wide exclusive of the sidewalks on either side as compared with the present bridge which is 16 feet. The bridge will commence at the junction of Sixth Avenue and Hays Cove Circle on the west and the junction of Ambrose Avenue and Sixth Avenue on the east and will run practically level between these two points, thus being 7 feet 6 inches higher in the centre than the present bridge which has a considerable sag. I will be of such construction that the two approaches at a later date may be changed from timber construction to steel and the entire structure may also be permanently widened.

TRAGEDY ON KHYEX RIVER

Bodies of Man and Woman Are Found 15 Miles up Stream—Details Are Lacking

Fifteen miles up Khyex river, the mouth of which is crossed by the railway about 32 miles from here, has been found by an Indian the bodies of a dead man and woman. A report to this effect giving only the most meagre details was received yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the local provincial police office and last night Chief Minty dispatched Constables Martin and Gibson to the scene to make a thorough investigation. They will have commenced their trip up the river with the Indian informant by this time and more details may be forthcoming by this afternoon.

The report reached the provincial office yesterday afternoon in an indirect manner. It appears that an excited Indian had reached Skeena city from up the Khyex river and had informed the section man there of his gruesome discovery. The section foreman in turn advised Hugh McLeod, of a railway bridge gang, who telegraphed into the local dispatchers' office from which notification was given the provincial police.

The identity of the dead people is not yet disclosed and it is not even definitely known whether they are white or Indians, although it is believed they are the latter. Whether or not foul play is involved is also yet to be learned.

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RATIFY TREATY OF WASHINGTON

Canadian Parliament Unanimous in Regard to it; Appreciation of Borden

OTTAWA, June 20. — The House of Commons at Ottawa unanimously ratified the treaties passed at the Washington Armaments Conference, the leaders of the three parties expressing confidence in the treaties and thanks to President Harding for calling the conference.

Fl. Hon. Mackenzie and Hon. Arthur Meighen also paid tribute to Sir Robert Borden as Canada's delegate to the Washington conference.

UNITED STATES RULE AGAINST CARRIAGE LIQUOR AFFECTS B.C.

VICTORIA, June 20. — Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, is communicating with Ottawa regarding the United States regulation against the carriage of liquor through American territory. This ruling, which recently went into effect, bars out the supply for government vendors' Hall had been given a \$15 a month raise in salary by the Finance Committee. Did the committee have the right to take this action? Personally, he was opposed to any increases of salary at this time. Any man who had a job now should be glad to hold it to say nothing of getting an increase in pay.

BOTH STEAMERS TO ARRIVE 10 O'CLOCK AT G. T. P. DOCKS

Both the Princess Charlotte, bearing 300 Grand Lodge Masonic delegates from the south for the convention here, and the Prince George, with 190 New York Rotarians on their way East from the Los Angeles convention, are due to arrive here at the G. T. P. docks at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, city time. The Princess Charlotte will tie up at No. 1 shed and the Prince George, as usual, at No. 2.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S VISIT THIS YEAR TO PACIFIC MAY BE OFF

VICTORIA, June 20. — President Harding's visit to the Pacific Coast and Alaska this summer may have to be cancelled owing to the prolonged session of Congress according to private advice which have reached the British-American League here.

ASK PARLIAMENT SANCTION BIG LOAN

OTTAWA, June 20. — Hon. W. S. Fielding intends to ask parliament for authority to raise a loan of \$350,000 to be used in repayment of all maturing loans and obligations inclusive, it is understood, of \$182,000,000 of five year victory bonds issued in 1917 and falling due in December. Part of the loan it is expected will be raised in Canada.

ADMIRAL DIES

LONDON, June 20. — Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, retired, 75 years of age, is dead.

Thirty Percent Cent Cut in Miners Wages Advocated by Conciliation Board

OTTAWA, June 20. — The Knowles board of conciliation, which investigated the wage dispute in district 18 United Mine Workers of America have issued a majority report recommending a wage cut of an average of 30 per cent.

W. E. Knowles of Moosejaw, chairman, and E. Ostlund, miners' representative, concurred in the finding while G. Drinnan, representing the operators issued a minority report recommending wage cuts of from 37 to 40 per cent.

The coal mines in this district which comprises Eastern British Columbia and all southern Alberta, have been closed down since March 31, when the operators announced wage cuts of 50 per cent.

The majority report of the board found that in the Drumheller district the miners received a miserable income and they condemned the part time employment as a curse to the coal mining industry.

WAGE QUESTION UP ONCE MORE \$200 LICENSE FOR ALL CLUBS

Ald. Collart Wants to Know What Right Finance Committee Has to Raise Salaries.

Ald. Collart has appealed to the council in regard to the actions of his own Finance Committee. An employee in the City Hall had been given a \$15 a month raise in salary by the Finance Committee. Did the committee have the right to take this action? Personally, he was opposed to any increases of salary at this time. Any man who had a job now should be glad to hold it to say nothing of getting an increase in pay.

PRISON SHIP AT BELFAST

Former U.S. Shipping Board Vessel Used to Confine Sinn Feiners

ATTACK PREMIER'S HOME Shots Fired at Stomont Castle Occupied by Sir James Craig

BELFAST, June 20. — Former United States Shipping Board vessel Argente has been refitted as a prison ship in which to confine Sinn Feiners captured by the Ulster government in the recent roundup. She will be stationed in Belfast Lough.

Shots were fired early today in the vicinity of Stomont Castle which was purchased by the Ulster government as the official residence of Sir James Craig, premier, who with his wife took up residence there last night.

The attack on the Premier's home is more serious than was at first reported. Several bullets struck the building where Sir James and his wife were sleeping. It is believed an attack on the castle was contemplated but frustrated by the police.

A reception will be held at the Prince Rupert Club on Thursday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 for the visiting ladies. All local Masons' wives are invited. Also boats will be at the Prince Rupert Boatouse for those who prefer a water trip.