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Britain Cuts Down Her Expense Bill COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SPEND LESS ON ARMY AND NAVY

Cutting Down Expenses Government in Great Britain Reductions Recommended

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Reduction in the personnel and estimates for the maintenance of the army and navy and air force in Britain is recommended in a report of the committee on national economy headed by Sir Eric Geddes. This is the committee which was asked to show parliament and the people how £100,000,000 could be clipped from the national expenses.

While the committee has not been wholly successful, it has been able to suggest how there might be reductions in the expenses of the nation amounting to £75,000,000 spread over the various departments of the administration.

Taxes are high in Britain and the drop in prices is making the people restless under the burden. There is a general demand for economy of expenditures but this economy is tending to accentuate the bad times. Men dismissed from the public service join the army of unemployed and reduced salaries means less money to spend. Every economy tends to decrease the amount of money spent.

CONSERVATIVES ORGANIZING IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Unionist members of parliament who signed the pledge to stand as independent Conservatives and not as supporters of the coalition government in the event of an early election are organizing a group and discussing the future policy. The group numbers about fifty.

The action of the Conservative coalitionists followed the election of Lloyd George as president of the Liberals at a convention of Liberals held here. While the coalition government is still carrying on and will continue to do so for a short time, there may be a break any day and both sides are preparing for the next big political fight, which may come this year or possibly may be delayed until next.

IRISH REPORTS CONFLICTING

Correspondent of London Times at Dublin Says Kidnapping Is Deplored.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Conflicting reports are coming out of Ireland concerning the attitude of the southern provisional government toward the recent kidnaping of prominent Ulstermen. "The whole machinery of the provisional government is being employed to secure the release of the men," according to the correspondent of the Times at Dublin, who says the raids are deplored by every member of that government.

Against this is a report from another source, ostensibly friendly to the provisional government, implying the belief that the Collins administration had forehand knowledge of the raids and could immediately secure the release of the prisoners by giving a direct order.

PROFESSIONALISM IS RIFE IN FAR EAST IN AMATEUR SPORTS

HALIFAX, Feb. 11.—Two hundred amateur athletes in the Maritime Provinces, most of them in Nova Scotia, have to face charges of professionalism which are accompanied by sworn affidavits, President Covey states.

RAILWAY STRIKE AT CORK IMPROVED

Lorry of Rifles Seized and Taken From Police in Neighborhood.

CORK, Feb. 11.—A lorry load of police travelling from Macroom to Brandon was this morning held up by armed men. The attackers captured the car with rifles and equipment. There were no casualties.

The situation arising from the seizure of railway stations yesterday by railway strikers is considered less acute today. No attempts were made to interfere with the rolling stock or get up steam in the idle locomotives.

RELEASE PRISONERS HELD IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The colonial office announced today that pursuant to the authority granted by the British cabinet steps are being taken to release prisoners taken into custody for offences committed in Ireland from Irish political motives prior to the Irish truce.

KOOTENAY ELECTION

Writ to Be Issued Today and by Election Late in March.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—The writ for the by-election in East Kootenay will probably be issued today. The date of the by-election was decided yesterday but withheld pending the approval of the Governor-general, who is out of town.

The date will probably be toward the end of the second or third week in March.

BENNY LEONARD GETS DECISION OVER KANSAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Benny Leonard retained the lightweight championship last night when he received the judge's decision after a fifteen round go with Rocky Kansas.

SEND DELEGATES TO ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

LONDON, Feb. 11.—In the House of Commons yesterday Lloyd George announced that South Africa and Australia were among the dominions which so far had accepted invitations to send representatives to the Genoa economic conference which meets in March.

RAILWAY IS CLEAR AGAIN

Slide at Kwinitsa Opened at Midnight Last Night—Engine Off Track Made Further Delay.

The snow slide on the Canadian National Railway at Kwinitsa was cleared out last night at 12 o'clock and the trains are all moving again. No. 3 west-bound, due here on Thursday evening, is expected in between 3 and 3:30 this afternoon and No. 4, which was held up at the scene of the slide for two days, is again proceeding eastward. The train which was to have gone east this morning is posted to pull out at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The clearing of the snowslide at Kwinitsa did not end the troubles of the railway, for the engine of the snowplow from Pacific went off the track between Salvus and Kwinitsa and occasioned an additional twelve-hour blocking of the line. Following the righting of this train the engines were enabled to move.

The fifty men from the city relief work and the equipment which was sent out to clear the Kwinitsa troubles returned here early this morning. Superintendent N. B. Walton, District Engineer Featherstonhaugh, Superintendent J. P. Kirkpatrick of Smithers and Roadmaster R. A. Harlowe were all at the scene of the tie-up and superintended operations. There was no damage to equipment and no one was hurt as a result of the blockade.

CORKLE BOXES JOHN MORGAN

Six-round Go at Anyox Results in a Draw—It Was a Real Fight.

ANYOX, Feb. 11.—Anyox sports were treated to a feast of boxing on Friday night under the auspices of the Community League in Recreation Hall, with Floy Hatt as chairman. The main bout was between G. N. Corkle of Anyox mine, formerly of Prince Rupert, and John Morgan of Ladysmith. It was a real fight from the first sound of the gong in each round. The men mixed well and there were few clinches. The breaks were clean.

Corkle missed heavy rights to the jaw, landing body blows. Morgan led the left well, playing the jaw in each round.

The match was a humdinger, ending in a draw. At the close of the six rounds each of the boxers was as fresh as at the beginning. Ed Wall was referee.

SEATTLE WINS HOCKEY MATCH

Team Is Now League Leader After Beating Victoria Two to Nothing.

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—Seattle hockey team pulled itself back in the leadership of the Pacific Hockey League last night by beating the Victoria Aristocrats two to nothing.

The games this year are the most closely contested the league has seen since its inception. No team holds the leadership for any length of time. Victoria seems to be missing the aid of Moose Johnson, who recently left the game.

SPRING ASSIZES IN PRINCE RUPERT MAY 5

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—The dates of the spring assizes were announced yesterday. Court will sit in Prince Rupert April 27 for the trial of both civil and criminal cases and at Prince George on May 5.

COMOX LOGGING CO. MACHINE SHOPS BURN

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—The machine shops of the Comox Logging Co. near Courtenay were almost wholly destroyed by fire. The shops were equipped with machinery valued at \$50,000.

SENATE BEGINS CONSIDERATION OF PACIFIC TREATY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Consideration of the four-power treaty was begun today by the Senate committee on foreign relations. The countries involved are Britain, United States, France and Japan and the treaty is designed to replace the Anglo-Japanese pact.

LONG CHASE HAS ENDING

After Ten Thousand Mile Pursuit Mounted Policeman Locates Fugitive in Mexico.

PRINCE RUPERT BELIEVED REFERRED TO IN MISTAKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Sergeant M. M. Stephens of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrived here yesterday with Chou Chimooske, who was taken in custody at Mexico City after a chase lasting five and one-half months and covering 10,000 miles. Chimooske is charged with a double murder at Prince Rupert, B. C. He was taken north today by another Canadian officer.

The chase for the fugitive led across Canada, through the Atlantic Coast states from Maine to Florida, and thence from New Orleans to Mexico. The old adage that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police always get their man appears to have been borne out in this case.

The above case seems more or less of a mystery to all the police here, Royal Canadian, provincial and city. None of them know of a crime as described having been committed here, nor do they know of Chou Chimooske. The Mounted Police have no record of the officer, Sergeant M. M. Stephens, nor have they a record of the crime. It is thought by Inspector Acland that Prince Albert may be the place referred to and that it was mistaken in the despatch for Prince Rupert.

CATTLE BREEDER IS SENT TO THE SENATE

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Arthur G. Hardy, the noted cattle breeder of Ontario, has been appointed to the vacant seat in the senate. He is the son of a late Premier of Ontario.

FOOD FOR RUSSIA BURNED WHEN VESSEL DESTROYED AT SEA

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 11.—The British steamer Lowlands, bound for Murmansk with a cargo of food for starving Russians, was burned at sea. The crew escaped.

BONOMI IS STILL PREMIER OF ITALY

ROME, Feb. 11.—King Victor has not accepted the resignation of Premier Bonomi, which was presented on February 2. The Bonomi ministry is expected to be in its place next Thursday when parliament opens.

HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE.



George L. ("Tex") Rickard, international fight promoter, has been arrested in connection with charges made by the Children's Society of New York that he attacked a 15-year-old girl, and impaired the morals of another four years younger. He has been released on bail for a hearing.

TEX RICKARD OUT ON BAIL

Famous Sports Promoter Is Held on Ten Thousand Dollar Bond.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Tex Rickard, the sports promoter, today was held in \$10,000 bail for the action of the grand jury on a charge of assault preferred by a 15-year-old girl, Alice Ruck, and the Children's Aid Society.

JIM FLYNN BEATEN UP

Original White Hope Punishes Man Who Knocked Out Jack Dempsey.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 11.—Jim Flynn of Puebla, the only man ever credited with knocking out Jack Dempsey, is searching for leeches to relieve the swelling around both his eyes as a result of a terrific beating administered to him last night by Carl Morris of Tulsa, the original white hope. The bout went ten rounds.

WORKS ON BIRTHDAY Thomas A. Edison on Job Today Although 75 Years of Age.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 11.—Seventy-five years ago today Thomas Edison was born. He made no plans to take the day off. At the great Edison plant he and his army of fellow workers faced the same routine as usual.

ELECTION NOT DELAYED.

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—Acting Premier J. D. McLean denies the rumor that the Omineca by-election will be postponed.

Pietro Cioli, of Anyox, is leaving the city shortly in order to sail from St. John on February 18 aboard the steamer Scandinavian. He is returning to his home in Italy.

ALASKA HALIBUT FISHERMEN FAVOR A CLOSED SEASON

Owners of eighteen fishing vessels, at a meeting held at Juneau, declared unanimously for a closed season for halibut from November 1 to February 1 each year, covering the spawning period of the fish. A telegram to this effect was sent to Delegate Dan Sutherland and the Seattle Fishing Vessels' Association. It will also be sent to secretaries of the Fishermen's Union in Alaska.

The Seattle organization desired fishing to cease until March 15, but those present claimed that spawning season is now over and they decided to continue fishing.

Present at the meeting were Charles D. Garfield, secretary of the Territorial Fish Commission; Oliver Drance of the Juneau Cold Storage Company, and Idadore Goldstein, besides the following boat owners:

Martin Borlich, Gypsy; John Lewell, Pilgrim; K. Hilda, Avona; K. Alsted, Thelma; Olaf Winters, Dagny; Henry Larsen, Olga; John Jackson, Ocean; Henry Hansen, Wild Rose; Tom Ness Emma; Axel Peterson, Vallhalla; Peter Hilde, Norland; John Poudrmeister, Ida; Oscar Oberg, T-19; Martin Holst, Annie B.; Ole Johnson, Fane.

SCOTSMAN CHECKER CHAMPION OF WORLD

GLASGOW, Scotland, Feb. 11.—Robert Stewart, the Scottish checker champion, today won the international championship by defeating the American champion, N.W. Banks of Detroit in a series of forty games. Stewart won two games, Banks won one and thirty-seven were draws. Stewart is thus the world's champion.

BRITISH CATTLE ARE SAID TO BE DISEASED

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The importation of live stock from the United Kingdom has been prohibited by the department of agriculture of the Union of South Africa owing to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

PRICE OF WINE IS REDUCED BY VENDOR

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—The price of certain brands of sherry and port wine have been reduced in price from \$4.50 to \$1.25 a bottle, the acting premier announced.

MANY WILL GIVE BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

G. V. Wilkinson Says Many Have Promised to Bring in Volumes.

G. V. Wilkinson reports that a number of people have promised to bring in books for the commencement of a free public library and he expects to have a good many to report early in the week. They have suggested that they will look over their bookcases during the week-end, and there should be something more definite to say within a few days.

Books should be sent to either of Ormes' drug stores.

ICE IS HANDICAP

North of Elbe Interferes With Commerce Port of Hamburg.

HAMBURG, Feb. 11.—Ice at the mouth of the Elbe is proving a most serious handicap to navigation. Ships are finding it difficult to enter and clear and many have been frozen in so that ice breakers are unable to release them.

The season is unusually cold, the worst that has been experienced here in the past 60 years.

FREE STATE IS TAKING STEPS TO KEEP PEACE

Cancels Amnesty for Those Committing Hostile Acts Against Any Irish People.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The provisional Irish government has annulled the amnesty for all men of the naval, police or military services who commit acts of hostility towards any Irish people. A despatch from Belfast says there is no change in the Irish situation. No more word has been received of the kidnapped Ulstermen who were released and both sides are waiting watchfully.

YUKON IS IN GRIP OF COLD

Thermometer Registers 62 Below Zero—Blizzard in Newfoundland Blocks Traffic.

RUPERT COLDEST YET.

ST. JOHN, Nfld., Feb. 10.—Newfoundland is again besieged by snow and ice. A blizzard swept over the country last night and yesterday and blocked all traffic everywhere.

DAWSON, Feb. 11.—The Yukon territory is in the grip of the ice king. After an unusually mild winter there has been a sudden drop in temperature the thermometer registering as low as 62 degrees below zero.

Coldest Yet Here.

The lowest temperature reading of the winter was registered this morning at 7 o'clock at the local Dominion Government Meteorological Bureau when the instrument dropped to 9 degrees above zero.

Telegraph reports for 8 o'clock this morning give the following readings at various outlying points:

Hazelton, 10 below.
Dawson, 52 below.
Terrace, 3 below.
Prince George, 6 below.

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