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CONFERENCE GETTING THROUGH BUSINESS

HOUSE OF COMMONS VOTES FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF RAILWAY COSTS

Some Problems will be Disposed of at Genoa Today but at Least Three More Week's Work is Left

GENOA, May 5.—Progress is being made at the economic conference. Today it is expected that deliberations on financial, economic and transport questions will end. The sub-committee on economics will likely during the day make a report to the full commission. This, it is expected, will be approved. Then there will be left only political problems.

The Russian question and the proposed non-aggression pact are taxing the ingenuity of Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, but there is optimism today over the possibilities of their solution. Patience is urged by all the leading delegations for the conference is apparently facing a hard pull of at least another three weeks.

LORD'S DAY IN VICTORIA CITY

General Secretary of Alliance Says Injunction Will Be Taken Out Forbidding Plebiscite.

VICTORIA, May 5.—Dr. Rochester, Toronto, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, who is here, says that the Alliance will probably take out an injunction forbidding the city to take a plebiscite on the question of the Lord's Day Act enforcement.

Mayor W. P. Marchant agrees with Dr. Rochester that the plebiscite would probably have no meaning and that the Lord's Day Act must be enforced anyway having been officially adopted by the police commission.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES BUSINESS MEETING

The Prince Rupert Civic Employees' Association held its second regular meeting in the carpenters' hall last night.

The officers elected at the last meeting who were carrying office temporarily were installed permanently. The bylaw committee submitted draft bylaws, which were read and considered clause by clause. Some minor amendments were suggested, which amendments will be considered by the committee at its next meeting. If it is then thought advisable by the committee these amendments will be included in the bylaws, when they will be finally adopted at the next regular meeting.

DIED FROM EATING WILD PARSNIP ROOT

L'ORIGINAL, Ont., May 5.—Seven members of the Lacroix family died here after eating wild parsnip root which the children had dug from by the roadside.

TO COMMENCE EXAMINATION

Pacific Great Eastern Expert Will Start From Prince George Next Week.

VICTORIA, May 5.—J. G. Sullivan, engineering expert for the provincial government, will go to Prince George early next week to begin his formal inspection of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. From Prince George he will travel south and closely examine every engineering feature of the government road.

BURNS LAKE

Miles Henderson, manager of the Royal Bank, H. D. McNeil, government telegraph operator, and Fred Fraser, minister, have returned to Burns Lake from Prince Rupert where they were in connection with the case of Royal Bank of Canada vs. A. J. Phillipson at the Supreme Court Assizes in which judgment was reserved for written argument. According to all three Prince Rupert is running Burns Lake a close second as Northern B. C.'s capital.

James Turnbull, the genial representative of the provincial government forestry department at Hazelton, was a recent visitor in Burns Lake.

Provincial Constable Gary is keeping watch and ward over a young desperado from a ranch in the neighborhood. According to the complaint made, the young man had his neighbors and his own family confined to quarters with the aid of a 22 rifle and refused to allow them to leave for town.

Francois Lake is definitely closed for traffic but everyone is hoping for an early break-up as the settlers on the south side will not be able to cross the lake until the ice goes out. The decrease in traffic will give the roads a chance to harden after the thaw.

A. Pepper, who is on his way to his ranch at Francois Lake, is giving Burns Lake people the benefit of his mill for a few days and lumber will soon be plentiful once more.

The Burns Lake Garage reports the sale of another Ford in the neighborhood. If business keeps up this way a traffic officer will soon be needed.

The question of the creamery at Francois Lake is slowly being settled and it is the general hope that it will be in operation this year.

Provincial Constable Dryden, arrived from Anyox last night on the Prince George having in custody Paddy O'Brien and T. W. Ellis, who were each recently sentenced to 30 days imprisonment for intoxication by stipendiary Magistrate John Conway. They will serve the terms here.

WILD WEST AUTHOR A CORPORATION OFFICER.



What's that—author? Sure, unless you prefer authoress. Well anyhow B. M. Bower, whose stories of ranch life and doings in the cow country you have read in Mrs. R. E. Cowan. Here is the first published photograph of her. She has just been elected president of El Picacho Mining Corporation of Nevada.

Parliament Divides On Railway Debate; Change In Fishery Regulations

OTTAWA, May 5.—The House of Commons has voted to appoint a parliamentary committee to investigate transportation costs with particular reference to the Crow's Nest Pass agreement of 1897. The vote was 109 to 92 in favor of the measure or a majority of 17 for the government.

All yesterday afternoon and evening there was an exciting debate on the question in which Sir Henry Drayton introduced an amendment demanding that the government submit a railway policy to parliament. This amendment was defeated by 167 to 35, being supported only by Conservatives.

The Minister of Marine has introduced a bill into the House to amend the Fisheries Act by consolidating the provisions of the Department of Justice as they affect the fisheries of British Columbia. The bill is considered necessary because there is danger of protective regulations on salmon and lobster fisheries in the province which might be challenged in Canadian waters.

DEMPSEY SAYS BOUT CERTAIN

Almost Sure to Meet Carpentier In Fall in Europe Provided He Beats Lewis.

PARIS, May 5.—Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight boxer, told the Associated Press today that it was almost certain he would meet Carpentier again either in London or in Paris late this year if Carpentier defeats Ted Lewis in London on May 11 and provided the purse is satisfactory. Details are now under discussion by the fighters' managers in London.

FIRE ENDANGERED POWDER HOUSE AT TERRACE; REMOVED

TERRACE, May 5.—Excitement was caused here Wednesday evening when word was brought in that the fire burning on George Little's pre-emption adjoining the town was creeping dangerously near the powder house, a small building covered with galvanized iron in which was stored almost a carload of stumping powder. As to whether there was to be an explosion or not was not argued very long. With two trucks the powder boxes were conveyed to the ferry and stored in a safer place.

ROUT OF GENERAL CHANG'S ARMY IS REPORTED COMPLETE

PEKIN, May 5.—The forces of Chang Tso Lin were defeated at three points along the front near here yesterday and followers are apparently in complete route. The soldiers, it is said, have fled to Pekin for refuge.

General Wu Pei Fu in full control of Pekin at noon today and General Tso Lin, whose forces he routed yesterday in a fierce battle south of the city, is reported fleeing to Mukden. Chang's army is retreating in disorder towards Tsientsin. Observers believe that Chang's sudden collapse marks the end of hostilities.

URNS BOYS OUT OF NELSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR LACK INTEREST

NELSON, May 5.—I. V. Rogers, principal of the local high school, recently turned several boys out of the school for "lack of interest in their work," telling them to go home and stay there or else go to work on the Ymir road. Several of the proud parents of the city are raising indignant protest at the action.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Thompson was a passenger on the Prince George last night for Victoria.

W. S. Fisher, provincial tax collector, left on the Prince George last night for Seattle.

J. B. Lambert, Dominion resident engineer, left on the Venture today for the Naas river.

Mrs. C. C. Clementson and son left on the Prince George last night for a two months' vacation in Seattle.

Major Motherwell, chief inspector of fisheries for B. C., returned to Vancouver last night on the Prince George.

G. A. Woodland, local manager of the Imperial Oil Co. Ltd., left on the Venture today in connection with business with the canneries on the Naas.

Miss Rose Wall, of the nursing staff of the Shaughnessy Military Hospital, who has been visiting Mrs. John McTear, here returned to Vancouver last night on the Prince George.

The local board of trade is laking up with Ottawa the question of having daily mail service to Prince Rupert with the putting into effect of the daily train schedule on June 4.

J. Lister, of the local Canadian Bank of Commerce staff, is a son of Rev. Lister, of Nanaimo, who attacked Westminster Hall in the Presbyterian Synod at Vancouver yesterday.

A special meeting of the One Big Union was held in the McIntyre Hall last night, only paid up members being in attendance. The business discussed was purely of a private nature affecting internal affairs of the organization.

WESTMINSTER HALL OBJECT OF AN ATTACK

Rev. David Lister, of Nanaimo, at Synod, Says There is General Dissatisfaction

VANCOUVER, May 5.—Rev. David Lister, of Nanaimo, attacked the orthodoxy of the teachings of Westminster Hall at the Synod meeting here yesterday afternoon, and said that the reason so many British Columbia congregations failed to support the Students' Memorial Fund at the college was because widespread dissatisfaction with the teachings of Westminster Hall was apparent. Principal W. H. Smith defended Westminster.

Judge Swanson, of Kamloops, submitted a report showing Presbyterian activity in the Cariboo country and the pioneer mining camps of the north.

HAWAIIAN PITCHER IN EXCELLENT FORM

Played Airtight Ball and Made Home Run for Vancouver in Western Opener Yesterday.

VANCOUVER, May 5.—Tyler, the Hawaiian baseball player, pitched airtight ball for the Vancouver Beavers and also struck his first home run in the opening Western International League game yesterday. Colwell pitched for Calgary. Both teams were in good shape.

EMPRESS OF INDIA IS NOT COMING TO ROUTE ON PACIFIC

VICTORIA, May 5.—The Canadian Pacific Ocean Service announces that the Empress of India, formerly the German liner Prinz Eitel Frederic, originally planned for the Pacific run, will be sent to the Atlantic coast instead when ready.

EMPRESS OF CANADA SAILED TODAY FROM FALMOUTH FOR WEST

LONDON, May 5.—The new Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Canada, 22,000 tons, sailed from Falmouth today on her way to the Western Hemisphere to commence in the Vancouver-China and Japan service.

REPUBLICAN ARMY STILL IN CONFLICT

LONDON, May 5.—Three Free Staters were killed and three were wounded in a conflict between regulars and irregulars on the Free State side of Londonderry on the Donegal border.

Free State reinforcements enroute to Buncrana in lorries were fired upon by irregulars.

P. W. Racey of Surf Inlet was a passenger on the Prince George last night for Swanson Bay.

S. Holmes left the city last night for Vancouver on the Prince George.

H. M. McLeod, of Vancouver, is in the city on business.

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