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DELEGATE RETURNS FROM CAPITAL

Olof Hanson Tells of Fine Reception at Ottawa; Good Result Expected From Trip

"There is a possibility of coal bunkers, grain elevator, daily train service, assembly wharf and harbor improvements being started here before very long," declared Olof Hanson, a member of the Prince Rupert delegation to interview the Dominion cabinet ministers, who returned to the city on last night's train. "The delegation was given a good reception and although the cabinet ministers, all of whom were interviewed personally, were non-committal and would make no promises, we could read between the lines that they were favorably inclined towards Prince Rupert and Skeena district, and especially towards the requests for projects that are really needed. There is no doubt that some good will come out of the mission."

WILL ENFORCE LORD'S DAY ACT

Majority of Victoria Police Commissioners Will Close Up Business Places.

VICTORIA, March 10.—The police commission voted last night to enforce the Lord's Day Act and close all places of business. Druggists, news vendors, candy stores and others fought against the decision and Commissioner Worth dissented from the motion, which carried by the votes of Mayor Marchant and Commissioner W. E. Standaud. The new order is effective April 1, after which offenders against the Lord's Day Act will be prosecuted. The commissioners said they took action not from religious considerations but in the interests of citizenship of the city.

IT SMACKS OF IMPERIALISM

That Is What Mackenzie King Says of Arthur Meighen's Suggestion.

OTTAWA, March 10.—Following Arthur Meighen's suggestion yesterday that the Premier get permission from London to table a report on the conference of premiers last July, Mackenzie King tabled the report today telling Mr. Meighen that his suggestion smacked of imperialism. Canada having participated in the conference on equal terms with everybody, Canada would ask nobody's permission to table the report. Secret portions of the report have been withheld and the report tabled reveals no information not disclosed in the published despatches of last year.

ANOTHER FIRE QUEBEC ARSENAL

Total Damage During Week at Cove Mill Valued at \$325,000.

QUEBEC, March 10.—Following a fire a week ago in the government buildings at Cove Hill, the Quebec arsenal was again partially burned last night, the extent of the damage being estimated at \$200,000, making a total loss for the week at that place of \$325,000. There were no explosives in the building at the time and the fire broke out after the employees left.

SEE BRITISH HAND IN PACT

Opponents of Four-power Treaty Are Seeking Author of Document.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Charging that the four-power Pacific treaty resulted from a Japanese-British plan to offset the embarrassing effect of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, opponents of the pact sought without success in the Senate today to learn exactly by whom the original draft of the document was prepared.

AGRICULTURE FOR RUSSIA

Party of American and Canadian Farmers and Experts Sail From New York Today.

NEW YORK, March 10.—American and Canadian farmers and technical experts enlisted in a project to rehabilitate economic life in Soviet Russia sail on the Baltic American liner Esthonia today from New York. It is announced that Winnipeg and Montreal will provide about 100 farmers and technical experts. The Soviet government, it is stated, are giving farmers of the party special land grants on which to build model farms and schools of instruction for Russian peasants.

EARTHQUAKE SHOOK SOUTH

People Rushed into Streets but No Damage Is Reported.

PORTERVILLE, Cal., March 10.—Residents here were awakened at 3:30 this morning by an earthquake which rattled the windows, moved the doors off their hinges and threw the furniture around. The people rushed into the streets but no damage is reported.

The earthquake was also felt at Los Angeles, but slightly. At Bakersfield one of the heaviest tremors in years was felt. Several business houses reported their clocks operated by telegraph stopped.

KIDNAPPED MEN HAVE RETURNED

Republicans Release Jack Laird and Albert York After Month's Holding.

BELFAST, March 10.—Jack Laird and Albert York, who were kidnapped a month ago as an act of reprisal for the arrest of Republicans on the Tyrone Donegal border near Strabane, have been released.

GOLF PROFESSIONALS TOUR UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Mar. 10.—Abe Mitchell and George Duncan, the famous British professional golf players, have decided to make another tour of the United States. They will leave England June 28.

PRIEST CHARGED WITH KILLING BROTHER.



Father Adelard Delorme of Montreal, Canada, who is charged with murdering his half brother Raoul. It is alleged that he took his brother for an auto ride, shot him and threw his body out on the roadside, the motive being to get his estate and life insurance. The accused denies the charges, saying that he did not take the car out on the night of the murder. Neighbors, however, say they heard the motor of the car running about 11 o'clock the night of the crime.

SELL LIQUOR AT NEW YORK

Floating Boozie Palace Is the Latest Proposal of Financial Men.

NEW YORK, Mar. 10. The report of a proposal to establish a floating booze palace to be anchored outside the three-mile limit by July 1 and the opening of a special ferry service between it and New York has been confirmed by Captain James Martin, its sponsor, who said that three well known financiers had agreed to invest money for the purchase of the ship.

AGE OF CONSENT IN FRANCE HAS BEEN LOWERED

PARIS, March 10.—Citizens of France on reaching the age of 25 may hereafter marry without consent of their parents according to a bill passed in the Chamber of Deputies. In the past the age of consent was 30 years but eloping is practically unknown in France.

OIL DRILLING HAS STARTED

Diamond Drill for Terrace Oils, Ltd., Started Sinking on Monday.

The diamond drill of the Terrace Oils, Limited, on the Keith ranch near Terrace started sinking on the first hole last Monday following the arrival and putting in place of the boiler which was made in Prince Rupert.

L. Jessen, of Boyle Bros. Co., who is in charge of the starting of operations, arrived last night from Terrace but would say nothing other than that drilling was progressing satisfactorily.

Captain James Anderson, director of the Terrace Oils, will be visiting the scene of operations next week on his return from Stewart.

SHIP EXPLODED KILLED 15 MEN

Crow of Bolshevik Vessel Lost Lives from Hand Grenades.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 10.—Fifteen members of the crew of the Bolshevik transport Gorki were killed and many wounded when the ship's cargo of hand grenades exploded at Trebizond on the Black Sea. The explosion was so powerful that it damaged the town.

SUCCESSOR CHOSEN TO HON. E. S. MONTAGU

LONDON, March 10.—The Earl of Derby, formerly secretary of state for war, was offered the secretaryship for India in succession to E. S. Montagu, who resigned yesterday. In the event of the Earl of Derby's refusal, the Duke of Devonshire is mentioned as a likely appointee.

CROSS FIRING IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

OTTAWA, March 10.—Cross-firing between the Prime Minister and Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, enlivened the brief proceedings of the house this afternoon, following the formal opening of Parliament.

OBJECT TO LABORITES

Australian Premier Takes Exception to Attempt to Control.

LONDON, Mar. 10.—Premier Hughes of Australia says the Commonwealth Government takes a very serious view of the dictation of the maritime unions as a direct challenge of the government and strikes at the very foundation of authority. The government has decided, regardless of consequences, that such attempts to control public property can not be tolerated.

MANITOBA PAPER WINS ITS SUIT

Gets Judgment Against Fort Francis Paper Company For Excess Rates Paid.

TORONTO, March 10.—Mr. Justice Riddell has given judgment in favor of the Manitoba Free Press and thirteen other western papers who sued the Fort Francis Pulp and Paper Company for the return of a large sum paid by them in excess of rates fixed by the tribunal appointed by the Dominion Government for this purpose.

LORD READING MAY RESIGN POSITION

Possibility of Montagu Indiscipline Reacting on Viceroy It Is Thought.

LONDON, March 10.—The removal of Lord Reading as viceroy of India is believed to be the denouement of the publication of the Indian Government's note. There is nothing tangible on which to base this belief but it is not improbable as a sequel to the dismissal of Montagu.

ENEMIES ARE PLEASED

See Connection Between Present Crisis and Former One in Britain.

LONDON, March 10.—The dismissal of E. S. Montagu from the position of secretary of state for India has excited such intense manifestations of joy in the "die hard" camp that there is an inclination to see some relation between this crisis and the other political crisis of recent days.

PAPAL DECREE

Time Extended Between Death of Pope and Election of Successor.

ROME, Mar. 10.—A papal decree will soon be made extending to fifteen days the interval between the death of a pope and the beginning of a conclave to elect his successor.

OCEAN FALLS PART CLOSED

Two Machines Shut Down Owing to Water Shortage but Expected Resume Soon.

VANCOUVER, March 10.—Owing to the shortage of water at Ocean Falls two of the machines have had to shut down temporarily but the lake level is expected to reach normal in a week or so when all four machines will be operated again as before.

MONTAGU WAS DISMISSED BY LLOYD GEORGE

Gave Out Confidential Documents Tending to Cause Trouble in India.

GENERAL INSURRECTION

LONDON, March 10.—Because he sanctioned the publication of a confidential document from India officials stating there was grave danger of a general insurrection in India, Right Hon. E. S. Montagu, secretary of state for India, was asked to resign, Lloyd George telling him his action was beyond his jurisdiction and likely to cause serious difficulty for diplomats who shortly would attend the far east conference to cope with a situation which was already difficult enough.

The rest of the cabinet approved the Premier's action and London is discussing the new crisis which prevents Lloyd George leaving for Wales as planned. It is said that Right Hon. Winston Churchill may succeed Montagu.

O'LEARY SHOT BY WORKMAN

Former Canadian Champion Boxer Killed Following Alleged Assault.

SEATTLE, Mar. 10.—Johnny O'Leary, former Canadian champion lightweight boxer, was shot and instantly killed this morning by E. Frank Leslie, a shipyard worker, who later surrendered to the police.

Leslie told the officers that O'Leary and another man attacked him, one with a piece of pipe and the other with several rocks.

COQUITLAM IS NOT PAYING

City Council Awaiting Arrival of Municipal Inspector Regarding Finances.

PORT COQUITLAM, March 10.—With the exception of \$225 ordered to be paid certain storekeepers, the city council has decided to suspend payments on account of teachers' salaries and employees wages until Municipal Inspector Baird arrives to help in outlining a definite financial policy.

SHIP OFFICERS OF MEXICAN LINE GO OUT PROTEST STRIKE

VERA CRUZ, March 10.—A strike of ship officers has been declared against vessels owned by the Mexican Steamship Co., which is controlled by the Mexican government. The cause is the dismissal of a steamboat captain.

IRISH FREE STATE BILL PASSES LORDS

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The Irish Free State Bill formally passed its first reading in the House of Lords today. The debate showed a disposition by Lord Carson, the Marquis of Salisbury and Marquis of Lansdowne to endeavor to amend the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland.