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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS INVESTIGATION IS OVER FRANCE AND ENGLAND CANNOT AGREE ON GERMAN REPARATIONS MEASURES

After Weeks of Trying Opposition Unable to Find Anything Wrong

VICTORIA, Dec. 11.—Led by H. F. Kergin, Liberal member of the public accounts committee three hearty cheers and a tiger were given this morning, when the committee concluded its sessions without discovering anything injurious to the government.

At the concluding session, Col. Gordon was called to refute evidence given by a former witness, W. D. Johnson, regarding unseemly language used by Purchasing Agent Patterson. "It looks to me as if there was a frame-up with this man Johnson," said Chairman Buckham to Mr. Pooley. The latter expostulated and decided it was not meant seriously—the suggestion that there was not much wrong with Johnson's evidence.

A general discussion followed, all members speaking at one. This ended with putting Mr. Patterson back on the stand to swear he had never used such language as was attributed to him.

So ended the public accounts investigation with the intermingling of the hosts of the opposition.

Morning sessions commenced in the House tomorrow in an endeavor to bring prorogation about as soon as possible. There is not much business left.

NEW GOVERNOR NORTH IRELAND

Duke of Abercorn, Former Member of Parliament For Londonderry, is Appointed

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Duke of Abercorn has been appointed Governor General of Northern Ireland. He was born in 1869 and succeeded his father to the dukedom in 1913. He was member of parliament for Londonderry from 1906 to 1913 and was treasurer to the king's household from 1903 to 1905.

TURKEYS TO BE CHEAPER

Because Hungarian Birds Are Making Their First Appearance in Canada Now

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Hungarian turkeys are being introduced to the Canadian public for the first time this winter. One hundred thousand pounds have arrived. The importation will cut the price of domestic turkeys to six cents a pound.

NEW WARSHIPS FOR BRITAIN

Premier Announces Construction of Two Vessels is Decided Upon

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Premier Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons today that the government had decided to begin construction of two new battle-ships allowed under the Washington Naval Treaty.

PROPERTY OF IRISH FREE STATE HEADS BURNED AND BOMBED

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The residences of J. J. Walsh, postmaster general of the Irish Free State, and other government officials were damaged by fire set by armed men.

The home of Walsh's secretary, Flaggerty, was raided by armed bandits and fitted with gasoline.

A bomb was thrown into a shop owned by Senator Mrs. Wyse Power.

The house of John McTiardly, Dublin member of parliament, was burned and his wife and two children were injured in the flames.

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CANCELLING FRENCH DEBT

Bonar Law Says Government Willing to Consider Question Again

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Premier Bonar Law, of Great Britain, caused a sensation at the second session of the Allied Premiers' conference Saturday night when, replying to Premier Poincaré's moratorium plan, he gave clear indication that the British government would be quite willing to reconsider the question of cancelling the French debt, provided such a step was made possible by a reparations settlement satisfactory to Great Britain.

STUDENTS ORGANIZED

Council of Northern Polytechnic Institute in Actual Being Now

Final organization of the Students' Council of the Northern Polytechnic Institute and election of officers took place at a general meeting of the students held Friday evening in King Edward School. There were over fifty ladies and gentlemen in attendance.

The meeting was opened by the president of the council, John Pinder-Moss, who welcomed the very representative gathering of students and outlined the purposes of the meeting.

The following officers were elected for the year:

Honorary President, Dr. W. T. Kergin.

Honorary Vice-President, J. G. Brady.

President, John Pinder-Moss.

Chairman of Council, E. J. Davis.

Vice-Chairman, A. A. Forsyth.

Secretary - Treasurer, Miss Mary C. Garter.

Council—Miss A. McKinnon, Mrs. A. M. Johnson, Mrs. H. Atkins, Miss A. DuVernet, Miss D. Gillingham, A. A. Forsyth, F. W. Moershe, J. Simpson, J. Ratchford, J. H. Thomson, Miss Florence Swanson and Miss Jessie Rothwell.

After the election of officers, Mr. Davis made a few remarks as to the benefits to be derived from the formation of a students' body. Various methods of bringing the students together were discussed, all of which could be taken up in the near future by the newly elected council.

Mr. Pinder-Moss said that the students' council would have considerable influence in the progressive development of the Institute and would be the means of bringing the students together to discuss their work and ambitions. The council would also carry on propaganda work to increase the membership and would act in an advisory capacity to receive suggestions for improvement from the students as a whole.

The current issue of the B.C. Gazette contains announcement of the appointment of David Walker Hay, of McBride, to be Justice of the peace. The resignation of A. R. Barrow as Justice of the peace at Pouce Coupe is also recorded. Mr. Barrow recently moved from Pouce Coupe to Prince Rupert.

Metagama, Glasgow For St. John, N.B., Had Rough Trip

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 11.—The steamer Metagama arrived here this morning after a rough voyage from Glasgow. She met severe windstorms blowing at times as high as 100 miles an hour. Her wireless aerials were carried away and several life boats were damaged.

RECIProCAL TARIFF FOR AUSTRALIA AND CANADA IS LAUNCHED

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 11.—Hon. J. A. Robb, Canadian minister of trade and commerce, has successfully completed preliminary negotiations for a reciprocal customs tariff between Australia and Canada. He sails for Canada tomorrow.

GREEK COMMISSIONER IS ORDERED TO LEAVE CONSTANTINOPLE CITY

Turks Destroy Railway Near Deadagach in Thrace and Armenians are Fleeing

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 11.—The Greek high commissioner has been ordered to quit Constantinople.

Bands of Turks have destroyed the railroad near Deadagach in Western Thrace and the Armenians are fleeing.

RUSSIA VERY DISSATISFIED WITH TURKEY

Foreign Minister Tchitcherine Indicates This in Speech at Lausanne

LAUSANNE, Dec. 11.—Proof that Bolshevik Russia is highly dissatisfied with Turkey because Ismet Pasha has abandoned the Russians on the question of the control of the Dardanelles was furnished Saturday night when Tchitcherine, the Soviet foreign minister, in a long speech to Turkish journalists, warned them of the dangers of placing their trust in the Allied nations. He said that the Allies wished to separate Turkey and Russia and afterwards they would defeat Turkey and Russia separately.

PEACE PRIZE AWARDED DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN

In Recognition of Relief Work in Russia and Asia Minor For League of Nations

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 11.—The Nobel Peace Prize was today presented to Dr. Fridtjof Nansen for work in relieving the starving population of Russia and Asia Minor on behalf of the League of Nations.

ACQUITTED MAN IS SHOT AND KILLED FOLLOWING TRIAL

Son of Murdered Man Takes His Own Revenge on Alleged Killer of Father

GRAYSON, Ky., Dec. 11.—Harrison Blanton, aged 24, shot and killed Paul Herron on the steps of the court house here on Saturday a few minutes after Herron had been acquitted of killing Blanton's father.

TO SAIL KETCHES ACROSS ATLANTIC

Final Arrangements For Odd Race Between Duke of Leinster and William Nutting

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Duke of Leinster sailed on Saturday for New York to complete arrangements for the proposed race across the Atlantic next year against William Nutting. Each man is to sail a twelve ton ketch single-handed.

POLAND CHOSE ITS PRESIDENT

Gabriel Narutowicz is First Head of Newly Formed Republic

WARSAW, Dec. 11.—Gabriel Narutowicz, foreign minister, has been elected first president of Poland by the two houses of the newly-elected Polish National Assembly which met at the week-end for the first time. Narutowicz's rival for the presidency was Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, chief of state.

ANOTHER CHILI 'QUAKE

SANTIAGO, Dec. 11.—Strong earth shocks were felt here this morning, the tremors lasting for half an hour.

CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS AT LONDON WILL ADJOURN SO AS TO PREVENT AN OPEN RUPTURE

LONDON, Dec. 11.—An adjournment of the Premier's Conference tonight till January 2 in order to avert an open rupture between England and France over the question of German reparations has been decided upon to take effect at 6 o'clock.

The British cabinet rejected measures of force for the Ruhr district upon which Premier Poincaré, of France, insisted. Premier Bonar Law informed Premier Poincaré that British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany. Premier Poincaré had made the demand for the occupation of the Ruhr as a guarantee for a German moratorium.

It is stated in authoritative American circles that the chief hope of bringing the British and French together in the period of adjournment lies with the United States. It is said that England adjournment lies with the United States government if it is willing to cancel French debts to the United States provided England in turn cancels French debts to Britain and enters into a definite agreement with the United States government ultimately to pay the British debt to America.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF REVISION SAT

Three Names Were Struck Off List—Total Qualified to Vote is 2,116

Three names were struck off the municipal voters' list for 1923 by the court of revision this morning and a query about another man was launched. There will be in the neighborhood of 2,116 people entitled to cast votes in January. Mayor Rochester, Ald. Dybbawn and Ald. Collart with City Clerk E. A. Woods constituted the court.

The name of Henry Cameron was struck off on the information that he was dead. Peter Nelson's name was erased on account of death while Elias Skog will not be allowed to vote as he is not a British subject. Ben Baxter's name was struck off, his declaration for a vote being incorrect.

CARLOAD OF BULKLEY BEEF HERE FOR XMAS

Arrived Last Night and Will be Killed Here—Said to be Fine Stock

A carload of prime Bulkley Valley beef steers arrived in the city last night from the interior and will be killed locally by the P. Burns Co. for the Christmas market. This carload is reputed to be one of the finest of beef steers that has yet arrived from the Bulkley Valley. When ordering Bulkley Valley beef and thus insure the support of the home cattle raising industry.

EDWARD TULK PASSED AWAY

Prominent Vancouver Barrister and Business Man Died Yesterday

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—A. Edward Tulk, aged 44, a prominent barrister and business man of this city, died yesterday.

Mr. Tulk was born at Hamilton, Ontario, on December 25, 1879 and was educated in the public schools of that city. He graduated from McGill University and was articled for three years with Hon. C. J. Doherty in Montreal. He was called to the Quebec Bar in 1910 and to British Columbia's in 1911. He was married and is survived by a widow and two sons and one daughter. The late Mr. Tulk took an active interest in military affairs and was officer commanding of B. Squadron, 31st Regiment, B.C. Horse. He was a Conservative in politics, an family home, "Rosemary," Anglican and resided at the Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver.

BODY OF AL. GREEP IS HERE

Provincial Police Officers Return From Wark Canal With Remains of Trapper

Constable Harry Martin, of the provincial police, returned to the city on Saturday bringing the body of Al. Greep who died on December 3rd in Wark Canal. Deceased was trapping with a man named Mangel and was found dead by the latter on board his boat, Teddy, in Canoe Pass.

Mr. Greep had been suffering from bronchitis for some time and was last seen alive by Mangel on the afternoon of December 3, when he was lying sick on his boat. Mangel, according to Constable Martin was preparing to go trapping but had furnished Greep with a supply of fuel earlier in the day. The body is now lying at the B.C. Undertakers awaiting burial.

PATRICIAN ARRIVING

Destroyer Reported by Wireless Due at 3.30

The torpedo boat destroyer, H.M.C.S. Patrician, reported by wireless early this afternoon that she would reach this port about 3.30 this afternoon from the south. Mayor Rochester, Fred Stork, M.P., and Major J. H. McMullin will meet the Patrician on her arrival. It is not known how long the vessel will remain here but according to her schedule she was to stay for two days. The Patrician left Lowe Inlet at 10.30 this morning after spending Sunday in travelling from Bella Bella.

She will tie up at the government dock.

VALOROUS ALL SAFE

Johanna Brings Word of Safety of One Fishing Boat and Loss of Another

The fishing vessel Johanna which made port Sunday from the fishing banks brought word of the wrecking of the American halibut boat Washington off Kodiak Island. The crew, however, were saved and taken into Seward, Alaska.

In Friday the Johanna passed the Valorous and reports that everything is safe on the boat, despite the fears that she had been lost. The Johanna lent her a supply of oil coming down.

FISH SALES BIG TODAY

Ten Boats Marketed 380,000 Pounds of Halibut at Exchange

The largest quantity of fish marketed at the Fish Exchange here for some time was put on sale this morning, ten boats disposing of 380,000 pounds. The selling took an extra long time but owing to the large quantity of fish, the prices were not very high. The highest price was 10.5c for first class and the lowest 7c for second grade.

The sales and prices follow:

Summer, 55,000 pounds, at 10.3 and 7c; Sitka, 40,000 pounds, at 9.9c and 7c; James Caruthers, 50,000 pounds, at 9.8c and 7.5c; Imperaise, 2,000 pounds, at 10c and 7c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Seattle, 70,000 pounds, at 10.3c and 7c, to the Alfin Fisheries.

Atlantic, 46,000 pounds, at 10.3c and 7c; Atlas, 20,000 pounds, at 10.5c and 7c, to the Pacific Fisheries.

Omaney, 52,000 pounds, at 10.3c and 7c, to the Booth Fisheries.

Annie Tuck, 30,000 pounds, at 9.7c and 7.5c; Johanna, 13,000 pounds, at 9.7c and 7.5c, to the Royal Fish Co.

THIRTY HOUR QUAKE ON KISHUI ISLAND

At Least 22 Were Killed in Disturbance on Japanese Island

TOKIO, Dec. 11.—At least 22 persons were killed in a recent earthquake on the island of Kishui, Japan, where shocks continued for 30 hours without interruption. Unofficial estimates place the death list at 100.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLE WILL VOTE ON BONE DRY QUESTION SOON

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 11.—Prince Edward Island voters will decide whether importation of liquor shall continue or total prohibition go into effect in a plebiscite to be taken on January 22.