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PARIS CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN TODAY THIRTY MISSING AS RESULT OF BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN WASHINGTON TOWN

Following Presentation of French Ultimatum, Reparations Parley is Dissolved Without Accomplishment

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Following a virtual ultimatum read by Premier Poincaré, of France, calling upon the British to say "yes" or "no" to the French reparations propositions or else discontinue the discussions, the Allied reparations conference here broke up shortly before 7 o'clock this evening.

The first session of the conference today adjourned at 4:30 following the reading of Premier Poincaré's statement.

Shortly before the time for the second session of the day, the Italian delegation deposited fresh propositions in a final attempt to save the conference from breaking down. Their efforts were, however, unsuccessful.

The opening session was delayed by the late arrival of the Italian delegates who had been awaiting a reply to a telegram to Premier Mussolini. The reply instructed the Italians to reject the British reparations plan.

WELLS MAKES RICH STRIKE

U.S. Prospector Discovers Native Silver and Gold Rock of High Value

USK, Jan. 4.—J. D. Wells, the old time prospector of this district for years past and it was by further prospecting that this rich showing was discovered. Development work will be pushed forward during the coming spring and summer and, judging from the remarkable showing, there will be no difficulty in interesting sufficient capital to carry the work on in a thorough manner.

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NOTHING TO RUMOR PRINCE'S MARRIAGE

King's Secretary Says Reported Engagement to Princess Yolanda is Perfect Nonsense

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Lord Stamfordham, the King's secretary, says the rumor that the Prince of Wales will marry Princess Yolanda, of Italy, is perfect nonsense.

WIDOW OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, widow of the inventor of the telephone who himself died a few months ago, passed away at the age of 63 years.

HOCKEY SCORES

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Pacific Coast
Victoria 1, Seattle 0, at Seattle.
National League
Montreal 4, Hamilton 1.
Toronto 3, Ottawa 2.
Western Canada
Regina 1, Edmonton 2.

ALEX. MCKENZIE FIRST NOMINEE

Labor Candidate For Council Took Out His Papers Today

Alex. McKenzie, one of the candidates for aldermen running on the Labor ticket, was the first man to secure the necessary papers from the city clerk this morning.

There is only a week left before election day and it is expected there will be a rush of candidates before the week-end for papers. Nominations close on Monday at noon.

POLICE REPORT FOR DECEMBER LIGHT

Fines Totalled \$250 and Thirteen Cases Were Dealt With

Chief W. H. Vickers, reporting on the activities of the police department for December at the police commission meeting last night, stated that 8250 in fines had been collected and 13 cases had been dealt with. Six of these were adjourned from November. Of these two were drunks, one assault case, two people estranged and one case was adjourned to January. Weights and measures were tested and found correct.

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Theatregoers Plunged in Torrent When Span at Kelso Hit by Logs

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 4.—A score of people are missing following the collapse last night of a wooden suspension bridge over the Cowlitz River which was swollen with a flood and filled with swirling logs from a boom jam which suddenly broke.

Five automobiles, four horses and wagons and two motor lorries went into the flood with the collapse of the bridge and were lost. Most of the drivers were apparently drowned.

The town of about 3,000 population was plunged into darkness by the failing of the lighting system and the injured were pulled out of the river in darkness. Six were seriously hurt.

The list of missing includes men, women and children all of whom were local residents. About 100 people were on the bridge at the time of the collapse coming and going to the theatre. The exact number of persons flung into the water cannot be ascertained. Scores swam to safety or were picked up in boats.

The town of Kelso is located in south-western Washington near the confluence of the Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers. It is on the line of the Northern Pacific Railway between Seattle and Portland and is about 50 miles from the latter city. The Pacific Highway also passes through the town.

Thirty Missing
KELSO, Jan. 4. (later)—Thirty persons were missing today as a result of last night's bridge disaster. This morning one was known to be dead and nine persons were in hospital more or less seriously injured.

FISH SALES

Only two boats disposed of halibut at the Fish Exchange this morning, some 75,000 lbs. being sold. The boats and sales were:

Vansee, 10,000 pounds, at 12.3c, and 9.2c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Andrew Kelly, 35,000 pounds, at 13.2c, and 9.2c, to the Atlin Fisheries.

DAWSON LEAVES FOR WINNIPEG TOMORROW TO MEET PRESIDENT

F. G. Dawson, director of the Canadian National Railways, leaves on Friday to meet Sir Henry Thornton in Winnipeg and will tour the west with him in an official capacity.

Mr. Dawson has not yet met Sir Henry but, being in touch with the whole situation in the province, he will be in a position to advise in regard to possible developments.

LOCAL MUSICIAN IS TOURING CONTINENT

R. Greenfield, Cornetist, With Northwest Band on Pantages Circuit

This week at Pantages Theatre, Vancouver, the Northwest Veterans' Band is the headliner and among the players in that organization is a former Prince Rupert man, R. Greenfield. The band was organized at Edmonton and the Edmonton Board of Trade paid part of the expenses of outfitting them. They carry the name "Edmonton" on their coat lapels and are a good advertisement for the city.

Mr. Greenfield conducted the War Veterans here two years ago and also played in the West-End Theatre and in concerts. He is an excellent cornetist. He says that the band had a wonderful reception at United States points, especially at Spokane where they were entertained by the American Legion, the Elks, and other organizations. The band will tour the United States for the next six or seven months on the Pantages Circuit and after that they expect to engage in concert work.

KAMLOOPS NEWCOMER DEAD BY OWN HAND

Remains of Man Believed to be W. Sullivan, of Vancouver, Found With Throat Cut

KAMLOOPS, Jan. 4.—A man, believed to be W. Sullivan, of Vancouver, was found dead in a room of a local hotel yesterday. There was a wound in his throat and a razor was lying beside his body. He was about 40 years of age and had only arrived here from the coast at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT ISSUES CALL TO MEN

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Turkish government has issued a decree calling to the colors all able bodied men in the liberated regions.

ENTITLED TO VOTE

Total Number of Electors at Civic Election Will Be 2127

There are 2127 people entitled to vote at the municipal elections next Thursday, according to a revised estimate of the voters' list announced this morning. Of this number there are 1106 voters resident in the city who may use their franchise so that the total voters will possibly number about 1200.

BRITISH DEBT TO BE FUNDED

United States Treasury Denies Any Intention of Changing Present Law

BRITISH DELEGATION LANDS AT NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The belief that an early agreement would be reached as to the funding of the British debt to the United States was expressed today at the treasury office where it is denied that any thought has been given to suggested changes in the debt funding law.

The members of the British debt mission headed by Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, arrived at New York today on the liner Majestic and left on an early train for Washington.

CONVENT IS DESTROYED

St. George de Beauce Catholic School Was Wiped Out by Flames Last Night

QUEBEC, Jan. 4.—The eleventh fire to sweep a Catholic institution in Canada within the last year is reported today. The Good Shepherd convent of St. George de Beauce, about 30 miles from this city, was razed to the ground by flames shortly after midnight.

MAY GIVE SEAT TO WINSTON CHURCHILL

Rumor That Hon. C. A. McCurdy, Member For Northampton, Will Retire Shortly

LONDON, Jan. 4.—It is rumored that Hon. C. A. McCurdy, Lloyd George Liberal elected for Northampton at the recent election, is shortly to retire to make room for Hon. Winston Churchill, who was defeated in Dundee as a Lloyd Georgian.

G.W.V.A. BALL AT TERRACE NEW YEAR'S WAS GREAT SUCCESS

TERRACE, Jan. 3.—The G. W. V. A. ball on New Year's night was a tremendous success and the affair was so enjoyable that it did not break up until the early hours of the morning.

The ball was beautifully decorated with streamers which were later twined around the dancers. The hall was crowded, the music was excellent and the floor was in good condition.

During the evening a five pound box of chocolates, ten pounds of pork and a couple of cakes were auctioned off.

F. C. Bishop made an excellent floor manager.

VANCOUVER LOSES TO CALGARY 1 TO NIL IN OVERTIME

CALGARY, Jan. 4.—The Vancouver Maroons lost the first game of their prairie tour to Calgary last night by a score of 1 to nil. Calgary got the single goal in eight minutes of overtime play.

Failing Withdrawal of Tariff, Canadian Fishermen Recommend Tonnage Tax on U. S. Halibut

"Whereas the advantages accorded to foreign fishermen operating in North Pacific waters and marketing their fish through Canadian ports are working to the grave disadvantage of Canadian fishermen, and whereas the duty of 2c per pound levied on Canadian fish entering the United States is forcing Canadian fishermen out of the fish business.

"Be it resolved that this mass meeting of fishermen assembled in the city of Prince Rupert request the government of Canada to immediately use its good offices at Washington with a view to having the two-cent tariff removed and at the same time remove the Canadian tariff of 1c a pound on American fish entering into Canada, failing which a port tonnage tax of 2c, a pound on all fresh fish landed at the port of Prince Rupert from all boats not of Canadian or British registry be imposed thereby equalizing the handicap placed on Canadian products and industries."

The foregoing was the substance of a resolution adopted at the meeting of Canadian fishermen and representative citizens held in the council chamber last night. George W. Nickerson in the chair. The committee presenting the resolution was also instructed, on motion, to follow up the resolution and do all necessary to bring the matter to a successful conclusion submitting to the government the essential information causing the presentation of the resolution. Copies of the resolution are to be forwarded to the city council, Board of Trades and Labor Councils for their favorable consideration and adoption and a suggestion was made and favorably received that the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union circulate a petition throughout its branches requesting the removal of tariffs and adoption of reciprocity in the matter of fresh fish trade.

On the amendment being put it was carried, W. J. Thomas only dissenting.

Fishermen's Petition
Jack Goobins suggested that a petition for fish reciprocity be circulated among the branches of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union and that it be forwarded to Washington and Ottawa. J. H. Meagher, local secretary of the Union approved of this and stated his willingness to launch the petition. "The American fishermen are certainly not in favor of the tariff," he declared.

On the amendment being put it was carried, W. J. Thomas only dissenting.

Immediate Action Wanted
There was a large attendance at the meeting and the consensus of opinion was that immediate action should be taken towards the removal of the handicap to Canadian fishermen caused by the United States tariff. The original resolution presented by the committee did not include the clause asking for the removal of the fish tariffs but asked for the imposition of the 2c tonnage tax straightaway. The reciprocity clause was moved in the form of an amendment by W. E. Williams and seconded by Ald. W. H. Montgomery. There was at first some objection to the clause on the grounds that it would delay matters but, after considerable discussion, it was adopted and ordered to be included in the main resolution as set out.

In speaking to the resolution on behalf of the committee, Ald. Montgomery stated that the matter had been taken up from different angles and it had been decided on advice that it would not be to the best interests of the city to close the port to American fishermen. A port tonnage tax was the only remedy for it would not debar foreign boats and would keep the city and the railway in the same position as formerly. It would place the Canadian and American fishermen landing catches here on the same basis.

Tariff Removal Clause
W. E. Williams, in moving the amendment to insert the tariff removal clause, said that the imposition of a port tonnage tax would possibly be treated as an unfriendly act. The insertion of the clause would only strengthen the hands of the

ADVANCE FOR UNIVERSITY

Premier Oliver Secures \$100,000 For Starting Work as a Relief Measure

VICTORIA, Jan. 4.—Premier Oliver yesterday put through an advance of \$100,000 to start work on the University of B.C. lands at Point Grey. It will take a lot more than \$100,000 to complete the work said the premier who explained that the advance was being rushed through simply because of unemployment conditions in Vancouver which the government was trying to take care of.

TIE CUTTING GOING ON IN USK DISTRICT

Thirty-Five Men Busy for Hansen Co. on Railway Side Of River

USK, Jan. 4.—There is considerable tie cutting activity in the district just now. Three sub-contractors are busily engaged with a gang of thirty-five men cutting out ties on the railway side of the Skeena river for the Hansen Tie Company. The ties are being taken from the burnt over areas as the result of the 1922 summer fires.

BIRTH

A son was born at the General Hospital on January 4 to Mr. and Mrs. I. Wick, of Green Street.