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GERMANY HOSTILE TO FRENCH; MARK FALLS LITHUANIANS ARE FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION OF THE MEMEL DISTRICT

France Continues to Advance Into Germany on Account of Non-cooperation With Her

BOCHUM, Jan. 15.—This city, which is the heart of the coal-mining works, was occupied by the French today.

ESSEN, Jan. 15.—The extension of the French zone of control to Bochum is intended as a penalty, the French believing the policy followed by the German government during the first week of the Ruhr occupation can hardly be called co-operative. The French want the forces of Germany to repay the Ruhr industrial magnates for all the cost of the reparation coal delivered above overhead charges.

The French believe the Germans purposely reduced the food supply in the Ruhr centres as a means of inconveniencing the economic mission through a labor crisis that the food shortage might bring about.

GENERAL MCRAE HEADS FARMERS

New Party Blossoms Out With
Officers and Executive Like
Old Groups

VERY VARIED PROGRAM

Will Abolish Patronage and Personal Property Tax and Wise Colonization

VERNON, Jan. 15.—General A. M. McRae is chairman of the executive of the newly constituted Farmers' party in British Columbia and John Redman, of Kamloops, vice-chairman. The executive comprises eight farmers, six businessmen.

General McRae stated that it would be probably a year before the party was properly organized and permanent officials elected. The platform adopted, comprises a move for the improved transportation to Prince Rupert. Reduction of freight rates. A wise policy of colonization.

Disabled returned men to be given preference in all provincial and federal departments. Publication of the names of contributors to campaign funds. Examination of the public accounts by an independent firm of auditors. A fair wage clause in all government contracts. Abolition of patronage and the personal property tax.

MASSSETT PEOPLE JOIN FAIR BOARD

Farmers' Institute on Islands Secures Ten Members for Agricultural Association

The Massett Farmers' Institute is the first organization outside of the city to complete a book of memberships in connection with the Fair Board's campaign. Manager Jack Venables has just received the filled out book from W. N. Geigerich, secretary of the institute, with the covering remittance. The list of members at Massett is as follows: M. V. Geigerich, G. Kermis, E. R. Waller, J. Bridden, P. Keay, David Rutten, F. Walker, J. Pearson, Mrs. Ponder and B. Johnson.

STOPPED WORK AS GERMAN PROTEST

ESSEN, Jan. 15.—There was half an hour stoppage of work here today as a protest against the occupation by the French. There were also anti-French demonstrations outside French headquarters but no disturbance of the peace.

FRENCH ARE NOT HAPPY

Differences With Germany
Over Coal Causes Ad-
vance

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The German government has sent instructions to the German industrialists not to co-operate with the French in deliveries of coal. Because of the change of front by the coal magnates and their repudiation of the agreement to deliver coal, the French to-day reinforced their occupation armies.

France's answer to the German mine owners' refusal to deliver coal is to extend the zone of occupation which was originally intended to cover only the Bochum region. The new line now established by the French is from fifteen to twenty kilometers further eastward to the edge of the industrial city of Dortmund.

VICTORIA MOVES CUT TEACHERS' SALARIES

Conference With Association
Called to Lay Before Them
Financial Stress

VICTORIA, Jan. 15.—The school board made its first move towards reduction of teachers' salaries which last year cost the city about \$350,000 in the aggregate, the biggest single item among expenditures.

Trustee Percy R. Brown introduced a motion, which was unanimously adopted, calling for a conference with representatives of the teachers' association at the earliest date possible "with a view of placing before them the city's financial stress and the necessity for relieving the burden the taxpayer is now facing."

In line with its 1923 policy of retrenchment, the school board also ordered an increase in the tuition fee for the Victoria arts college from \$50 to \$75 a year, commencing with the school term from July 1; agreed to charge "repeaters" at the High School \$30 a year each, and took into consideration plans for making the night schools conducted under the board self-supporting.

Not only the conference proposal, but the three other economic moves were introduced by Trustee Brown. He said that he did so after careful consideration and with the idea of reducing the present cost of education, ever keeping in mind the ratepayers as well as the students whom the board represented.

GERMAN MARK IS SLUMPING MORE

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The German mark, which has been steadily losing value, took a fresh slump today and the exchange rate is now 55,000 to the pound. The present situation between France and Germany is one of the principal reasons for the latest drops.

CLAIMS ON DOME MOUNTAIN TO BE DEVELOPED SOON

L. W. Patmore returned to the city on Saturday night from Telkwa where he was in connection with the settling up of claims in the Dome Mountain Group which were recently handed in New York by T. E. Jefferson, of Telkwa.

Mr. Patmore states that the group of claims, for the development of which Mr. Jefferson recently raised capital in New York, consists of fifteen properties with good showings of gold-bearing ore. They are located in the Babine Range about 20 miles north of Telkwa. A British Columbia company is to be formed to develop them with Mr. Jefferson in charge at this end. Work will be commenced in the spring.

Mr. Jefferson took options on the claims some years ago and on his recent trip to New York raised capital to complete the payments.

TIMBER ROYALTIES TAKE A BIG JUMP

Over Million Dollars for Last
Nine Months Exceeding Pre-
vious Fiscal Year.

VICTORIA, Jan. 15.—Collections on timber royalties by the British Columbia government jumped to \$1,018,000 for the last nine months, the Lands Department announces. The figure sets a new high mark in British Columbia timber returns. The sum exceeds that for the whole of the last fiscal year which amounted to \$990,326. The fiscal year ends on March 31.

GERMANY AGAIN IS IN DEFAULT

Falls Down on Deliveries of
Merchandise Since French
Occupation

PARIS, Jan. 15.—It seems certain today that Germany will be declared in default in its 1923 deliveries of merchandise at a meeting of the reparations commission, which is called for tomorrow. This would be a new measure against Germany because of her recent disinclination to keep on with her deliveries.

TINKERING IN TARIFF TOLLS

Vancouver Editorial Writer Ana-
lyses Local Situation Re-
garding Fisheries

WHAT IS NEXT STEP?

Says Tonnage Tax Would Drive
American Boats From This
Port

The current issue of the Vancouver World has an interesting article on the fisheries with special reference to the rivalry of Ketchikan and Prince Rupert. It follows:

Why should American fishermen get two cents a pound more for their catches in a Canadian port—Prince Rupert—than Canadian fishermen? The fish are the same. They come from the same banks, caught in the same sort of boats by the same sort of methods.

The "reason" for this discrimination affords an interesting study in practical economics. It is because the United States recently imposed a tariff against Canadian-caught halibut entering the country.

Keen Rivalry

There is keen rivalry between Ketchikan, in Alaska, and Prince Rupert for the fish trade. It means business for the merchants in outfitting the boats. It did not bother the fishermen, who usually found it easier to bring their catches into Prince Rupert to load into fish cars on the Grand Trunk Pacific.

No so the Ketchikan businessmen, however. They wanted the outfitting trade. They got busy on their congressmen and had the tariff duty imposed on halibut from Canada. But instead of forcing American boats to unload at Ketchikan it seems to have resulted merely in the buyers at Prince Rupert offering the Canadian fishermen two cents a pound less for their catch than is paid for American-caught fish at either Prince Rupert or Ketchikan. The American-caught fish goes through in bond from Prince Rupert as before at the old price.

Tonnage Tax

So much for the effect of tarriff-tinkering. What is the next step? In an effort to get even, the Canadian fishermen are now talking of invoking parliament to impose a tonnage tax on American fishing craft entering Prince Rupert to equal the two cents advantage at present enjoyed by the American fisherman.

And if this is accomplished, what then? It will merely leave both governments skinning two cents a pound from the value of the fishermen's catches. It will be taken by the U.S. customs at Ketchikan from the Canadians and by the Canadian marine authorities at Prince Rupert from the American skippers. The fishermen of both nations will be the poorer.

A tonnage tax will probably drive a number of American boats away from Prince Rupert, if that is a remedy? Or both sets of fishermen may combine to raise prices, in which event the poor consumer of both nations is made the final victim. Verily, a man may raise himself by his bootstraps as easily as a nation can tax itself rich.

Sad Business

It is a sad business to see a handful of hungry shopkeepers interfering with the free play of trade in the fish food of two nations and stirring up bad blood between the friendly fishermen of the two fleets. It is no mean business that is affected. Last

LITHUANIANS ARE IN CONTROL OF THE DISTRICT OF MEMEL

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Despatches from Memel here report heavy fighting in the Baltic area, recently invaded by Lithuanian irregulars, who are reported in almost complete possession of the neutral district.

AMERICAN BOATS TO CARRY FREIGHT FROM UNITED STATES

The United States Shipping Board has issued an order that all freight originating in the Alaskan territory must be taken to Alaska in American bottoms. The order will affect to some extent the freights handled for Hyder by the G.T.P. coast steamers touching Stewart and the C.P.R. steamers going to Alaska ports. In consequence of the order the Alaska Steamship Co. is now running the Jefferson into Hyder.

LIGHT ARRIVALS FISH SELL WELL

Three boats marketed 22,500 pounds of halibut at the Fish Exchange this morning. American fish brought 19.8c and 10c, and Canadian 17.8c and 9c.

The arrivals and sales were: Tahona, 10,000 pounds, and Valorous, 5,000 pounds, at 19.8c and 10c, to the Booth Fisheries Co. of Canada Ltd.

Reveille, 7,500 pounds, at 17.8c and 9c, to the Booth Fisheries Co. of Canada Ltd.

LOGS SCALED IN DECEMBER

Returns For Month Issued by
Local Forestry Office—10,-
919,132 Feet Logs

According to the report issued by the district forester, 10,919,132 board feet of logs, 3,835 lineal feet of poles, 8,426 lineal feet of piles, and 364 ties were scaled in Prince Rupert district during the month of December. The figures are as follows:

Logs	Board feet
Douglas Fir	760,823
Red Cedar	1,425,213
Spruce	5,361,161
Hemlock	2,320,371
Balsam Fir	1,014,673
Cottonwood	28,133
Cypress	6,997
Jackpine	2,955
Total	10,919,132

Poles	Lineal feet
Red Cedar	3,835
Spruce	1,526
Hemlock	2,368
Balsam Fir	4,532
Total	8,426

Ties	Number
Jack Pine	364

BIRTH

A son was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on Jan. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bedore, of Terrace.

year Prince Rupert shipped 4490 carloads of fish over the Grand Trunk, principally to the Eastern States.

WINNIPEG WAR DRUG TRAFFIC

Jail Sentences Imposed in Police
Court on Hopheads and
Others

MAGISTRATE'S VIEWS

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—War on illegal drug traffic in Winnipeg, and a clean-up of dope addicts was launched by city police, as four drug victims were arraigned in city police court on theft and vagrancy charges. Jail sentences were imposed by Sir Hugh John Macdonald.

Announcement of drastic action to stamp out the dope nuisance was made when Crown Prosecutor R. B. Graham said "These men were brought in in an attempt to clean up the drug addicts of the city."

The three men, John C. Cullen, Albert O. Daly, and John C. Sanderson, the last two giving their home address as Toronto, were charged with vagrancy following arrest Saturday afternoon by Detective Harry Alexander in a room in the Coronation block, which was strewn with needles and other dope instruments. All admitted they used drugs. No drugs were found at the time.

Come From East

Cullen admitted having used drugs for fourteen years.

Plea for a chance to leave town was made by the other two. It was refused when the crown prosecutor, pressing for sentence, stated they had refused to accept previous chances to get out. They were given three months in jail.

Other arrests are pending in the campaign against "hopheads" of the city, police said. One woman dope addict was arraigned following her arrest in Eaton's store for shop-lifting. Detectives who investigated her theft of four blouses and a pair of gloves valued at \$19, found she was addicted to drugs. "I sentenced you to two months in jail in hope that treatment while you are in custody may help you get the drug craving out of your system," Magistrate Macdonald said.

Peddlers Are Active

"Dope traffic in the city has been on a steady increase during the past year and we are attempting to stamp it out to avoid the possibility of Winnipeg becoming demoralized criminally, as many cities of the continent have," Chief Constable Chris. H. Newton said in commenting on the war against narcotics. "We have been increasingly active against dope users and peddlers during the past year, and intend to continue enforcement of the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs Act to the limit."

"While I have not yet at hand accurate figures on drug cases in police court during 1922, there is no doubt that the use of narcotics has spread in the city, and illegal sales have increased. Users of cocaine and morphine are responsible for the increase, while the number of opium addicts has fallen off."

Bad Record

Police court records show 71 cases under the Narcotic Drugs Act in city police court in 1921, an increase of 40 per cent. over the previous years. In addition, many dope addicts are never listed officially as such when they are sent out of the city on vagrancy charges laid, because direct evidence against them was lacking.

"I consider drug charges among the most serious ever brought before me in the police court," Magistrate Sir Hugh John Macdonald said with regard to action against dope users and ped-

SHOT MAN BUT NOT MURDER

Seattle Woman Acquitted When
Defending Honor and Life

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—Clara Elizabeth Skarin was acquitted of the murder of Ferdinand Hochbrun by a jury in the superior court Saturday afternoon. She shot and killed him during a scuffle at Hochbrun's home on October 13, 1921.

According to the story of the woman on the witness stand, she shot him in defence of her honor and life.

During the course of the trial the most sordid details of degenerate life were brought to light and the court room was crowded day after day, while crowds outside awaited in the hope of getting in.

SEAPLANE SANK AFTER FALLING

Five Drown Near Havana, Cuba,
and Others Picked Up
By Ferry

KEY WEST, Florida, Jan. 15.—F. Atkins, Jr. and two children and Miss Grace McDonald and the mechanic, Harold Thompson, were lost when the seaplane Columbus crashed to the water and sunk near Havana, Cuba, yesterday afternoon. The survivors were picked up by the ferry Henry M. Flagler.

FOUR CARS ROUGH SPRUCE FOR EAST

Tug McCulloch Arrived in Port
Yesterday With Lumber
From Bin Bay Mill for
Transshipment

Four cars of rough, clear, green spruce arrived by scow behind the tug McCulloch from Georgetown yesterday afternoon. It will be shipped east from here over the Canadian National Railway. One car is destined for Toronto, another for Oshawa and two for Newark Valley, New York.

FATHER OF LOCAL MAN PASSED AWAY

Capt. G. C. Taylor Died in Van-
couver Last Week—Former-
ly a Captain

The death occurred at Vancouver last week of Capt. G. C. Taylor, father of Stanley W. Taylor, barrister of this city. Deceased was 84 years of age and had resided in Vancouver since 1892. He was a retired deep-sea captain.

And I am heartily in accord with any move to stamp the traffic out. Penalties against the Drug Act will be dealt severely."

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