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## POLITICAL STORM BREWS IN UNITED STATES

### RETURNED MEN MAKE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS REGARDING PENSIONS BILL

#### EDITORIAL

**ANNIVERSARY OF WAR.**  
Ten years ago today, the German oppressors invaded Belgium in their march on France. Great Britain declared war on the Hun. The Great War followed has been fought. Its events have become a very tender one to many Canadians as well as the Allied Nations. Today, there is no actual strife but strife has not ended. Germany is a beaten and is crawling for mercy. Two great Allied powers, France and Great Britain, do not agree on what treatment should be accorded the vanquished. There is one great hope that has been expressed today. Very soon these dissenting views may come to an agreement and that the next anniversary of the declaration of the Great War may see a greater assurance of peace restored to Europe and the world at large.

#### Many Elements Vie for Republican Nomination Presidential Campaign

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—With the shock of the death of President Harding somewhat abated today, there are ample indications of the political storm which is to follow throughout the United States.  
President Coolidge has announced that he will continue the policies of the late president including the entrance of the United States into the international court of justice scheme. The death of President Harding has, however, turned the fight into a more difficult battle. The National convention of the Republican party assembling early in 1924 will not be a ratification meeting as had been hoped if President Harding had lived.  
Every element of the party will be drawn into the battle for the nomination. With the party machine behind Coolidge, he is now able to control many important influences but the field is open to many contestants representing every shade of opinion in the party. Among those already mentioned for the nomination are Secretaries Hughes and Hoover, Senators Borah, Johnson, LaFollette, Watson and Pepper, Major General Woods and Former Governor Lowden of Illinois. The radicals are expected to concentrate on LaFollette.

#### CHECKS MUST BEAR REVENUE STAMPS

Postage Stamps Not Allowed by New Regulations—Receipt Letters Also Subject to Tax Now  
New regulations coming into effect this week make it compulsory for all bank checks issued to bear the proper revenue stamps instead of ordinary postage stamps which have been used generally in the past. Lacking definite instructions to refuse checks bearing ordinary stamps, some of the local banks are still honoring them but are pointing out that they should have the revenue stamps. In Vancouver such checks are already being turned back.  
New legislation also took effect this week making letters, including form letters, forwarded by mail, also postpaid, acknowledging payment of money of \$10 and upwards, subject to the stamp tax on receipts.

#### DAMS AT GEORGETOWN ARE BEING RAISED

Shutdown on Account of Water Shortage Has Been Longer Than Expected or Desired This Summer  
Both the dams of the Big Bay Lumber Co.'s mill at Georgetown are being raised in order to relieve future water shortages that may occur there, George McAfee, manager of the mill, stated this morning. The mill is still closed for lack of water and will not be able to resume cutting until rain comes. Mr. McAfee said that the company always figures on a period of shutdown during the summer but it has been closed more than is desirable this year.  
Mr. and Mrs. McAfee and a party of Georgetown residents are visiting the city today and are registered at the Hotel Prince Rupert.

#### PRESIDENT'S SON AT WORK IN HOT FIELDS

Mr. Warren Harding's Elevation Will Make no Change in Calvin Coolidge Jr.'s Life  
The westbound train due to arrive here this afternoon at 4:30 is reported to be one and a half hours late.

#### EXPEDITION TO WRANGELL ISLE

Despite Threats, Harold Noice Sailed from Nome—Provisions of Contract  
NOME, Aug. 4.—Despite threats from across the Behring Sea that the Soviet authorities in Siberia were planning to capture his expedition and that of the man he is going to rescue, Harold Noice, leading the party to relieve Allan Crawford's party on Wrangell Island, sailed from here in the power schooner Donaldson as scheduled. Noice took with him a crew consisting of a captain, two mates, two engineers and one cook. Aboard the Donaldson is one man who signed a contract to remain on the island for two years.  
By means of the expedition, Noice hopes to establish British possession of Wrangell Island. Under his contract, Noice says that the Crawford party is to receive provisions, guns and ammunition to be transported to the island. All the furs that Crawford can obtain and Noice takes out will be divided equally between the two parties.

#### NURSES' HOME CONTRACT LET

Bid of John McKechnie Accepted by Hospital Board This Morning  
At a special meeting of the hospital board held in the council chamber this morning, the contract for the building of the new Nurses' Home was awarded to John McKechnie the lowest tenderer. D. C. McRae made a motion to this effect which was seconded by Ald. Mackenzie and carried unanimously. Other tenders were opened from Greer, Beattie & Douglas, E. H. Shockley and Mitchell & Currie.  
D. G. Stewart, president of the board, occupied the chair. Present at the meeting were Rev. W. E. Gillison, S. K. Campbell, T. Ross Mackay, Harry Birch, secretary, Alderman Mackenzie, D. C. McRae and E. H. Mortimer.  
The work on the new home is to proceed as soon as details of the contract have been arranged and the building is expected to be completed about the middle of November.

#### C. N. EARNINGS STILL INCREASE

Substantial Rise in Gross Receipts For Periods in 1923 Reported at Montreal  
MONTREAL, Aug. 4.—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railway for the week ending July 31 were \$6,877,280 being an increase of \$769,614 or thirteen per cent as compared with the corresponding period of 1922.  
The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the January 1, 1923, to July 31 have been \$137,786,896, an increase of \$15,877,544 as compared with the same period in 1922.

#### BALL GAMES CANCELLED

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—On account of President Harding's death and out of respect to his memory, all major league baseball games yesterday were cancelled.

#### Dominion Veterans' Alliance Claims Legislation Tampered with and Asks Rectification

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—A petition has been forwarded to Premier King by the Dominion Veterans' Alliance, representing all returned soldiers' organizations in Canada, asking that enactment be made by order-in-council of certain sections of the Pensions' Act which, it is asserted, have been deleted without the authority of parliament. One of the sections in question permitted for access to departmental files on the part of ex-soldiers when seeking to appeal from a board decision. Another section provided for payment of expenses of successful applicants appearing before the federal board. It is asserted by C. G. MacNeill that both of these sections "mysteriously disappeared from the bill as it passed from the Senate to the House of Commons. Amendments removing these sections were never passed by parliament nor were the deletions authorized during the third reading of the bill in the Senate. The veterans therefore claim that they should be reinstated in the bill immediately."

#### DONATION FOR NURSES' HOME

Hospital Board Receives Check for \$500 from Premier Gold Mining Co.  
The latest contribution to the Nurses' Home Building Fund comes in the form of a check for \$500 from the Premier Gold Mining Co., Ltd. This was announced at the meeting of the hospital board last night.  
The following letter to D. G. Stewart, president of the board, from D. L. Pitt, manager of the company, accompanies the contribution:  
"In line with my recent conversation regarding a donation from the Premier Gold Mining Co., to the Prince Rupert General Hospital, and especially the fund you are raising for the construction of a Nurses' Home, it gives me great pleasure to advise you that the board of directors of the company have authorized me to send you \$500 as a donation to this fund. Check for same is enclosed.  
"I wish to take this occasion to extend to you our appreciation of your help in handling our cases from time to time and the further expression that success crowns your efforts in the maintenance of your hospital and the construction of the Nurses' Home."

#### PRESS FOR ELEVATOR HERE IS ADVICE OF CABINET MINISTER

Reporting on the interview that the public works committee had with Hon. Dr. J. H. King when he visited the city this week, E. C. Gibbons, president of the Board of Trade, reported at last night's meeting that Dr. King's advice had been to push for an elevator here as the port's most needed requirement at this time.  
Immigration matters had also been taken up with Dr. King in regard to the entry of fishermen's families into the country. Dr. King had replied that if there was any volume to the question, he was ready to take it up.  
The matter of halibut duties had also been discussed with the minister.

#### HARDING'S BODY TO WASHINGTON

San Francisco's Thousands Stood Bareheaded as Cortage Moved Down Streets Last Evening  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—Following a brief prayer service, the presidential suite and the late President Harding's coffin of brown steel lined with white silk and sealed down with white silk, the streets were lined with thousands of people all bareheaded. The cortage was headed by military commanders including General Pershing and those members of the government who were in the city or able to reach it. The coffin was surrounded by United States marines and the streets were lined with soldiers.  
The special train with Mrs. Harding and all the presidential party aboard left at 7 o'clock for Washington. Mrs. Harding was erect and outwardly unmoved throughout the public ceremonies.

#### FIRPO BESTS HOMER SMITH

Bout at Kalamazoo Last Night Was "Wild Bull's" by Wide Margin  
OMAHA, Nebraska, Aug. 4.—Luis Firpo, "the wild bull of the Argentine," won the decision over Homer Smith in a ten-round bout at the Kalamazoo, Michigan, last night. Smith was plainly cautious of Firpo's deadly right lead. He was chased by the Argentine boxer from the beginning of the encounter to the end with the exception of the third and fourth period when Smith landed several hard rights to the mouth drawing blood. Firpo had the advantage by a wide margin.

#### NANAIMO TEAM IS FAVORITE

British Columbians and Montreal C.P.R. in Connaught Cup Final This Afternoon  
WINNIPEG, Aug. 4.—Nanaimo footballers will enter the final for the Connaught Cup, emblematic of the Dominion football championship, the favorites over the strong C.P.R. team of Montreal in the first game here this afternoon. The second game will be played on Monday.  
The western team will have the advantage of playing on a field with which it is familiar and will enjoy the support of the local fans with whom it is a strong favorite. Fully 5000 people, it is expected, will attend.

#### ELK'S MINSTREL PICO

Boats Livingstone, Thelma and Scrub will leave for Picnic to Port Essington 9 a.m. tomorrow.  
Round Trip \$1.00