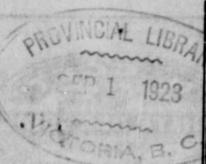


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BELGIUM BACKS FRANCE ON REPARATIONS

PRESIDENT OF IRISH DAIL AND TWO IMPORTANT MINISTERS ARE ELECTED

Belgium Claims Priority in Reparations Payments Stands Pat with France

PARIS, Aug. 28.—The Belgian government in its reply to the last British reparations note stands with France on the principle points of contention, maintaining that the legality of the Ruhr occupation has been established by previous action of the allies including Great Britain and that evacuation of the Ruhr is impossible on the simple promises of Germany.

The reply was given out here by the Belgian embassy. It dwells particularly on the justice of Belgium's claim to priority in reparations payments.

WILL PROTEST GASOLINE TAX

Council Declines to Join Good Roads League on Grounds It is Opposed City's Interests

The city council last night declined to subscribe to membership in the Good Roads League on the grounds that some of the principles adopted by the league were opposed to the city's interests. A report to this effect from the finance committee was adopted.

One of the principles of the Good Roads League to which the city is opposed is the gasoline tax. A recommendation that a protest against this suggested tax be made to Premier Oliver, Attorney General Manson and the members of the district on the grounds that it would be injurious to Prince Rupert was adopted. The city council will seek endorsement of the Board of Trade and other public bodies in its protest.

SITUATION IN CANADA GOOD

Says Sir Vincent Meredith, President of Bank of Montreal, in New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—"Conditions in Canada are much the same as in the United States," said Sir Vincent Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, in discussing the financial situation of the Dominion before he sailed from here today for Europe. "The inflation period has passed and the larger banks are in a strong position. I do not look for any trouble and expect an active fall with plenty of business for everybody."

HUMP SALMON VERY BIG RUN

Overett Reports More Fish Than Cannery Can Take Due to Conservation

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 28.—The present run of humpback salmon in local waters is exceeding all records here since 1913. The canneries are running at capacity and in spite of that are forced to refuse to accept fish offered them.

The present run is believed to be due to conservation measures, and the state and fish commission rule of a ten day shut down of the traps and fishing at the height of the season.

ANOTHER QUAKE FELT AT MASSETT DURING WEEK END

MASSETT, Aug. 28.—At the week end a well defined earthquake shook this district. It was plainly felt by people sitting in their houses. This is one of a series of quakes which have been felt from time to time along this coast. The north end of the island is gradually rising from the sea and it is suggested that the seismic disturbances have something to do with this.

MUST HAVE PERMITS BEFORE SHIPPING GRAIN TO VANCOUVER

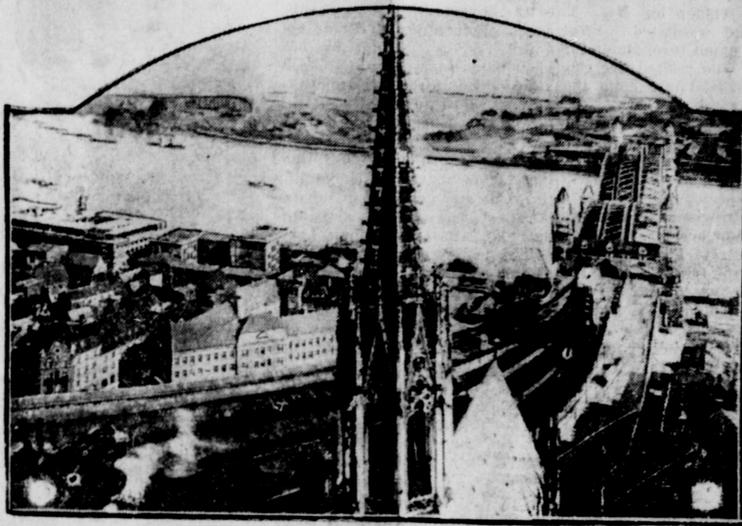
WINNIPEG, Aug. 28.—No grain either for domestic use or for export will be accepted for Vancouver on and after Sept. 1 unless covered by permits issued by the railway at point of origin, it was announced this morning at Canadian Pacific offices. The step has been determined upon to control the movement of grain to the port of Vancouver to avoid possibility of congestion at the seaboard and has been agreed on by all railways. Permits covering grain for export will be issued only to cover bona fide export contracts where steamer space is actually booked, it having been agreed that under no other condition will such permits be issued. Permits must be in possession of shippers before cars are unloaded. Requests for domestic permits must contain the names of shippers and consignees.

BOOK CAMPAIGN

Canvassers Being Arranged for Four Day Effort Behalf of Library

Plans for the campaign for new books, which the library is holding at the Exhibition Hall, Sept. 11-14, are making good progress. Of all those who have been approached to assist in carrying across the slogan "Every dollar buys a new book," not one has refused support, and all have shown great interest and enthusiasm. Canvassers who so far have promised to assist are: Mrs. Blance, Miss Du Vernet, Mrs. Gonzales, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. McClymont, Miss McDonald, Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Rorie, Mrs. Tremayne.

The library will be closed during the four days of the fair, so that every effort may be made to reach the objective of a thousand dollars.



Although the French watch on the Rhine continues, there seems to be no radical change in the occupied area. A recent photograph shows the famous Cologne Bridge.

President and Two Ministers in Free State Government are Elected: Delay in Counting

DUBLIN, Aug. 28.—President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State has been elected for Kilkenny and his brother Philip is elected for South Dublin. Both General Richard Mulcahy, minister of defense, and Kevin O'Higgins, minister for home affairs, have been returned for Dublin. C. N. Byrne, a government supporter, is elected for Wicklow.

Owing to the fact that the election is held under the proportional representation plan with its rather complicated method of counting and recounting, few of the results of the Irish Free State elections have yet been completed.

MORE BANKS WILL UNITE

So Says Manager of Bank of Commerce: Merger on Equal Basis

TORONTO, Aug. 28.—Amalgamation of more Canadian banks was predicted this morning by Sir John Aird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which has absorbed the Bank of Hamilton. According to the Telegram of this city the merger of the two banks mentioned is on a share for share basis, so far as the Bank of Hamilton shareholders are concerned.

TELINI VICTIM OF AN ASSASSIN

Was President of Commission to Demilitarize Greco-Albanian Frontier

LONDON, Aug. 28.—General Telini, president of the commission for the demilitarization of the Greco-Albanian frontier, Surgeon Major Soort, the general's chauffeur and his aide have been assassinated, says an Athens despatch to the Central News.

LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League
Boston 0, Chicago 2.
Washington 6, Detroit 9.
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 1.
New York 10, Cleveland 3.
National League
Cincinnati 8-0, Boston 2-7.
St. Louis 11, Philadelphia 12.
Chicago 4, New York 8.
Coast League travelling.

NINE HALIBUT BOATS SELL 121,500 POUNDS

Five American Boats Have 100,500 Pounds and Four Canadians, 21,000 Pounds

Five American boats sold halibut catches totalling 100,500 pounds at the Fish Exchange this morning and four Canadian boats 21,000 pounds—a total for the day of 121,500 pounds. Prices were a trifle under those paid yesterday. Arrivals and sales:

American
Pioneer, 60,000 pounds, at 12.6c and 10c, and Star, 12,000 pounds at 13.8c and 11c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Unimak, 8,000 pounds, at 13.8c and 11c, to the Allin Fisheries.

Success, 7,500 pounds, at 14.2c and 11c, and Veque, 13,000 pounds, at 14c and 11c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.
Canadian
Azores, 5,000 pounds, at 12c and 10c, and Cape Spear, 11,000 pounds, at 12c and 11c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Westerner, 2,000 pounds, at 12c and 10c, to the Royal Fish Co.
Margalice, 3,000 pounds, at 12.1c and 10c, to the Allin Fisheries.

JOCKEY KILLED AT VANCOUVER

Horse Fell and Rolled Over Rider Breaking His Neck

VANCOUVER, Aug. 28.—The jockey, Willie Gargan, was killed when his mount "Dinna Fash" fell in the sixth race at Hastings Park yesterday, rolled over the jockey and broke his neck. The accident marred the opening day of the last week of the meet.

DAWSON SAYS SHIP GRAIN FROM RUPERT BEFORE VERY LONG

In an interview given the Toronto Globe when in the Ontario capital lately F. G. Dawson told of the wheat shipping prospects in Vancouver and added: "It should not be long either before we are shipping wheat from Prince Rupert."

GRAIN COMMISSION TO SIT IN RUPERT ON SEPTEMBER 18

CALGARY, Aug. 28.—R. J. Deachman, secretary to the Royal Grain Inquiry Commission announces that the commission will sit in Prince Rupert on September 18 and 19, following hearings at Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria.

ANOTHER BANK DISAPPEARING

Bank of Hamilton to Merge in Bank of Commerce if Permission Given

OTTAWA, Aug. 28.—The minister of finance announces that he has granted permission for the making of an agreement of sale of the assets of the Bank of Hamilton to the Bank of Commerce. This is a preliminary step under the Bank Act and the agreement will have to be approved eventually by the Governor in council.

BODY FOUND IN FALSE CREEK IS THAT OF LOGGER

VANCOUVER, Aug. 28.—A body believed to be that of A. Pearson of Dewdney, said to have been missing for a week, was found last night in False Creek. Pearson was a logger. The body found had been in the water for several days.

DR. R. E. WALKER DIES AT NEW WESTMINSTER

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 28.—Dr. R. E. Walker, who had been practising as a physician in this city for 33 years died suddenly yesterday. He was born in Orilla, Ontario, 58 years ago.

Work on Woodward Elevator at Vancouver Is Stopped When Owner Disagrees with Board

VANCOUVER, Aug. 28.—Construction of the Woodward grain elevator, the only privately owned elevator in British Columbia, stopped today on orders from the promoter of the enterprise, E. A. Woodward. Work had been carried to an advanced stage but today's developments probably will prevent completion of the elevator in time to handle this season's grain from the prairies.

In a statement issued today, Mr. Woodward says that the erection of the elevator by private interests in Vancouver was launched "upon certain definite written proposals to the Vancouver Harbor Board in December last, which included the purchase of the site by the Board and design and construction of the dock by the board. They accepted the proposal in writing and undertook to recommend their arrangement to the department at Ottawa for approval."

FINAL FIGURES SALMON PACK

Very Little Change in Returns Since Last Report: Most Canneries Closed

The sockeye fishing season on the Skeena River closed last Friday evening with the total pack estimated at 119,503 cases. This is not the boxed up pack and the final figures will be somewhat higher. It indicates, however, that the pack this year will exceed last year's by some 30,000 cases. Coincidentally with the close of the sockeye season, the pink season is also over now with the total pack estimated at 123,917 cases as against 175,700 cases last year.

The figures for the Skeena River pack up to last Friday evening are as follows:

	Cases
Sockeyes	119,503
Springe	10,762
Steelheads	489
Cohoese	15,291
Pinks	123,917
Chums	3,109

Naas River
The Naas River sockeye pack, as had been expected from the outset, is far below last year. The total being 16,486 cases.

	Cases
Sockeyes	16,486
Springs	820
Steelheads	220
Cohoese	3,220
Pinks	40,372
Chums	19,907

With the sockeye season over, most of the canneries on the Naas and Skeena Rivers have closed down for the year. Somerville cannery on the Naas is the only plant that is carrying on for the pack of fall brands. On the Skeena River two or three plants are still open. Of course, all the rest are still busy cleaning up the pack and preparing it for shipment.

Lockeport and Lagoon Bay canneries on the Queen Charlotte Islands are about to open up to pack fall brands.

GAEKWAR OF BARODA DIES

Was Staunch Supporter of British Rule in India and Aided During War

FLUSHING, Holland, Aug. 28.—The Gaekwar of Baroda died suddenly aboard a train while travelling to Belgium. He was the most famous of the Indian princes, ruled 8,812 square miles and 2,126,000 souls. He raised several million pounds sterling during the war to aid the British in their fight against German autocracy and was a staunch supporter of British rule in India. He was 60 years old.

LADY INVENTOR DIED IN SUSSEX

Miss Ayrton, Electrical Engineer, Invented Anti-Gas Fan Used in Great War

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The death is announced at Lancing, Sussex, of Miss Ayrton, the only woman member of the Institution of electrical engineers. She invented in 1915 and presented to the War Office the anti-gas fan of which more than 100,000 were used at the front.

PLANING MILL AND SHIPYARD ASTORIA DESTROYED BY FIRE

ASTORIA, Aug. 28.—The Columbia planing mill and the Wilson shipyard were completely destroyed by fire last night with a loss of \$50,000.

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