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LIQUOR POLICY OF GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED

BRITAIN AND FRANCE SEEM LIKELY TO AGREE OVER MATTERS IN DISPUTE

Liquor Plebiscite is Likely to be Held in Province Before Long

Major Burde Objects to Arsenic in Beer and Gets Attorney General to have Analysis Made: Expert Emphasizes Need.

VICTORIA, Nov. 19.—The British Columbia electors probably will vote on several phases of the liquor question before the end of next year and this vote may include the proposal that government liquor control be abolished and prohibition be re-established.

Out of a confusing series of rumors circulating since the House met, these facts were pretty clear at the week end. It was made known definitely, however, that no decisions on liquor have been reached by the government in its conferences with party supporters. Rumors that the Liberal caucus had decided definitely on a local option plebiscite on open beer sale were officially denied.

It is understood that drastic measures will be taken to put beer clubs out of business.

It is almost certain that some form of plebiscite will be laid before the electors before the end of next year but there is no possibility that the present liquor act will be changed to permit open sale of beer without first taking a plebiscite of the people. The Government, it is stated definitely, has no intention of bringing a beer clause into the House.

The big question now is what the liquor plebiscite should include. Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the Government to include prohibition in any refenedum submitted to the electors. If this were adopted, the electors would vote on the following questions.

Two Questions

1. Do you favor Government control or prohibition?

2. If you favor Government control, do you want the present system or the sale of beer by the glass in licensed premises?

Another question is whether the liquor plebiscite should provide for local option or be provincial wide in its application.

Major R. J. Burde, M.P.P., for Alberni followed up his speech in the Legislature a few days ago by announcing Saturday that he had taken up with Hon. A. M. Manson, the question of having an analysis made of all beer sold by the liquor control board. Burde said that the Attorney General has been having an analysis made of beer for alcoholic content but will now have analysis made to find the percentage of arsenic, ether and varnish.

Ill from Beer

The major told how he had discovered arsenic was in British Columbia beer as a result of illness early this year. When he was taken to the hospital doctors found quantities of arsenic in his body which he had accumulated through drinking beer. He took the matter up with the doctors here who found ether and shellac and varnish in the beer as well as arsenic. Burde further says that resin was found in the beer and this causes cancer of the kidneys.

James Fairall, an ex-brewer here, issued a statement Saturday explaining how all grains except rice contain arsenic and in brewing, this arsenic is concentrated in beer unless it is especially removed. Salicylic acid, which is a drug causing weak heart action and other substances are used as preservatives in beer and to give it body and color.

Emphasizing the need of analysis along the lines urged by Burde, Fairall tells how in the year 1900 hundreds sickened and died in England through drinking beer over impregnated with arsenic.

BOATS USED IN PLACE OF MOTOR CARS

Some of Phillipine Islands Swept by Typhoon and Excessive Rainfall

MANILA, Nov. 19.—A typhoon from the Pacific ocean swept over Luson and Visa Islands. Rail and telegraph communication has been entirely suspended. Manila is partly under water as a result of the torrential downpour. Boats are replacing motor cars in several of the streets.

In the surrounding country there is considerable damage to crops from the excessive rainfall of 16 inches in 48 hours.

ISLANDS FELT EARTH TREMOR

Brick Chimney Collapsed on Old Hospital at Thurston Harbor —Wind and Lightning

Last Thursday evening's earthquake was quite severe and caused considerable alarm on the Queen Charlottel Islands according to officers of the steamer Prince John. It was distinctly felt at Gumshewa, Sandspit and Thurston Harbor. At the last mentioned point it caused a brick chimney to collapse on the old hospital which is now used as a residence and office building. The occupants made a hurried exit fearing the building would collapse over them. Heavy wind and an electrical storm accompanied the 'quake.

ZEV IS WINNER BY SCANT NOSE IN RACE AGAINST IN MEMORIUM

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 19. — A match race to decide the supremacy of the three year olds of the American turf, Zev, winner over Papyrus, the English Derby winner, defeated Weidmann's "In Memorium" by a scant nose in a mile and a quarter. The time was 206 3-5. Zev has won over $300,000 in two years racing.

BIRTH

A son was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on November 19 to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Harlow, 642 Fourth Avenue East.

KELLY MILL AT ATLI ASSURED

The erection of a sawmill at Atli Inlet by T. A. Kelly, the well known logging operator, is an assured fact according to officers of the steamer Prince John. Construction of the mill is now only awaiting completion of the plans. It will cut squared rough lumber.

CAMOSUN PULLED HERSELF OFF BEACH

Northbound from Vancouver to Stewart and Anyox, Union steamer Camosun, Capt. J. A. Findlay, was in port from 9.30 to 11 o'clock last evening. While entering Vancouver harbor from the north last Thursday evening at 11.30 o'clock, the Camosun went ashore on the sandy beach opposite Prospect Point. There was a blinding fog and the vessel touched bottom while endeavoring to avoid a collision with the Princess Alice. She remained on the beach all night but pulled herself off at high tide in the morning and was not delayed in sailing north.

PRINCE JOHN IN

C.N.R. Steamer Had Another Exceptionally Rough Passage up the Coast

After another exceptionally stormy passage up the coast in the course of which heavy rains and high winds prevailed, C.N.R. steamer Prince John, Capt. Harry Nedden, arrived from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands at 8.20 last evening. She brought a good list of passengers and some freight. This morning she went up to the Imperial Oil dock to take on fuel and is loading cargo at the Grand Trunk Pacific wharf this afternoon preparatory to sailing on her return south at 8 this evening. On arriving at Vancouver at the end of the week, the vessel will go into dock for a couple of days for machinery repairs.

FISH ARRIVALS

Four Halibut Boats Arrive With Catches Totalling 116,400 Pounds

Two American halibut boats and two Canadians arrived over the week-end with catches totalling 116,400 pounds. The American boats had 82,000 pounds and the Canadians, 34,400 pounds.

Arrivals and sales:

American

Alaska, 32,000 pounds, at 16c and 10c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Sumner, 50,000 pounds, at 16c and 10c, to the Atlin and Pacific Fisheries.

Canadian

W. and F., 1,400 pounds, at 14c and 10c, to the Royal Fish Co.

Andrew Kelly, 33,000 pounds, for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

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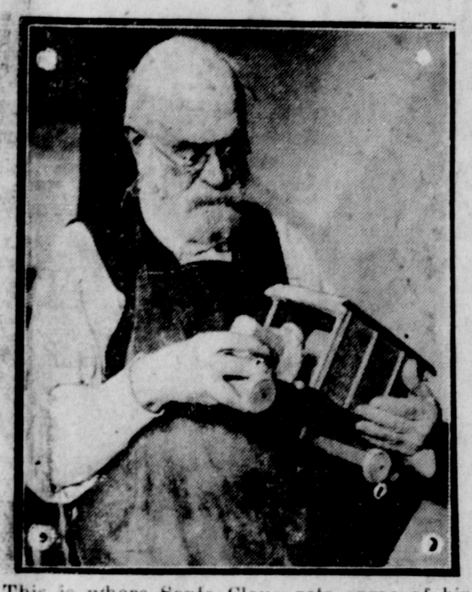

This is where Santa Claus gets some of his toys. Under the hands of aged inmates of some old men's homes, toys are being fashioned that will bring many a cry of cheer and gladness on Christmas morn.

Britain and France Seem Likely Agree Over Matters in Dispute Provisional Plans are Adopted

LONDON, Nov. 19.—There was a perceptible amelioration here today of the tension existing between Great Britain and France over the question of the deportation of the ex-crown prince of Germany and unrestricted resumption of allied military control in Germany.

Britain is maintaining her former attitude that she is ready to join in a protest against the return of the kaiser's heir and that she favors re-establishment of allied military control only in districts in which the Berlin government exercises effective authority.

On the other hand there are indications that France is receding on the question of further territorial occupation and other threatened penalties to be imposed on Germany.

PARIS, Nov. 19. — The first delegate to leave this morning's important meeting of the inter-allied council of ambassadors said no further rupture between Britain and France had occurred. Provisional measures were agreed upon regarding resumption of allied military control in Germany.

ESLING GIVEN EVERY CHANCE TO EXAMINE BOOKS OF P.G.E. RY.

VICTORIA, Nov. 19.—To what extent the Premier and his colleagues are prepared to go in giving the Opposition members every opportunity to learn all that they want to know about the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and its relations with the Northern Construction Company, will be understood by the fact that the member for Rossland, W. K. Esling, will be allowed to examine the monthly accounts of the Railway Company with the aid of his own private auditor. Provision for this extra latitude was made in an amendment which Mr. Oliver himself moved to the original motion submitted by the Rossland member. It will also include permission for Mr. Esling to examine the monthly estimates and all the accounts of the Northern Construction Company with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

E. S. Day has returned to his former position at the Marine Station at Digby Island and G. S. Fitzmaurice, who has been relieving for him, leaves tonight for Queen Charlotte Islands where he will visit for a month at the Richards ranch, Ti-ell.

SULPHITE FIBRE CO. PURCHASES THE MILL FROM P.R. HOLDING CO.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 19. —The purchaser of the Prince Rupert pulp mill and timber limits is a company incorporated for the purpose several months ago, the Prince Rupert Sulphite Co. They are taking it over from the Prince Rupert Holding Co.

KERGIN HAS CHARGE PRINCE RUPERT BILL

VICTORIA, Nov. 19.—E. F. Jones, city solicitor for Prince Rupert, is much in evidence around the Legislative committee rooms these days. "Teddy" seems to be acting as a shadow to the Chairman of the Private Bills Committee and H. F. Kergin, member for Atlin, who is fathering the Prince Rupert Bill on the floor of the House.

Mr. Kergin has charge of the Bill in the House, as Hon. Mr. Pattullo is precluded from taking charge by the long established custom that Ministers shall only introduce Public Bills.

PREPARE MEMORIAL FOR WASHINGTON ON DIVISION OF ALASKA

JUNEAU, Nov. 19. — At the separation convention held here with Ralph E. Robertson, former mayor of this city, presiding, a committee was appointed to draw up a memorial to Washington asking for the establishment of a separate territory for southeastern Alaska.

Jack Robins was Swept from Deck of the Fishing Boat Andrew Kelly Along with Everything else there

When a mountainous sea swept the decks of the steam halibut boat Andrew Kelly Thursday morning it swept overboard the mate, Jack Robins who was lost, cleaned gear and everything else off the decks, smashed in the skylights and the cabin windows and for a short time it seemed as if the staunch little craft must go under. However, the crew got busy and repaired the steering gear which had gone wrong, shifted the coal back into place and made her ship-shape so that she rode out the storm and arrived home Sunday morning at nine o'clock.

Telling of the time they had Capt. Candow says there was a big gale blowing as they were returning from the fishing grounds and they were hove to about 25 miles off land at Troy Bay, east of Ocean Cape, not very far from Yakutat, when something went wrong with the steering gear. Robins was the only man on deck at the time and as the vessel swung round into the trough a huge sea swept her fore and aft and Robins went along with everything else. While one part of the crew trimmed the vessel the other got the steering gear straightened out and they were soon on their way again. No trace could be found of the missing man, however.

Robins, who was mate of the Kelly, was an old timer here about sixty years of age and his wife lives in Nova Scotia.

The vessel carried 22 men all told and had 33,000 pounds of halibut aboard which they were bringing to Prince Rupert.

Robins was a halibut fisherman of long standing at this port and was very well known along the waterfront. Fully six feet in height, he was a man of massive stature and powerfully built and despite his years, he was very active. He is given credit for having saved the trawler G. E. Foster from foundering in a terrific midwinter storm some five years ago. The pilot house was iced in and the steering gear became disabled on account of the cold. Robins scaled a mast and cut down a sail which was threatening to capsize the vessel then out of control. Later he improvised a steering gear with which the craft safely made port. Though engaged with the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. for many years, Robins also participated in independent fishing. At one time he commanded the schooner Toodie and also fished on the Bartalome.

NEW WHARF IS BEING BUILT AT LOCKEPORT

Prince John Brings Lumber and Carpenters are Now on Job —Pile Driver From Skidegate

Included in the freight cargo of the Prince John for the Queen Charlotte Islands last week was a consignment of lumber to be used in the rebuilding of the wharf at Lockeport. Carpenters have arrived and a pile driver is being taken from Skidegate with a view to starting the work at once. The old wharf will be taken out and replaced by the new one.

U. Suga, who is visiting Japan since the earthquake, has sent to his family here a number of pictures showing the devastation in Yakohama. It is difficult to realize just how bad the condition there is, but these pictures indicate that the destruction of the city was almost complete.

DEFECTION FROM BALDWIN PARTY

Colonel Buckley Announces Himself to be Free Trader and Resigned

LONDON, Nov. 19.— The first defection from the ministerial ranks because of Premier Baldwin's tariff proposals is announced. Colonel Buckley, parliamentary secretary to the overseas trade department, has resigned on the grounds that he intends to remain a free trader and that he disapproves of the Baldwin fiscal policy.

LUTHERANS TO ORGANIZE HERE

Successful Meeting Follows Service Held by Rev. P. E. Baisler in Metropole Hall

There was an encouraging attendance at the English Lutheran service held in Metropole Hall last evening when Rev. P. E. Baisler, B.D., English Lutheran field missionary for Western Canada, preached an inspiring sermon taking for his theme, "Public Worship."

After the service, when Mr. Baisler had explained the purpose of his coming to Prince Rupert, he called on John Dybhavn to address the meeting. Mr. Dybhavn spoke at some length, emphasizing the need of a Lutheran church in Prince Rupert and that the only feasible plan was to bring the various nationalities together in an English Lutheran church. He stated that he was ready to do all in his power to bring about such an organization in Prince Rupert and hoped that those of other nationalities would do likewise.

Olof Hansen, F. W. Hart, and B. M. Simpson also spoke briefly. In answer to some questions that had been asked, Rev. Mr. Baisler explained that the Lutheran church in the world, according to the latest statistics, had a membership of 90,000,000, that the purely English branch of the denomination dates back to 1806 when St. John's English Lutheran congregation was organized in Philadelphia. There are now more than 50 English Lutheran congregations in Philadelphia alone and the church is now well established in the larger cities and towns in the United States and Canada.

Rev. Mr. Baisler will leave for Victoria on the Prince George Thursday evening and as soon as the regular pastor is installed at Victoria will return to Prince Rupert to complete the organization of an English Lutheran congregation here.

J. C. Gavigan has returned from a week's business trip to Stewart.