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BRITAIN MAY HAVE A BIG FISCAL FIGHT

SKIPPER OF BIG WRECKED MOTORSHIP MISSING AND THOUGHT DROWNED

Protectionist Program Prepared by British Premier for Unionist Party Conference: Election soon

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Great Britain may soon be preparing for another general election, if intimations appearing in today's newspapers are reliable.

In a speech to be delivered at a unionist party conference at Plymouth on Thursday Premier Baldwin, according to the Daily Express, expects to propose all round protection of British industries by a scientific tariff.

It is not anticipated that he will suggest a tax on imported wheat or meat but rather that revenue from tariff on imported manufactured goods be applied to subsidizing the Dominions in the production of meat, wheat and cotton.

If the suggested program be adopted, the government will have to appeal to the country for its endorsement.

Newspapers in close touch with the premier indicate that Mr. Baldwin will set forth a protectionist program for future adoption.

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING FROM GERMANY

One Dispatch Says Separatists Defeated and Another That Movement Growing

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The separatist movement in Rhineland is extending steadily with almost no bloodshed, according to an exchange telegraph despatch from Berlin.

BIRTH AND DEATH RATE OF PROVINCE LOWEST IN CANADA

New Brunswick Has Highest Death Rate and Manitoba Highest Birth Rate

OTTAWA, Oct. 23.—British Columbia had the lowest birth rate and Manitoba the highest in 1921, according to a book issued covering vital statistics of the Dominion by the Dominion bureau of statistics.

The British Columbia rate was 20.3 per 1,000 and Manitoba 30.3.

British Columbia had the lowest death rate for babies, 56.5, and New Brunswick the highest, 113.3.

The highest death rate of all ages was in New Brunswick with 13.9 per 1,000, while British Columbia had the lowest with 8. Cancer caused the highest percentage of deaths in British Columbia.

LUMBER NEARLY ALL HERE FOR SHIPMENT JAPAN THIS MONTH

Thirteen carloads of lumber totalling 325,000 feet have arrived from interior sawmills to form part of the cargo to be loaded for Japan on the steamer Canadian Freighter, Capt. Carl Bissett, due here on Friday of this week. R. V. G. LePine, local agent for the B. B. McMillan Export Co., reports. Five more carloads are on the way as well as 35,000 feet of airplane spruce in "baby squares" from the Big Bay mill at Georgetown. The consignment going across the Pacific this month includes two carloads of cedar boards and a similar quantity of hemlock boards.

Legislative Library, Parliament Buildings, Mar. 31/24

TAX SALE LOTS ARE DISCUSSED

Council Divided as to Whether or Not City Should Sell Lots

Difference of opinion arose at last night's council meeting in connection with a report from the finance committee recommending that none of the offers for tax sale lots 43 and 44, block 11, section 1, the double corner at Eleventh Street and Beach Place, be accepted. The accrued taxes on this property it was pointed out amounted to \$768 while the highest offer was \$510 from E. Shrubbsall.

Ald. Mackenzie, explaining his reason for not signing the report, said that he considered the offer of Mr. Shrubbsall was a fair one and should be accepted. He was opposed to the city council holding on to property like a real estate dealer waiting for better prices.

Ald. Stephens pointed out that \$900 had been paid for the double corner across the street, a property which was inferior to the one in question. The city council had a duty in protecting property values. By selling this property at less than the taxes it would be unfair to the people who were paying their taxes and also to the man who had paid \$900 for the lots across the street. If values were not to be protected, then how was the city to sustain its assessments? If the property in question was not worth more than \$510 as Mr. Shrubbsall had offered for it, then the city was bankrupt.

There was further discussion in which it was suggested that Mr. Shrubbsall be approached with a view to raising his offer and the matter was deferred for a week. Ald. Stephens pointed out that the committee would not have brought in a report at this time had it not been forced by Ald. Mackenzie who demanded immediate action.

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CHIEF MINTY TO GO TO QUESNEL NEW CHIEF HERE

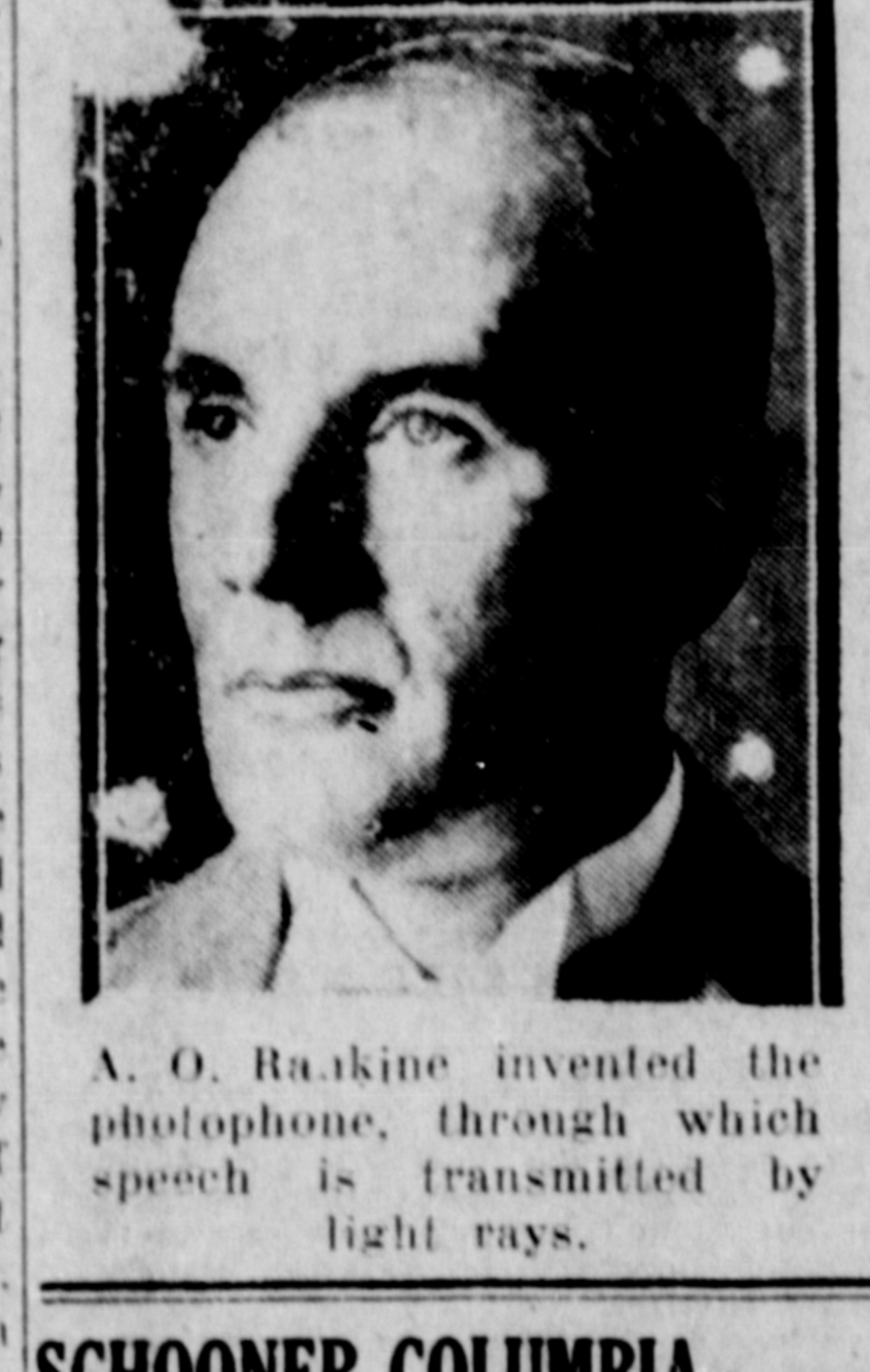
Under the scheme for the reorganization of the provincial police, it is understood that Chief Minty is to go to Quesnel and he will be succeeded here by Chief Constable Spiller of Fernie, a veteran in the service. The changes it is understood will go into effect at the end of the month.

SNOW ALREADY ON DISTANT MOUNTAINS

Mount Morse Seems to Get Later Each Year, Last Season It Being Oct. 30.

Sunday snow fell for the first time on the mountain back of Silver Creek but so far Mount Morse is quite clear.

It has been noticed that of late years the date on which snow was seen on the mountain across the harbor has been steadily getting later. About 1913 and 1914 the mountain doffed its white cap about the first week in October. In later years this was delayed until the middle of the month or later and last year it was the day preceding Hallow E'en that snow was seen there first. It will be interesting to note when it comes this year.



SCHOONER COLUMBIA STRUCK A ROCK AND PUT IN FOR REPAIRS

Contestant Damaged When on Way to Halifax to Race Canadian Schooner Bluenose

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 23.—Schooner Columbia, the United States contestant for the international fishermen's trophy, struck a rock outside Gloucester Harbor while en route to compete with the Canadian defender Bluenose. It is believed the Columbia is not seriously damaged but she had to put in for repairs.



Who said Luis Angel Firpo wouldn't smile? Just look at the way the Argentine heavyweight beamed upon these two young ladies during his recent visit to Montreal.

LEGISLATURE OPENS MONDAY

Will Deal With Many Important Matters at Coming Session

Special to Daily News

VICTORIA, Oct. 23.—The legislature of British Columbia will formally open for the transaction of business on Monday next and the session should conclude about the first or second week in December unless anything unusual develops.

A number of important questions will come before it. One of these will be the imposition of a tax on gasoline to help pay for the surfacing of roads for the use of automobiles. Three per cent is proposed with exemptions for fishermen and farmers.

Of course there will be a lot of talk about liquor. The brewers and their supporters as well as a number of hotel owners will try to force the government to allow the sale of beer in hotels and restaurants, but it seems hardly likely that this will be carried. Attorney General Manson will probably want to strengthen the law in regard to beer clubs and possibly other amendments to aid in preventing bootlegging.

The redistribution bill will be decided upon when the Liberal members meet in caucus. This is somewhat of a controversial subject but as no very radical changes are likely to be proposed, there is not likely to be any danger to the government from it.

It is understood that W. J. Bowser and R. H. Pooley and one or two other opposition members will attack the government on the matter of expenditures and the large number of provincial employees. There will also be a probe in the public accounts committee with a view to trying to discover any irregularities in the matter of expenditures.

M. B. Jackson, chairman of the game board, has been trying to discover a policy for handling the fur business more effectively, but no one seems to know whether any legislation dealing with big game or fur bearing animals will be put through this year or not.

GETS NINE MONTHS

Carl Gustavsen was this afternoon sentenced to nine months imprisonment by Judge Young in the County Court for having stolen goods in his possession.

The provincial government has authorized repairs to the jail at Stewart to bring it up to the requirements.

NAVAL OFFICERS ON HUNTING EXPEDITION

Party From Patricia and Thiepval Spent Week-end at Jap Inlet, Porcher Island

Four officers from the destroyer Patricia and mine sweeper Thiepval spent the week end on a hunting expedition to Jap Inlet, Porcher Island. The trip was made on the Prince Rupert Boat House gasboat, Myfanwy, Capt. Harry Gilbert, the party leaving on Saturday evening and returning here yesterday. They bagged a deer or so and also some grouse and snipe. The expedition was a pleasant diversion from the ordinary run of the seafaring life. The captain of the Thiepval was one of the party.

Sea Tragedy Seen in Disappearance of the Captain of Kennecott

VANCOUVER, Oct. 23.—A tragedy of the sea is forecasted in the disappearance of Capt. Robert Johnson, master of the freighter Kennecott. The ship broke up on a remote cape on Queen Charlotte Islands last week. Her captain sailed south aboard the rescue steamer Hercules after seeing his ship go to pieces. He said "Goodnight" to his host aboard the Hercules last night but today he cannot be found. The last man he talked with was the engineer of the Hercules, to whom he said "Keep my purse until tomorrow." The engineer took the purse to humor a comrade. Today he reluctantly admits that Johnson probably sought forgetfulness in the same element which claimed his second command last week.

The first ship of which Johnson was captain was the United States freighter Ohio. She was lost in a week.

MISSIONARIES ARE PRISONERS

Captured by Bandits and Carried Off to Mountains of Honan, China

VICTORIA, Oct. 23.—Marine men in Victoria, reminiscent at the news of the disappearance of Capt. Johnson, recalled somewhat similar circumstances of the tragic fate several years ago of the master of the Japanese steamer, Canada Maru, following the stranding of that vessel on the rocks near Cape Flattery.

The ship was pulled off the reefs successfully by the Pacific Salvage Company or by the British Columbia Salvage Company, as the organization was then known, and later towed to Seattle for repairs. On the way from Victoria to the Puget Sound port, the captain of the ship fired three shots into his head and then plunged blindly into the sea with heavy weights attached to his body. He sank immediately and nothing more was ever seen of him.

GASBOAT WAKE MAKES PORT SAFELY UNDER REDUCED MOTOR POWER

The Big Bay Lumber Co.'s gas-boat Wake, for the safety of which fears were expressed yesterday, reached port safely last night at 8 o'clock under her own power though she limped in with only two cylinders working. The Wake had engine trouble at Port Stevens near Casebeer's logging camp in Principe Channel on October 12 and, after repairs were made, the weather became too stormy to return to port under reduced power. Mr. Casebeer's power boat Beaver Cove also broke down about the same time and both boats went into a lagoon for shelter and repairs. They were thus out of sight and communication.

The Joy Bird, Capt. James Thomas, which went south yesterday to search for the Wake met her at Lewis Island. The Beaver Cove is still at the logging camp.

FISH ARRIVALS

Halibut Still Scarce and Prices Continue High on Local Exchange

Halibut arrivals are still scarce and prices continue high on the local Fish Exchange although they are not as big as they were last week. This morning three American schooners sold 62,500 pounds and three Canadians, 7,400 pounds—a total for the day of 69,900 pounds.

Arrivals and sales:

American
Gladstone, 11,000 pounds, at 19c and 10c, to the Pacific Fisheries.

Summer, 46,000 pounds, at 19.7c and 12c, to the Royal Fish Co. and the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Crescent, 2,500 pounds, at 18.5c and 10c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Canadian
Muirneag, 3,000 pounds, at 17.1c and 10c, to the Royal Fish Co.

Mar, 3,200 pounds, and Marguerite, 1,200 pounds, at 17c and 10c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

THROAT TROUBLE OF FORMER PREMIER OF BRITAIN CONTINUES

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Right Hon. Bonar Law, who resigned from the premiership of Great Britain some months ago because of ill health, has had a recurrence of throat trouble and is under the constant care of his physicians. The throat condition is apparently not readily amenable to treatment.

LOYD GEORGE VISITS TOMB LATE PRESIDENT

MARION, Ohio, Oct. 23.—Lloyd George today visited the tomb of late President Harding and then paid his respects to Mrs. Harding.

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FOOD DISORDERS CONTINUE HAMBURG

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Disorders which started in Hamburg this morning are continuing this afternoon. Discontent with food prices caused the trouble.