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LIVES OF AMERICANS THREATENED IN CHINA

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS STOUTLY DEFEND INSTITUTION AGAINST ATTACKS

EDITORIAL PASS UP ALASKA.

"Pass up Alaska" is the advice given to a good many American fishing boats that bring their catches to this port. This is the result of the efforts of the customs officers at Alaskan ports to prevent American fishermen from buying any supplies at Prince Rupert.

To get down to concrete cases the skipper of the Teddy J. was, on or about April 2, compelled to pay duty on some fishing gear purchased in Prince Rupert, the duty amounting to fifty per cent or just half as much as original purchase price. This done under the Fordney measure and one designed to prevent American boats buying anything on this side.

Already a vigorous protest has been made to Ottawa by interested parties and if continued it means the beginning of retaliatory measures on the part of our neighbors. It is an absolutely unfair impost as between two friendly nations.

The Only Way

The only way in which American fishermen can buy gear and escape the possibility of having to pay the excessive duty is to clear for the deep sea return here with their catches without calling at an Alaskan port. In other words if they are determined to return here, it is for them to give Alaska the go-by and buy all their supplies here. That is the only way to bring the authorities at Alaskan towns to their senses.

They should like to see absolute free trade between Canada and the United States, and especially between Alaska and British Columbia. If, however, the American duty is going to be levied at Prince Rupert at a disadvantage, there is nothing for it but to fight. We are forced to fight. The only way to win is in the hands of American fishermen. They have the right to clear direct for the deep sea from Prince Rupert and let the British and Petersburg fishermen and their agents choose the other and if they take their business to the Alaskan ports, as some of them have done, they will also have to pay their fish there and leave the Canadian port for Canadian fishermen.

Self-Preservation

It seems a pity that such a measure should be made, but self preservation is one of the first laws of nature. We want fair treatment. The spring United States fish sold two cents a pound for their catches than Canadian fish. Recently the situation has been somewhat reversed, and the gun is still loaded and the spring local fishermen will suffer under the same disadvantage if something is done. If in the market advanced to the market advanced American fishermen are to be benefited from spending any money here, the port should be better off, without the duty. Then Canadian boats would have a decided advantage in the markets of the East, it is the tendency would be to sell Canadian fish to sell for higher prices.

It is suggested to U.S. fishermen that they give the "Pass up Alaska" scheme a trial. Let it be clear for the fishing boats instead of for an Alaskan port.

Bandits Demand Two Million Dollars for Release of Rich Americans Captured by them

PEKIN, May 8.—Miss Aldrich, of New York, and other women captives taken in the raid by bandits on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, have been set free, according to a message received here. Men among the foreigners are still held and are reported to be in grave danger since the bandits have notified the authorities that male prisoners will be killed unless the troops are withdrawn. These troops are pressing the bandits on both sides.

The foreigner killed yesterday is believed to have been J. Rothman, a British subject. Among the Americans held are Robert Scripps, a newspaper publisher, Major Pinger, and two other United States army officers. K. Nagai, governor general of the Japanese colony on the Island of Sakhalien and another prominent Japanese are reported to be also held by bandits.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The situation is regarded as seriously menacing relations between the United States and the Peking government according to the report of United States Minister Sherman on the capture of Americans by bandits. It is expected the government will press vigorously for the release of the prisoners.

LONDON, May 8.—A ransom of two million dollars for the foreigners held prisoners is demanded by Chinese bandits, says a Shanghai despatch. British and American garrisons at Tientsin have been mobilized.

AIR SERVICE FOR DEFENSE

New Proposal For Super-Express Mail and Passenger Lines in Empire

LONDON, May 8.—A super-express mail and passenger service to a distance of 10,000 miles across the Empire by rigid airships of a larger type than hitherto built and perfected recently is contemplated by the government, says the Daily Chronicle. The cabinet is on the point of approving the scheme.

Experts, the paper says, have approved the undertaking, especially for Empire defense. With the co-operation of the Dominions hundreds of troops could be carried swiftly to vital points of the Empire if needed.

THORNTON SAYS OTHERS NEXT

The Railway Has Done Something and he is Looking For Action Elsewhere

MONTREAL, May 8.—The Canadian National Railway has done all that can be expected of them toward helping to market coal in Ontario and Quebec and it is now the turn of other interested parties to show how much sacrifice they are prepared to make in the matter, Sir Henry Thornton announced today. In fixing the rate at nine dollars a ton, he said, "We've done something anyhow, and we have not seen anybody else making any reductions to help the matter along."

CHOSE ACTRESS AS CANDIDATE

Will Contest Berwick Constituency in Conservative Interests in Place of Husband

LONDON, May 7.—Mabel Russell, the actress wife of Capt. Hilton Philipson has been designated Conservative candidate for the Berwick division of Northumberland. When her husband lost the seat through the irregularities of an election agent Miss Russell determined to keep the seat in the family.

can port and buy all their supplies here. Then we shall see what we shall see. A club is the only weapon to use with some people.

TERRACE RESIDENT SHOOTING HIMSELF

Isaac Bedore, rancher at Terrace, shot himself this morning according to a message received at the local provincial police office today from Constable Mancor, of Terrace. No particulars are given in the wire. An inquest, it is understood, will be held.

CRITICISM OF FRENCH NOTE

Britain and Italy Will Send Separate Notes to Germany on Reparations

LONDON, May 8.—Chancellor Baldwin stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the government regretted the abruptness of the Franco-Belgian reply to German reparations note and proposed to state its own view in a separate reply with the least possible delay. He added there was reason to believe Italy was in accord with the British and contemplated similar procedure.

PARIS, May 8.—That France's recent note to Germany was equivalent to an invitation to Germany to make a serious proposition, was the interpretation put on the note in French circles today. France herself is conciliatory now it is declared. She is looking out the window watching and waiting, according to official quarters.

ROUNDING UP IRISH IRREGULARS AND THE TAKING OF PRISONERS

DUBLIN, May 8.—The roundup of Irish irregulars is progressing in the mountains near Blessington, where large numbers are reported to be in hiding. Heavy firing was heard this morning and later a dozen prisoners were brought into Blessington.

Copper Mountain Property is Sold by Auction and will be Taken over by Granby Company

VANCOUVER, May 8.—The entire assets of the Canadian Copper Corporation at Princeton, B.C., and in Washington State representing a six million dollar investment was sold yesterday afternoon under the hammer in the Vancouver Court House for \$2,000,000 to T. H. Marshall of New York. The American attorney was the only bidder and his bid was promptly accepted. The purchaser made a cash payment of \$10,000, while part of the \$2,500,000 bonds, whose interest defaults led to the original foreclosure proceedings, will go in as purchase money.

Marshall represents Hayden & Stone of New York, a financial and bondholding firm, who will now proceed to complete the agreement with the Granby Consolidated, who will purchase and operate the plant.

At present the plant is shut down but it is expected before long to employ six to seven hundred men.

The sale was conducted by J. E. Mather, supreme court registrar.

The bid put in by Marshall was the reserve price put on by Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald following an expert valuation.

The amount due on bonds including interest amounted to \$2,926,780.

The Copper Mountain property and that in the Curlew district of Washington will be operated, it is understood, under the same general management as the Anox and other properties. The ore will be smelted at Trail.

MEMBERSHIP IN TRADES UNIONS FALLING OFF

LONDON, May 8.—Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labor Party declares that trade union membership had fallen in the last two years from 6,500,000 to just over 5,000,000.

The Trade Union congress is beginning a campaign to increase the membership.

LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
St. Louis 4, Pittsburg 11.
New York 13, Philadelphia 8.
Brooklyn 12, Boston 11.
American League
St. Louis 3, Cleveland 12.
Detroit 8, Chicago 4.
Coast League
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 5 (Only game scheduled.)



French troops have taken possession of Hugo Stinnes castle near Dorimund. The photo shows Commander Thiopaut at the entrance to the house.

Hospital Affairs are Under Discussion and Another Offer is Made

A two-hour discussion last night between the hospital board and the city council on finances of the hospital culminated in the council raising its per capita offer to the hospital from 50 to 60c for the year 1923. The hospital board was represented by President D. G. Stewart, W. E. Williams, S. K. Campbell, T. Ross Mackay, D. G. McRae and W. E. Collison.

Messrs. Williams, McRae and Campbell went at length into laying the financial situation of the hospital before the council and defending the management from criticisms that had been made last week. Messrs Stewart and Mackay also spoke more briefly. Mayor Newton and Ald. Stephens defended certain statements they had made and reiterated their opinions of last week as regarded the business management of the institution, especially as regarded methods of collection. The difference seemed mainly to lie in the wish of the mayor and Ald. Stephens to grant the hospital on the basis of 50c. per capita while members of the board continued to stand out for 70c. Finally the compromise was offered by the council and the hospital board delegation left the meeting with the assurance that it would consider the matter at an early date.

In opening the discussion, President Stewart stated that it was the desire of the hospital board to retain its friendly association with the city council. He had always felt that the hospital was a city institution and that the city council would continue to stand behind it today as it had done in the past.

KING GEORGE AND QUEEN VISIT ROME GREAT RECEPTION

ROME, May 8.—King George and Queen Mary arrived in Rome yesterday afternoon and were greeted with tremendous cheering. They were met by King Victor, Queen Helena and Crown Prince Humbert. The welcoming party included the cabinet ministers headed by Mussolini. While the band played the British national anthem King George reviewed the infantry.

GERMANS GET LONG TERMS

Krupp and Others Sent to Prison and Fined Heavily by French

WERDEN, May 8.—Dr. Krupp von Bohlen, head of the Krupp works, was sentenced to 15 years in jail and fined 100,000,000 marks today as a result of a trial by court martial here growing out of the shooting at the Krupp plant on March 31.

Directors Harwig and Oesaterien were also sentenced to 15 years imprisonment each. Director Brunner to ten years and Bauer and Schaeffer to 20 years each. All so sentenced are to pay fines of 100,000,000 marks each.

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YUKON RIVERS ARE OPENING

Spring Breakup in North Has Commenced But Big River Still Holds

HERDS OF CARIBOU SEEN

DAWSON, May 8.—The spring breakup is at hand. The ice is breaking everywhere and within two or three weeks steamers will commence plying on the rivers of the north.

The Klondyke opened yesterday but the ice in the Yukon is still holding and may hang on for a week.

The last mushers over the ice are now arriving from distant points after extreme hazards.

The last of the spring freighting across Lake LeBarge was completed on Friday and steamers are awaiting at the foot of the lake for the river to clear. The cargoes have been completed and those steamers will be the first to arrive here.

Parties arriving from points in the lower Yukon report great herds of caribou along the trail not far from Dawson.

ASK REMOVAL EXCESS RATES

Premier Oliver Answers Attorney General Craig of Manitoba: Lack of Understanding

VICTORIA, May 8.—What British Columbia is asking, declared Premier Oliver, replying to a recent statement by Attorney General Craig of Manitoba, "is removal of discrimination from which she is suffering by way of excess freight rates as compared with the rates in force in other parts of Canada and not that she should be favored in comparison with other provinces."

The premier said Mr. Craig did not understand the situation.

SENDS NOTE TO GERMANY

France and Belgium Did Not Consult with Great Britain on Late Situation

LONDON, May 8.—Great Britain will dispatch a note to Germany within 36 hours expressing disapproval of the latest German reparations proposals and will urge German to present a more practical and liberal solution.

It is understood the cabinet discussed the situation today created by France and Belgium replying to the German note without consulting their allies, to whom as well as to them, the note was addressed. The situation is regarded by the press as extremely awkward and there is sharp criticism of the conduct of the Ruhr allies.

NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTION TIE

Sixteen Seats Yet to Hear From Following Thursday's Vote

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 8.—With 20 out of 36 seats in the Newfoundland assembly heard from Premier Squire's party and the opposition were tied. Each have elected ten followers in the count so far in last Thursday's vote.