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CANDID SPEECH MADE BY AFRICAN PREMIER

DISTURBANCES THROUGHOUT GERMANY; REPUBLICANS LOSING IN RHINELAND

Rhineland Republicans are Losing Ground but Much Rioting Reported

LONDON, Oct. 24—Reports received in Berlin indicate that Rhineland republicans are losing ground, says a despatch to the Central News this afternoon. They have been ejected from Coblenz, the message stated and nine persons were killed. The republicans were driven from Dusseldorf and Grefeld, the despatch adds. Half a dozen were killed and scores were wounded as the loyalists regained possession of Aix-le-Chapelle.

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—Heavy fighting is reported in advance advices from Hamburg this morning to be proceeding in the populous Barmeck district northeast of that city. From numerous parts of Germany reports of strikes and rioting are reported. At Erfort street fighting followed demonstrations, one policeman being killed and two injured in addition to other casualties.

At St. Grimma, Saxony, fighting occurred and at Annaburg, Saxony, the communists occupied the town hall.

PREMIER URGES PROTECT HOME BANK DEPOSITS

Acts Quickly in Response to Petition From Miners at Coal Creek

VICTORIA, Oct. 24.— Premier Oliver has written to Hon. W. S. Fielding, acting premier at Ottawa, urging him to take whatever steps he can to protect the depositors in the defunct Home Bank.

The premier's action followed the receipt of a petition from the residents of Coal Creek near Fernie asking him to request Ottawa to have the Home Bank depositors paid the amount of their deposits.

FIRE FAILED HIDE TRAGEDY

Woman, Five Children and Man Lose Lives Probably From Man's Act

BEND, Oregon, Oct. 24.—After killing his sister, her baby daughter, and his own three children, Eli Chasse, a French Canadian farmer of Deschutes, Ore., set fire to his home and then ended his own life by shooting.

The coroner's jury gave a verdict yesterday that death was caused by parties unknown, following the discovery of charred bones in the burnt house showing the wounds were caused by a bloodstained hammer found in the burnt house.

FISH CAMPAIGN BEING STARTED

Grant of Ten Thousand Dollars Made Toward Fund to be Raised

OTTAWA, Oct. 24. — A campaign to increase the consumption of fish and to stimulate the Canadian fisheries is being fostered by the Canadian government and a grant of $10,000 for publicity and educational work along this line this year has been made with the approval of the privy council. This amount will be taken from the vote for conservation and development of the fisheries.

While it is expected to extend the campaign for three years, a preliminary six months campaign is being conducted. It is being carried on along co-operative lines, all fish firms and dealers contributing.

MINISTER COMING TO PRINCE RUPERT IN NEAR FUTURE

Fred Stork has received a communication from Hon. Jacques Bureau, L. L.B., K.C., minister of customs and excise and member of the Federal parliament for Three Rivers and St. Maurice, saying that he is coming to the coast and will take advantage of the occasion to visit Prince Rupert.

Mr. Bureau is an old parliamentarian. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1900 and re-elected in 1904. He was sworn in as solicitor general in 1907 and on three consecutive occasions after that was re-elected in the same constituency.

GERMANY WISHES RIGHT TO STATE CASE PERSONALLY

Urges That Reparations Commission Commence Investigation Into Her Capacity to Pay

PARIS, Oct. 24. — A German note delivered to the reparations commission today asks the commission to begin examination into Germany's capacity for payment and to allow representatives of the Berlin government personally to explain the situation and measures taken by Germany for reforming her budget and stabilizing her currency.

WOMEN TO SERVE ON JURY FOR FIRST TIME

List For Assizes on November 6 Will be Empannelled at Court Room This Afternoon

Women will serve for the first time as Grand and Petit jurors at the Supreme Court Assizes to be held here on November 6. This afternoon at 3.30 o'clock Sheriff John Shirley, Court Registrar Walter Gale and two justices of the peace will sit at the Court Room to select the jury men and women who will act at the Assizes.

The royal jubilee in Holland. From left to right: Queen Mother Emma, Queen Wilhelmina, Princess Juliana, and Prince Henry.

Premier Smuts Makes Sensational Speech in which he Scolds Three Nations and Urges Conference

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Premier Smuts of South Africa, attending the Imperial Conference here, handled the European situation without gloves. Speaking at a dinner attended by the South African delegation, Smuts attacked France for her policy and warned Great Britain and the United States against any "excessive generosity" in the remission of inter-allied war debts, which might aid in further militarizing the continent.

The South African premier asserted he had not only the right but the plain duty to speak frankly. He declared that a gallant attempt to save Europe without patching or temporizing was necessary and this could be done only through a conference of the powers mainly interested in the reparations question. The situation was too desperate to be dealt with by subordinate authorities or even a reparations commission or council of the league of nations.

The speech created a great sensation here.

GETTING LIFE INTO DRY BONES

Opposition to Oliver is Now Concentrating on Conservative Party

(Special to Daily News)

VANCOUVER, Oct. 24.—What is to be done to down the Oliver Government? That is a question that has been worrying Conservatives for some time. At the last Conservative convention an attempt was made to ditch Mr. Bowser and bring H. H. Stevens into the position of leadership, in the hope that he would be the Moses that would lend the party to the promised land of power. It failed.

The next move was to form a provincial party that would sweep the province on non-party lines and oust the present regime. That failed. At first it was acclaimed by the Conservative newspapers in double headlines, but today it is relegated to similar positions given a ladies' aid society report.

Having ditched the provincial group, the next step was to get life into the old Conservative dry bones. Backers of the movement have been found and, with a proper sized sack, there was no difficulty in getting a good organizer. Joe Merrifield, formerly of Prince Rupert, said to be a master of the organizing art, has been secured and has already commenced the work. He is to be the spark of life that will set the Conservative machine once more revolving. He is on the job and the old guard Tories are sitting back watching for things to begin to move.

The announcement of John Oliver that there will be no election for some time has put somewhat of a wet blanket on the movement, but yet it is thought the new money sack is deep enough to carry the party on even until next year when Oliver and Bowser will once more go to the mat, the result of the contest meaning political life or death to one of them.

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FIRST DIVORCE FOR KLONDIKE

Mrs. Margaret Erskine Thornback Secures Release From Capt. Thornback

DAWSON, Oct. 24.— The first divorce case ever tried in the Klondike court concluded yesterday with the granting of a decree nisi to Margaret Erskine Thornback against her husband Capt. Charles Rodney Thornback.

John Black, who was acting judge in the absence of Mr. Justice McAulay for the winter, found that Mrs. Thornback had a sound claim on statutory grounds to a divorce from her husband and the custody of her two children.

The Thornbacks were married in England in 1916. No defence was entered.

THREE BIG AMERICAN BOATS SELL CATCHES

Atlantic, Alten and Kanatak are in Today With a Total of 121,000 Pounds

Three American halibut schooners sold catches totalling 121,000 pounds at the Fish Exchange this morning. Prices, though a trifle lower than yesterday, were very satisfactory and each of the boats make good.

The sales were:

Atlantic, 21,000 pounds, at 18.6c and 10c, to the Royal Fish Co.

Alten, 70,000 pounds, at 18.6c and 10c, to the Booth, Allin and Pacific Fisheries.

Kanatak, 30,000 pounds, at 18.6c and 10c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

MILD WEATHER IN YUKON CONTINUES

Rivers Still Open and Gold Dredging Goes Merrily on There

DAWSON, Oct. 24.—Unusually mild weather continues in the Yukon which for the first time in its recorded history continues autumn activities in late October and enjoys unhampered navigation down the Yukon River. Gold dredging operations continue and there is no sign yet of a freezeup.

Police Raids in Victoria bring Number of Illicit Liquor Vendors into Close Contact with the Law

VICTORIA, Oct. 24.—The proprietors of two downtown hotels, two clubs and nine blind pig resorts were caught in a police dragnet here last night as the result of a series of raids carried out under the personal direction of chief John Fry.

The men arrested were charged with selling beer or whiskey and were released on bail of $250 each.

Proposal to Divide Alaska is to be Voted on and Convention is Called to Meet November 15

JUNEAU, Oct. 24. — A concerted effort is being made throughout the panhandle of Alaska to have that section divided from the rest of Alaska and made into a separate territory. Preparations are being made here for a civic election on Tuesday, November 6, with a view to taking the opinions of the voters upon the question, the city council having unanimously adopted it.

A convention has been called to sit here on November 15, at which every section of the territory interested will be represented. One delegate to every 300 voters will be allowed. This gives Juneau a delegation of four, last year's registration being 935.

Names of possible delegates are being taken by the city council and if the proposal is endorsed by the electors on the Fifth, the delegates will be chosen from among the names filed.

The movement for dividing the territory started in Ketchikan where it was pointed out that southeastern Alaska had nothing in common with the rest of the territory and by dividing they would have better control of their own affairs.

KILLED LOADING IN LUMBER VANCOUVER

One of British Harvesters Loses Life Aboard S.S. Berenger

VANCOUVER, Oct. 24.— While loading lumber aboard the S.S. Berenger here yesterday W. E. Frost was fatally injured and died later in the hospital.

Frost is one of the Britishers who worked on the prairie harvest fields during the summer and recently came to Vancouver from Calgary. He is said to have a wife and family in England but nothing is definitely known of his affairs.

BLACKSMITH KILLED IN A LOGGING CAMP

KAMLOOPS, Oct. 24.—H. Price, 34 years of age, a blacksmith in the employ of the Adams River Lumber Co. at Chase is dead as a result of an accident at the logging camp at Mara Lake. He was struck by a log.

SCHOONER AFIRE CREW ALL RESCUED

HIGHLANDS, N.J., Oct. 24. — The British tank steamer San Matuel reported by wireless that the schooner William Macdonald was on fire sixteen miles east of Ambrose lightship. The crew of six persons were rescued.

ELECTION ON AT WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Oct. 24—Undaunted by the first storm of the season voters of North Winnipeg bye-election went to the polls today when a heavy poll was indicated.

The election followed the appointment of Hon. E. J. McMurray to the position of solicitor general, whose elevation to the cabinet has to be confirmed by his constituents. The minister is being opposed by Alderman A. A. Heaps, independent labor candidate, who is his chief opponent. J. A. Larman, labor with affiliation, and Paul Gigejosuk, independent, are also running.

KU KLUX KLAN WINS FIGHT IN UNITED STATES

Governor Walton Who Defied It is Impeached by Legislature and Deposed

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 24. — Governor Walton was impeached by the Legislature and suspended from office by a special bill adopted yesterday which charges him with corrupt practices.

The meeting of the legislature was forbidden by the governor, but upheld in a plebiscite of the states electors.

The action is an aftermath of an old quarrel over the governor's action agains the Ku Klux Klan.

MAY BE DELAY SCHOONER RACE

Columbia Not Likely to Arrive in Halifax in Time to Race Saturday

UP TO THE COMMITTEE

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 24. —An accident which prevented the sailing for Halifax yesterday of the schooner Columbia, the United States challenger for the international fisheries trophy now held by the Nova Scotia schooner Bluenose, may cause postponement of the first race of this year's international series scheduled to take place off Halifax on Saturday. The Columbia returned to port after she had started for Halifax.

The American race committee, it was stated last night, will not ask for postponement, as the Columbia will be under the jurisdiction of an international committee made up of three members from the country in which the race is being held and two from the challenger's country.

It is expected that if the Columbia reaches Canada too late to get her rig ready for Saturday the committee will order postponement for a day or two.

REORGANIZATION OF PROVINCIAL POLICE

Chief Minty to Quesnel — Chief Greenwood to Fernie—Chief Spiller to Prince Rupert

(Special to Daily News)

VICTORIA, Oct. 24.—Reorganization plans of the provincial police include the transfer of Chief Constable A. C. Minty of Prince Rupert to Quesnel succeeding Chief Constable Greenwood who will go to Fernie. Chief Constable Spiller of Fernie will go to Prince Rupert to succeed Chief Minty.