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BRITISH PREMIER EXPECTED TO HOLD ON VANCOUVER NEWSPAPER FEARS PULP AND PAPER MONOPOLY THIS COAST

Method of Conducting Reparations Inquiry at Last Agreed Upon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The way has been opened at last for American unofficial aid in solving the reparations riddle of Europe. After many months of discussion and many failures the European Allies and Germany have hit upon a plan of inquiry which is looked upon favorably by Washington.

While the United States government will not participate officially or appoint official representatives on the commission of inquiry, it will approve the participation by American economic experts in their private capacity.

DRUG PROBE IS CONTINUED

Attorney General Not Represented at Hearing Before Commissioner Smith

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—When the investigation into narcotic charges against agents of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was resumed here yesterday by Commissioner Smith, Attorney-General Manson who made the charges, was not represented by counsel nor were the provincial police in attendance. C. L. Harrison representing the attorney general, and his assistant withdrew from the case on Friday following the refusal of the commissioner to recall J. J. Wing, the notorious drug dealer, who is serving a term in the penitentiary to give further evidence.

The commissioner continued the investigation, hearing evidence.

NEW SYSTEM OF STREET LIGHTS

Superintendent of Utilities Reports on Cluster Lights for Business Section Costing \$36,000

A report from the superintendent of utilities submitted to the city council last night by the utilities committee suggesting the submission of a plebiscite providing for a cluster street lighting system in the business section of the city costing \$36,000 did not receive a very favorable reception although it was laid over until next week when the superintendent will be present in person to give further explanation of it. The scheme provides for the putting in of cluster lights on both sides of second and third avenues between second and seventh street and third street and seventh street respectively.

PUBLIC MEETING RE FISHERY MATTERS

A public meeting will be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, December 13, at 8.15 p.m. re American Fishing Vessels using Canadian ports; Gasoline Tax affecting fishing boats, or any other matters affecting the local fishing industry. All interested in these matters invited to attend.
S. M. NEWTON,
Mayor.

THESE PEOPLE MAY NOT VOTE

City Solicitor Again Rules That Householders Must Have Paid \$7 to Qualify

Reiterating an opinion given positively by him in October before registrations closed, City Solicitor E. F. Jones again informed the city council last night that only those who have paid both \$2 road tax and \$5 poll tax will be qualified to vote as householders at the forthcoming civic election. It will be remembered that in October a difference of opinion arose between the mayor and the city solicitor on this matter and the mayor caused to be published notices stating that tentative registrations would be received from those paying the \$2 road tax without the poll tax. Now it appears that such people will not be able to vote and, if the advice of the city solicitor is taken, their names will have to be struck off the list by the court of revision when it meets this week.

Following the reading of the city solicitor's confirmation of opinion, Ald. Macdonald suggested that the time for the solicitor's ruling should have been before registrations closed. He felt that it would be working a hardship to now disqualify those who had paid the \$2 on the understanding that they could vote. The court of revision should seriously consider the matter before deciding to do so.

City Solicitor Jones submitted that his ruling had been made emphatically before registrations closed. Referring to a similar case in Victoria some years ago, he expressed the fear that the election might subsequently be set aside if these names were allowed to go on the list and vote.

Ald. Stephens stated that the city solicitor was being unfairly criticized. The advertisement in question had been inserted over the name of the mayor and the ruling now made by the city solicitor was identical to the same as he had made at that time.

Mr. Jones stated that, if the court of revision struck such names off, any persons who were not satisfied could go to the County Court and make a test case of it.

In answer to a question by Ald. Munro, Mr. Jones stated that those who had paid the \$2 already could not qualify now by paying the \$5. Householders had to be duly qualified before October 31 to get on the list.

PANCHO VILLA WON

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Pancho Villa, world's flyweight champion, won the judges' decision over Patsy Wallace of Philadelphia in ten rounds.



The Cathedral in Milan, Italy, was surrounded by myriads of people, who observed the devotions of armistice day that was held in the solemn structure. The crowd are shown waiting the cortege of the bodies of forty soldiers that were brought to Milan for burial.

Premier Baldwin is Expected to Continue Premiership Until he is Defeated in House of Commons

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The first meeting of the British cabinet since the election last week is being held today to make a decision as to whether Premier Baldwin shall resign at once or await the assembly of Parliament on January 8 and receive dismissal of the government by an adverse vote in the House of Commons, which it is assumed will inevitably happen.

According to statements of the best informed political mangers the Premier has already determined upon his course of action, resolving in deference to preponderating opinion in the cabinet and in the Conservative party to waive his personal preference for immediate resignation and continue in office.

It is understood that Premier Baldwin has received assurances of support from the cabinet and the Conservative party and will continue at the head of the government.

MOUNTIE AGAIN UNDER ARREST

Special Investigator of Narcotics Squad Charged With Perjury by Manson.

WAS OUT ON BAIL

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—F. W. Eccles, special investigator on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police narcotic squad, was arrested last night by city police on a charge of perjury laid by the Attorney General of British Columbia.

No details are given as to where the alleged perjury was committed. Eccles was recently convicted in the Victoria police court of illegal trafficking in drugs. He was released on bonds pending the outcome of an appeal in the superior court.

The hearing in the superior court has not been fixed pending the finding of the federal royal commissioner, who is investigating in a general way the charges that mounted police investigators were guilty of illegal practices.

VICTORIA, Dec. 11.—The charge against Eccles will be that the evidence given by him before the Royal Commission of inquiry was perjurious. He will be denied bail and returned here for hearing.

ISSUE LICENSES TO AMERICAN FISHING BOATS ON PACIFIC

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The minister of marine and fisheries has been authorized to issue licenses to United States fishing vessels on the Pacific Coast of Canada which will permit them during 1924 to enter British Columbia ports with certain privileges they have not had heretofore.

GENE TUNNEY GETS BEST OF HARRY GREB

Also Tommy Loughran Secures Decision Over Roland Todd of Britain

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Gene Tunney defended the American light heavyweight title against Harry Greb in fifteen fast rounds of which Tunney got the best in a body attack.

Greb made a whirlwind rally in the last round.

Tunney will be matched with Carpentier in New York next month.

Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia got the decision over Roland Todd of Britain, wearer of the European middleweight title, in fifteen rounds.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways from January 1, to Nov. 30, were \$232,159,446.57 being an increase of \$19,273,147.18 over the corresponding period of 1922.

Immigration Policy Soon

Railway to Bring in Selected Settlers For Settlement of Canada

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—An important and definite policy of immigration and colonization has been decided upon by the Canadian National Railway as a result of a conference last week at general headquarters here. It provides for the bringing to Canada of suitable settlers carefully selected. The aid of the soldiers' settlement field service is to be requested in connection with the work.

Chief Constable W. Spiller of the provincial police returned to the city from Ansox on the Gardena this afternoon.

Vancouver Paper Warns Against Allowing Whalen Company to go to California Monopolist Company

(Special to Daily News)

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—In a front page story today under the heading "Passing of Whalen and Paper Company to American Interests Seen," the Vancouver Sun says in part:

"Fearing that the Fleishaker and Zellerbach interests controlling the pulp and paper interests on the Pacific coast may for a long time come into possession of the Whalen Pulp & Paper Co. and the vast timber holdings granted it by the Provincial government, a number of citizens, some holding stock in the Whalen Company, are anxious for the Provincial government to take immediate action to protect the interests of the stockholders of the province.

"Those in touch with the industry are firmly of opinion that the recent appointment of E. M. Mills, vice-president and general manager of the Zellerbachs of Wellington Pulp & Paper Co. as receiver for the Whalen Co. in place of G. F. Giles of Vancouver is the first step toward adding the Whalen Company to the monopolistic California concern.

"In practically the same way, by calling in 'business doctors' from Fleishaker-Zellerbach employ, the Pacific Mills Ocean Falls plant and the government timber concessions passed to the Fleishaker control.

"Archibald Martin, receiver for the Pacific Mills, formerly with the company which is now reaching for the last independent producer of pulp in British Columbia, announced, after some time in control of that company's affairs, that it should be sold. It went to Herbert Fleishaker's bid at a low price. The creditors received practically nothing and the shareholders in British Columbia and in the old country have never been able to get returns on their investment."

The Fleishaker-Zellerbach interests control Ocean Falls and Powell River paper plants.

Trouble on Pipe Line

Caused City Power and Light to be Shut Off For Several Hours Today

Packing on the main pipe line near the north fork of Shawattans River between Woodworth Lake dam and the city's hydro-electric plant at Shawattans Lake was blown out during the night and, in order to prevent serious damage being done to the line through the water running wild, it was necessary to shut off the water from the dam this morning at 10 o'clock thus putting the power plant out of operation and leaving the city without power or light for nearly five hours while repairs were being effected. As it takes eight hours for the emergency dry dock power plant to get steam up and power into the lines relief could not be obtained from that source until 2.30 this afternoon when electricity from there was turned in to the city lines. The city plant will be operating again late this afternoon, it is expected.

Various industries in the city depending on electric power for their operation were effected and for this reason the Daily News was late in issuing this afternoon.

The city's water supply was not interfered with as there is always a reserve in the Acropolis Hill reservoir.

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FIERCE GALE IN THE SOUTH

Steamers Unable to Operate in Gulf of Georgia Yesterday Morning

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—The worst gale of the year raged in the Gulf of Georgia early yesterday. So terrific were the seas lashed up by the wind that the Nanaimo-Vancouver steamer Princess Patricia was forced to return to Nanaimo harbor when fourteen miles out from the coal city and the steamer Charmer was compelled to seek shelter in Blubber Bay.

TO CONSERVE FUR ANIMALS

New Trapping Law to Come Before Legislature Next Week

VICTORIA, Dec. 11.—Measures to conserve the B.C. fur bearing animals from total extinction and to revive the fur industry is contained in legislation which will be introduced into the legislature next week by Attorney General Manson.

Under the proposed amendment to the Game Act no aliens except bona fide farmers will be allowed to trap fur bearing animals. All trap lines in the province will be registered and the trapper will be placed in the position of a game conservation official. He will have to prove his right to trapping areas and will have to observe the law strictly in conserving the game there. In return for this he will be protected against inroads from other trappers.

DEATH CLAIMS SHAUGHNESSY

C.P.R. Magnate Dies of Heart Disease at Montreal; Born Milwaukee

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—Baron Shaughnessy, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway and director of several subsidiary companies, died of heart disease and complications arising therefrom last night. He had participated in the Knights of Columbus parade on Sunday and overstrained himself. He was born in Milwaukee in 1853.

LIBERAL ELECTED

LONDON, Dec. 11.—In the Western Isle division of Inverness and Ross and Cromarty, one of the delayed election returns, A. M. Livingstone, Liberal, was elected. The seat was held by a Liberal in the last parliament.