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GREEK KING IS EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY

HON. A. M. MANSON INTRODUCES PLEBISCITE BILL FOR VOTE ON BEER SALE

King George of Greece Expelled from Country Following Victory of Liberals at Polls on Sunday

LONDON, Dec. 18. — King George of Greece is expelled from the country and it is expected a republic will follow. The people will probably decide by plebiscite on the form of government the country will adopt.

The expulsion of King George drew forth the comment from diplomatists here upon the notable tendencies toward democracy manifested by the countries of Europe during the past six years.

George of Greece represents the tenth king who has been forced to make his exit since the war. Monarchs previously affected being those of Russia, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Ferdinand of Montenegro, Turkey, Egypt and the kings of the German federated states such as Bavaria.

ATHENS, Dec. 18. — King George and Queen Elizabeth will leave Athens tonight for Roumania, it was announced by the newspapers today.

Advised to Go

The government last night informed King George in writing that they considered it advisable for him to leave Greece until the National Assembly decided on a regime best befitting the country. The letter, it was stated, was couched in stern language and contained an intimation that his departure by evening at latest was imperative.

The King replied that inasmuch as it seemed to be in the interest of the country for him to leave Greece he would do so at the earliest possible moment.

Liberals Victorious

LONDON, Dec. 18.—According to an Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail the Liberals who were victorious in Sunday's election plan to urge at the first meeting of the National Assembly to authorize a plebiscite with a view to changing the present regime. The party proposes to at once start a discussion regarding the form of republic to be established.

(Last Night's Despatch)

LONDON, Dec. 17. — British diplomats, who are familiar with the acute political situation in Greece see little chance of saving King George's throne and the foreign office is apparently reconciled to the fact that he might go. Great Britain, France, Italy, Jugo Slavia and Roumania all made at one time or other overtures to the Athens cabinet against the expulsion of King George.

COMMUNISM IS TAUGHT HERE

Manitoba Free Press Claims That Principles Inculcated in Public Schools

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18. — There are in Canada 1259 children in at least forty schools who "have been instructed in the principles of communism" through the instrumentality of the Ukranian Labor Temple Association, according to a news story in the Manitoba Free Press. The children in these schools, the paper says, have been taught the principles of communism under the same system which prevails in Soviet Russia and Soviet Ukrainia."

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hensley of Buckley Bay are sailing this afternoon by the Cardena for Vancouver.

FORT FRASER GIRL TO WED LOCAL MAN

Marriage of Miss Drina Fraser and Arthur Donovan Corker Will Take Place on New Year's Day

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fraser of Fort Fraser announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Miss Drina Fraser, to Arthur Donovan Corker of the B. and B. Department of the Canadian National Railways at Prince Rupert. The wedding will take place at the Government House, Fort Fraser, on New Year's Day.

CONDITION OF MR. FIELDING BETTER

Improvement Noted Yesterday is Maintained and Minister Much Brighter Today

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The condition of Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, is much brighter today according to his physicians. The improvement noted yesterday has been maintained.

R. M. Smith, purser of the steamer Cardena, has gone East from Vancouver on a holiday trip and is being relieved by N. G. Pittinson, purser of the Camoson, which is now in dry dock at Vancouver undergoing annual overhaul.

The funeral of the late Philip Welker will take place under the auspices of the Great War Veterans' Association at a date to be decided upon later.

About 150 Disfranchised Result Not Paying Poll Tax at Time of Registering: Judgment is Given

Some 150 male persons, who sought to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election by payment of $2 road tax without the $5 poll tax, will not be allowed to exercise the franchise as a result of judgment which was handed down in the County Court this morning by Judge F. McB. Young sustaining the action of the Court of Revision in striking the name of David S. Cameron off the list. Difference having arisen between Mayor Newton, who in October caused to be published a notice suggesting that householders register by paying only $2 road tax and leave the point of the $5 poll payment to be settled later, and other members of the court of revision supported by City Solicitor Jones, who had ruled that both the $2 and $5 should be paid, it was decided to strike the name of Mr. Cameron from the list and submit his appeal to Judge Young as a test. It will be now necessary to strike the names of all other persons similarly situated from the list. Moreover, His Honor has ruled that there will be no recourse by paying the poll tax at this time.

The Judgment

The following is the written judgment given by Judge Young in the Cameron appeal against his name being struck off the list:

"The applicant's name was placed on the voters' list in the month of October, 1923, on which date it was admitted by the applicant that he was indebted to the municipality for road tax of $2 and poll tax of $5. He then paid the $2 road tax and admits he did not pay the $5 poll tax.

"The sole contention of the applicant is that payment by him of $2 road tax was sufficient to bring him within the true meaning of the word 'householder,' as defined in the Act.

"The Act explicitly states that 'householder' shall include any person who has paid to the municipality direct 'all taxes, rates and assessments which are not chargeable on land and are due by such person to the municipality for the current year to an amount of not less than $2 exclusive of water, electric light, gas, telephone, rates or taxes and license fees for dogs.'

"In this case 'all' that was due from applicant was $2 for road tax and $5 for poll tax.

"Reading the definition of 'householder' as a whole, I cannot agree with the contention that words used 'not less than two dollars' limit the meaning of the word 'all' the applicant's liability to $2 only irrespective of what his total might be. I accept the word 'all' as the controlling word in this respect.

"In my opinion it was necessary for applicant to have paid full indebtedness mentioned before he could qualify as a 'householder' and I find that he did not do so, not having done so, I find his name was not legally on the voters' list.

Cannot Get on Now

"It was urged on me at the hearing that, in the event of the decision of the court of revision being sustained, I grant permission to applicant to pay the poll tax in question to the municipality and direct the court of revision to restore his name to the list. I have no power to do so. The applicant did not pay poll tax and he made no attempt to rectify the ommission at any time before the list was closed, and it is closed. Consequently he is now precluded in my opinion from having his name restored to the list by payment thereof.

"The application is dismissed. There will be no order as to costs."

GOVERNMENT COSTS REDUCED A THIRD

Hon. J. D. McLean Tells of Economies and of Good Results by Civil Servants

VICTORIA, Dec. 18.—Cost of doing public business in British Columbia has been reduced to one third of the cost under the former Government, according to figures laid before the Legislature by Hon. J. D. MacLean, Provincial secretary, the other day.

Every $100 worth of business done by the former Government cost $14 Dr. MacLean stated, while the cost now is only $8. When the third increase in cost of living in recent years is considered, it is evident, Dr. MacLean declared, that the expense of public business is one third of that under the former regime.

The Civil Service is based on fitness for work. The Land Registry office, for instance, is now doing three times as much work per man as in 1916. While thirty-seven people were employed as the Legislative staff during the session of 1916, twenty-nine only were employed in 1921, Dr. MacLean stated. The Provincial Library staff is reduced from fifteen to eleven, and the grounds staff from sixty-one to forty-six.

INDIAN WOMAN DIES ON RALWAY TRACK

Taken Ill as Walking Home From Terrace to Newtown and Falls to Recover

(Special to Daily News)

The death of Mrs. Harry Richmond, a native, occurred on Sunday at her home in Newtown. Mrs. Richmond left Terrace to walk to Newtown. When she did not arrive as was expected one of her children walked down the track to meet her and found her body on the track. She was still living but before Dr. Bleeker, who was immediately summoned, could arrive, she was dead. The cause of her death seems to have been heart failure.

NO ALLIANCE WITH LABOR

Liberal Party Will Remain Free From Alliances With Other Parties

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Former Premier Asquith, speaking at a meeting of members of the Liberal party this afternoon at which Lloyd George and practically every Liberal member of Parliament was present, declared that the Liberals intended to remain free from alliances with other parties.

OVERSEAS IMMIGRATION DISCUSSED IN LONDON

General Noxon Tells Royal Society of Arts That British Government Has Sent Out 37,000 Persons

LONDON, December 18.—Overseas immigration was discussed at a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts when General Noxon pointed out that up to the end of October about 37,000 persons had been sent overseas at a cost of £400,000 to the British government.

MEETING OF BOAT OWNERS

Committee Appointed to Assist in Making Suggestions For Solution of Halibut Situation

Halibut boat owners at a meeting in the Court House last evening appointed a committee consisting of Pete Rorvik, Charles Wallace, Jud Thurber, George Fritz, Dr. W. T. Kergin, John Hanson, H. J. Bradbury, Tony Martinsen and B. M. Newell to gather data and to co-operate with the committees of the city council, Board of Trade and Deep Sea Fishermen's Union in going into the present halibut fisheries situation and submitting recommendations for the guidance and assistance of the federal member in representations he may make to the Dominion government on the matter.

There was a full discussion of the situation at the meeting which was attended by some 40 or 50 boat owners. Capt. Pete Rorvik presided and B. M. Newell acted as secretary. Fred Stork, M.P., was present and addressed the gathering.

The organization of a halibut boat owners' association was suggested but no action was taken.

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Beer Plebiscite is to be Provided for Under New Manson Legislation

VICTORIA, Dec. 18.—British Columbia people are refusing to take the present liquor act seriously and they should be given the opportunity on a vote on the sale of beer by the glass to declare if they would respect such a system, Hon. A. M. Manson declared in the Legislature when he explained his new liquor plebiscite legislation.

Mr. Manson declared himself against a prohibition plebiscite now. The present liquor system, he declared, had not been given sufficient time yet to warrant a prohibition vote. It would be in the interests of the country as a whole to defer a plebiscite on prohibition.

"This phase of the question has not been definitely decided, however," he said, adding that "this new plebiscite legislation makes it possible to hold a plebiscite on any phase of the liquor question at any time.

"The government," he declared, "is open to receive an opinion on this matter. The plebiscite on beer now will at least clear the air and turmoil that has been raging over beer for so long.

"Prohibitionists are bringing force to bear upon the government to curb what they consider is an attempt to bring back beer in British Columbia."

MOVING OF BUILDINGS

Bylaw Providing For Payment of Permit and Per Diem Fees is Considered by City Council

A bylaw providing for the payment of $15 for a permit to move a building from one part of the city to another over city streets and a fee of $30 per day while such moving is in progress over the streets was given its first and second readings at last night's council meeting and was then laid over for a week for further consideration. The bylaw, which also provides that the city be indemnified against any damage to streets of wires or claims that may arise out of the moving, was introduced by Ald. Perry and seconded by Ald. Stephens.

Ald. Collart favored a more elastic scale. Payment of such fees would be hard on those moving small buildings.

City Solicitor Jones said he had followed the Vancouver bylaw in drafting this one.

Ald. Stephens felt like Ald. Collart that small buildings should not be subject to such a stiff fee.

Ald. Macdonald also favored the suggestions made.

Finally, on suggestion of Ald. Stephens, the bylaw was laid over for a week for further consideration.

First B.C. Regiment is now Established Here and has Attraction for Young Men

Northern and Central British Columbia achieved wonders during the war. There was hardly an able bodied man left after the recruiting had got well under way. A wave of patriotism swept the country and Prince Rupert and adjacent districts did nobly.

Since peace has been restored, efforts have been made in various parts of the province to rejuvenate some of the militia regiments and the First North B.C. Regiment was authorized in 1919 to perpetuate the famous 102nd Battalion of the Canadian expeditionary forces.

The 102nd Battalion served with distinction during the Great War and was organized in Prince Rupert. A great number of the men were recruited from this city and the majority of the officers were local men.

Active Recruiting

The 1st North B.C. Regiment was unable to actively function until six months back due to lack of quarters. In June 1923, the Provincial government leased to the Dominion Militia Department the Lands Building on Third Avenue, and the building was handed over to the 1st North B.C. Regiment for use as a drill hall. Since then active recruiting has been carried on and a number of young men of the city have joined up. The building has been reconstructed into a miniature armory, equipped with drill hall, armory, canteen, social rooms, orderly room, and gymnasium. Regular parades are held every Monday and Wednesday evening. At these parades, aside from a minimum amount of drill, a variety of subjects are being learnt and the work is being made as comprehensive and interesting as conditions and equipment will allow.

The physical training course is about to be started covering physical "jerks," boxing, punching bag and competition bayonet fighting. Funds are limited but as the regiment increases in size the funds will be augmented, and it is hoped to finally equip the drill hall with all the best gymnastic appliances. At present, an intensely interesting series of lectures is being given on the reading and composition of military maps; this has considerable educational value for commercial purposes.

Practical Work

A course of first aid is being conducted which is keenly attended.

A machine gun section is being trained which will be a popular section after the dry instructional period is passed. Machine gun firing will be practised under exact conditions at the regimental rifle range next summer.

The regiment owns a splendid rifle range at McNicholl Creek at which weekly shoots are held during the summer months. A number of valuable cups and pieces of plate have been donated for competitions.

The government has promised a miniature rifle range to be built in the city, and it is hoped that this will be ready for use in February.

Recruits will be welcomed on any Monday and Wednesday night. It costs nothing to be a member of the regiment. Everything is provided free including uniform and equipment and use of all gymnastic equipment, rifle ranges, rifles and cartridges, instruction in the many interesting subjects of military life. The only price of membership is regular attendance. The work is made interesting from the start.

Per Capita Grant

The larger the regiment is numerically the better it will become equipped as the government grant is made per capita and all money granted would be spent to equip the drill hall so as to provide healthy social amusements for the city. There are several vacancies for membership in the regimental band. This band deserves support as notwithstanding the severest handicaps it has always been ready to help out on any occasion.

The age limit is 18 and boys between 16 and 18 can join up with their parents' consent. There are vacancies for a few buglers and drummer boys, who will be instructed under competent instructors.

RECOUNT IS ORDERED VANCOUVER ELECTION

Supreme Court Judge Appoints Wednesday for Going Over Ballots Once More

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—A recount has been ordered by Mr. Justice Morrison of votes cast in the mayoralty election here last Wednesday when Alderman W. R. Owen was declared elected by a majority of 53 in a total vote of more than 13,000.

L. D. Taylor was runner up in the election and is asking for the recount which will take place Wednesday.