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G.W.V.A. AGAINST DIRECT POLITICAL ACTION

VISITOR SEES WONDERFUL PROGRESS HERE; DISTRICT SCHOOLS INCREASE

G.W.V.A. not in Favor Direct Political Action Amalgamation or Bonus

VANCOUVER, July 6. — The Great War Veterans do not favor amalgamation with other Canadian Veteran organizations if such amalgamation spells loss of the G.W.V.A. identity or the adoption of either the principle of a cash bonus or direct political action. After Secretary McLeod on Thursday addressed the veterans' convention here on amalgamation, supporting the principles mentioned, the G.W.V.A. tentatively submitted a motion for the purpose of testing the feeling of the convtntion. The motion practically supported amalgamation under a name such as the United Veterans of Canada.

Speaker after speaker condemned any amalgamation which would submerge the G.W.V.A. and wipe out its name and prestige. Several suggested that the other veterans' societies could very easily join the G.W.V.A. if they wanted amalgamation. The committee's motion was finally withdrawn, having served its purpose and the final motion for a vote of the assembly will be brought down before the convention ends on Saturday.

The convention adopted a resolution that the Soldier Settlement Act be amended to permit veterans to sell their holdings to civilians provided the interests of the settlement board were protected.

The appointment of a travelling commission of three practical agriculturists to investigate soldier problems was also suggested.

MISTREATMENT NOW CLAIMED

Nova Scotia Police Officials Investigating Allegation Made by Union Official

SYDNEY, N.S., June 6.—Police officials spent the morning investigating the authenticity of a letter purporting to be addressed to various island locals of the United Mine Workers of America by District Secretary McLachlan counselling them to throw down their tools in the face of alleged brutal assaults on innocent women and children by the provincial police. A copy was wired to the attorney general.

OTHER NATIONS MAY BACK UNITED STATES

Conversations Have Taken Place on Liquor Treaty With Other Than British Representatives

WASHINGTON, July 6.— The possibility that powers other than Great Britain might look favorably on the United States' plan for a treaty covering ship liquor stores and rum smuggling suggested itself today when it became known that there had been informal conversations with representatives of at least one of the powers which received the United States proposal.

REVISE DISTRIBUTION OF LIQUOR PROFITS

VICTORIA, July 6.— Revision of the Municipalities' share of the liquor profits may be offered during the next session of the provincial legislature. This was the impression left with the deputation representing Saanich.

While Mr. Johnson was unable to make a definite reply to the plea of the deputation, it was stated that an agitation for the general revision of the population figures on which distribution is based will be demanded and that there is a strong likelihood of such revision being ordered at the next session of the House.

PRESIDENT HARDING ON WAY TO ALASKA

TACOMA, July 6. — President Harding and party sailed for Alaska yesterday afternoon. He will visit a great many of the important points and will combine pleasure with official duties.

BIRTH

A daughter was born this morning at the General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William Adams of Usk.

PREFERENCE TO WAR VETERANS

Convention Asks that on National Railways Ex-service Men be Given Seniority

VANCOUVER, July 6. — The desirability of preference in the employment to ex-service men men employed on Canadian railways was discussed at yesterday's session of the Great War Veterans Association here. A resolution was endorsed to the effect "That whereas an order for a working agreement between the Canadian National Railways and the men's representatives provided that in the event of a reduction of staff seniority of service govern; and this would affect a majority of ex-service men now employed; all members of His Majesty's forces should take their seniority before that of any unnaturalized alien; that their seniority should date as from the date on which they joined the forces; such seniority rights to be applied in all instances except for promotion in service; and also that all ex-members of His Majesty's forces be given preference for employment and promotion."

It was contended that under the conditions existing in railway employment, ex-service men were frequently laid off while enemy aliens and unnaturalized aliens were kept at work.

CANADIANS TO ATTEND IMPERIAL CONFERENCE LONDON IN OCTOBER

OTTAWA, July 6 —The cabinet has chosen Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin, minister of justice; Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior; and Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, to represent Canada at the forthcoming imperial conference in London next October.

VETERANS OBJECT TO HEARST PUBLICATIONS

VANCOUVER, July 6.—At the convention of members of the G.W.V.A. yesterday a resolution was passed condemning the circulation of Hearst and kindred publications in Canada.

WOMAN AVIATOR MAKES RECORD FOR HEIGHT

ST. LOUIS, July 6.—Mrs. Bertha Horchem, professional aviator, established a new altitude record for women reaching a height of 16,300 feet.

NEW ZEALAND WRECK

WELLINGTON, N.Z., July 6.—Twelve persons were killed when the Auckland Express train was derailed near Taumarunu yesterday.

SAFE AND SANE FOURTH OF JULY 238 CASUALTIES

CHICAGO, July 6. — Thirty-eight deaths and two hundred injuries are reported so far as the result of the Fourth of July celebrations in the United States, chiefly through the use of fireworks.

GROSS EARNINGS OF RAILWAY FOURTEEN MILLION INCREASE

MONTREAL, July 6. — The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railway for the week ending June 30 were $6,401,463, being an increase of $697,552 or twelve per cent as compared with the corresponding period of 1922.

The gross earnings of the railway from Jan. 1, 1923, to June 30, have been $116,536,160, an increase of $14,163,156 compared with the corresponding period in 1922.

CANADIAN AMENDMENT LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS NOT ENTERTAINED

PARIS, July 6.—According to advices received here from the council of the League of Nations at Geneva, the Canadian amendment to Article 10 "that members of the league shall undertake to respect and preserve against external aggression territorial integrity and existing independence of all members of the league and in any case any such aggression or threat of danger as the council shall advise it on means whereby their obligation shall be fulfilled" was rejected almost unanimously.

HARRY WILLS MAY MEET DEMPSEY ON LABOR DAY NEXT

GREAT FALLS, July 6.—Harry Wills, the negro heavyweight, will probably be Dempsey's next opponent, Jack Kearns, manager for Dempsey, said today. The bout will likely take place on Labor Day.

Thornton and Beatty Plead for Forest Protection

SIR HENRY THORNTON
President of the Canadian National Railways, says:

"If any man wants to add to the burdens of the Canadian National Railways, let him start a forest fire.

"The forest is a main pillar of our freight business and tourist travel. I appeal to every Canadian: 'Protect the Forests.'"

E. W. BEATTY
President of the C.P.R. says:

"A living forest means live jobs. Dead forests mean dead jobs. No man of us has any right to kill a forest by his careless acts. A minute's care may save a century of waiting."

Optimistic Message Brought by Principal Vance to Rotary Club Urges Participation in Politics

Bringing a breezy message of optimism and of urge toward better social, political and international conditions, Principal W. H. Vance of the Anglican Theological College at Vancouver, addressed a large meeting of Rotarians and others at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday afternoon. J. W. Nicholls had charge of the program and presided at the gathering, the Rotary orchestra played several selections, S. K. Campbell gave two vocal solos and there were club songs. A number of visitors were present.

Dr. Vance said this was his 37th trip across the continent and he was on this occasion especially struck with the new spirit that pervaded the Canadian National Railway. There was a courtesy among the employees, enthusiasm and interest in the welfare of the passengers and a desire to make a name for the railway. He did not know what had given them this new spirit but it was everywhere apparent.

Skeena Scenery

The visitor also spoke of the wonderful scenery of the Skeena River. He travelled a great deal and there were many wonderful things to be seen but the scenery of the Skeena appealed to him on this occasion and impressed him more than ever before. He told a story of two children who were travelling, one of whom looking at the scenery said, "I did not know God was so wonderful", and the other inquired "Where are the elevators?"

Turning then to the subject matter of his address, Principal Vance spoke of society being a matter of friendship, association and mutual helpfulness. There was a common bond as in a family. Time and space were being eliminated by modern transportation. Two weeks ago he addressed the Rotary Club in Fer-

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PUBLIC MEETING
Empress Theatre, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 7
— SPEAKERS —
HON. T. D. PATTULLO—Minister of Lands.
HON. DR. SUTHERLAND—Minister of Public Works.
FRED STORK—Member for Skeena.
This is Dr. Sutherland's first public appearance here and many will wish to hear him.

Six New Schools are Opened in Prince Rupert District and Four Reopened: Two Closed

School Inspector H. C. Fraser reports that Prince Rupert district is moving along steadily in school matters. During the past year attendance has shown a marked increase and a satisfactory matter is the general advancement of the work.

Since last September six new schools have been opened in the district, four schools have been re-opened, new divisions have been started at three points and only two schools have been closed.

The following new schools were opened: Premier, Lakelse Valley, Streatham (near Wistaria), Rose Lake, Woodmere (near Telkwa) and Kispiox. Schools which had been closed for some years were re-opened at Copper City, Refuge Bay, Georgetown and Skidegate. New divisions were started at Smithers, Ocean Falls and Prince Rupert High. Schools were closed at Surf Inlet Beach and Colleymount. Application has been made for a school at Aiyansh.

Burns Lake which at present has a two-room assisted school now wants a three or four room building and a Superior School. Terrace is also aiming at a Superior School and a new one-room addition for the High School is being built making four Public School and one High School divisions there. Usk is having a new two room school built.

In two years Anyox has advanced from a Superior School to a regularly established High School as Ocean Falls has also done. This year a second High School division is being opened at Ocean Falls.

High School Interest

A pleasing feature in the school work of the district during the past year has been the fact that there has been an increased interest in High School work, public school teachers at several points voluntarily taking on High School students in addition to their regular Public School duties.

There were High School examinations at 18 centres this summer, 36 teachers sending up 179 pupils. These figures show a healthy increase over last year when examinations were held in 19 centres, 32 teachers sending up 139 pupils. Prince Rupert sent up 62 Entrance pupils last month, Anyox 24, Smithers 12, Terrace 15, and Burns Lake, 9.

High School Candidates

There were 9 Senior matriculation candidates and 17 Junior matriculation candidates from Prince Rupert High School this year. Besides there were 10 outside candidates for Junior matriculation and 2 for Senior here. Anyox had three Junior matriculation candidates and 2 trying supplementaries and Ocean Falls 2 full and 2 supplementaries, Smithers had 3 candidates for the first year High School exams and Stewart and Atlin one each.

HILTON BELYEA IS ELIMINATED

HENLEY, July 6.—Hilton Belyea, the Canadian champion sculler, was eliminated from the competition for the Diamond Sculls today by D. H. L. Golan, British oarsman. M. K. Morris of London defeated J. Beresford, jr. who won the event in 1920. Morris and Golan will meet in the final tomorrow.

TRADE UNIONS VS. COMMUNISTS

English Dock Workers' Strike Developing Into Struggle Between Two Elements

LONDON, July 6.—According to some of the newspapers, the strike of dock workers is drifting into a struggle between communists and trade unions. Trade union officials yesterday took strong action to break the unofficial strike which has further extended and now involves 40,000 workers in London, Manchester, Liverpool ad Avonmouth. Communists, it is claimed, are identifying themselves with the discontented elements.

RAINFALL PUTS OUT FOREST FIRES SOUTH

Precipitation Pretty General Throughout the Province: Ideal So Far

VICTORIA, July 6.—The heavy rainfall of today, which was fairly general throughout the province, extinguished a few bush fires that had gained headway during the dry hot weather of the past few days and went a longway toward reducing the fire hazard. Weather conditions so far this year have been practically ideal from the forest rangers' standpoint. There have been 414, or less than half as many fires so far this year as there were last year during the corresponding period. Prince Rupert district had 99.

EXPEDITION LEAVES FOR WRANGELL ISLAND

Will Outfit Trading Vessel at Nome For Voyage Into Arctic

SEATTLE, July 6. — Harold Noice, who is to head the expedition to bring off the party of explorers under the leadership of Allen Crawford, Toronto, that have been on Wrangell Island in the Arctic since 1920, leaves here this evening for Nome. They expect to arrive there July 16 and will outfit the seventy ton trading vessel Greenings with a crew of eight men and provisions for a year. A number of Eskimos will accompany the party.

BASEBALL SCORES

Philadelphia 5, Boston 1.
Detroit 0, Cleveland 10.
Chicago 3, St. Louis 4.

National League

St. Louis 16, Philadelphia 12.
Boston 3, Brookyn 0.

Exhibition Game

New York Americans 9, Pittsburg Nationals 8.

Coast League

Salt Lake 2, Los Angeles 1.
Sacramento 0, San Francisco 10.

Other games postponed owing to rain.