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## POLITICAL SITUATION ENGLAND DISCUSSED

### SHIPMENTS OF COAL FROM TELKWA TO THIS CITY ABOUT TO COMMENCE

#### J. Ramsay Macdonald as Premier Discussed Everywhere in Britain Is Much Difference of Opinion

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Premier Baldwin arrived in London from Chequers Court this morning and shortly before noon had an audience with King George at Buckingham Palace.

Previously the Premier had received brief visits from several members of the cabinet.

The visit to the King aroused much speculation. The Central News agency says it learns "from well informed sources that the purpose of Premier Baldwin's visit was to give His Majesty his views and intentions regarding the political situation following the general election."

#### PRINCE RUPERT WENT AGROUND

C.N.R. Steamer Was Undamaged from Contact With Beach on Saturday Morning

While proceeding slowly out of Dean Channel in a snowstorm C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. D. Donald, went ashore on a gravel bank in Johnstone Passage at 4 o'clock on Saturday morning and remained there until noon when, assisted by the C.P.R. steamer Princess Beatrice, Capt. Cliffe, she succeeded in freeing herself without any damage having been done. She then carried on with her northern voyage and reached here at 1:30 Sunday morning, ten and a half hours late.

When the accident occurred, the steamer was steaming slowly and the impact is said to have been hardly noticed by the passengers. Fortunately, it was a gravel bottom and, while the vessel's hull went partly dry, she is practically undamaged. The Princess Beatrice, coming out of Ocean Falls towards noon stood by and gave a line helping to pull the larger boat off when the tide came full.

On arrival here, the Prince Rupert was given a bill of seaworthiness and proceeded on her voyage to Stewart at 5:35 yesterday morning, returning here at 1:30 this morning and sailing for the south at 5:30 o'clock.

The Princess Beatrice arrived from the south at 5 yesterday afternoon and returned south at 6:15.

#### STEAMER STARR FLOATED AFTER BEING ASHORE

Men Chopped Ice from Lifeboats in Attempt to Launch Them

CORDOVA, Dec. 10.—The United States mail steamer Starr, which last night went ashore on Point Malinashelikof Strait, 300 miles south of here today, reported herself afloat. Before the Starr floated she pounded badly and her crew of 25 men was making desperate efforts to float the lifeboats. The men were trying to chop from the lifeboats masses of ice that prevented the launching.

The vessel carried mails from Seward to Western Alaska including the Aleutian Islands.

A. Clapperton was taken ill on Saturday night and yesterday his friends were anxious about him. Today he is reported to be improving.

"Premier Baldwin did not tender his resignation and it is understood he is willing to inform tomorrow's cabinet meeting that he is prepared to retain the reins of government until parliament meets next month."

Wait Cabinet Meeting

The British people must apparently wait until tomorrow's cabinet meeting here before learning how Premier Baldwin proposes to act in the present political crisis. Rumors that he already has decided to resign are branded as completely untrue in Conservative quarters and it is said he is determined not to be rushed into a decision under pressure from any source. His supporters earnestly advise him not to resign. His opponents, on the other hand, strongly insist that it is impossible for him to remain as Prime Minister.

Some of the cabinet ministers, it is stated, following several conferences over the week end strongly urged the Premier to resign and advise the King to invite J. Ramsay Macdonald, the Labor leader, to form a cabinet. Other ministers, it is stated, strongly dissented and demanded the continuance of the government with a new premier. This group discusses the cabinet alignment and proposed Austen Chamberlain as premier. They said the Liberals had been sounded on such an arrangement and that they tentatively assured them they would assume an attitude of benevolent neutrality. In several quarters, however, it is believed that Baldwin will eventually resign and that Ramsay Macdonald will be called on to form a ministry.

Expect King to Act

The Labor paper, the Morning Herald, prints a significant editorial in which the expectation is expressed that the King will send for Macdonald.

Many Liberal newspapers urge Macdonald to take the premiership if it is offered to him and hint that Liberals will give him a helping hand toward carrying many measures of social reform but would not be prepared to lend aid to Labor's proposed capital levy.

#### YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYER DIED BLOOD POISONING

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—Foley Martin, the Calgary professional hockey player, died of blood poisoning contracted while on tour.

#### REAR END COLLISION

FORSYTHE, Dec. 10.—Eight passengers and a Pullman porter were killed and thirty injured in a rear end collision between two passenger trains near here.

#### T. Ross Mackay, who has been attending the convention of the Provincial Party at Vancouver, is expected home next Wednesday afternoon.

#### MACDONALD WOULD TAKE PREMIERSHIP LABOR PAPER SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Daily Herald, organ of the labor party in this country, suggests that J. Ramsay Macdonald may accept the premiership if it is offered him by King George.

The question of the premiership is still one of the principal topics of conversation here.

#### CLOSE PORTS U.S. BOATS

Announced at Ottawa 177 Fishing Vessels Will be Affected by Order

(Special to Daily News) OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—A total of 177 American fishing vessels using Canadian ports will be denied the privilege after January 1 by the cancellation of the *modus vivendi*.

While the Atlantic ports are the ones most affected, the order extends to the Pacific.

The action of the government is due to cancellation by the United States two years ago of reciprocal port privileges followed by the Fordney tariff with its prohibitive duty on fish.

The local Fisheries office say they have instructions that the order applies to Atlantic ports only.

#### EDITOR OF PROVINCE DIES AT VANCOUVER

Dr. Scott Was Well Known Journalist Formerly Editor of St. John Telegraph

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—Dr. S. D. Scott, editor of the Province, died yesterday following an illness extending over a month from heart trouble. He was 72 years of age.

Dr. Scott was one of the best known of the older journalists of the Dominion. For 21 years he was editor-in-chief of the St. John Telegraph. On the Province his hands were tied considerably owing to policy of the owners at that time never to formulate policies or take part in discussions of contentious subjects.

#### FORFEITED BIG BAIL ON LIQUOR CHARGE

George Rolfe Failed to Appear at Hazelton Last Week and \$1,500 Was Estreated

HAZELTON, Dec. 10.—Failing to appear in answer to a charge that he kept liquor for sale at the Omineca Hotel on November 28, George Rolfe had bail of \$1,500 estreated by Stipendiary Magistrate S. H. Hoskins last week.



An ancient ceremony was observed when the annual quit rent services to the Crown by the City of London were rendered before Sir Willes Chitty, the King's Remembrancer at the Law Courts. The hatchet is seen being handed over.

#### Telkwa Collieries Ship Coal to Prince Rupert; a Fine Nine Foot Vein

Prince Rupert people are to be given an opportunity to help develop the district and at the same time do themselves some good. Telkwa coal is being put on the market here. It is from the Betty seam of the Telkwa Collieries and is quite a different coal from the Telkwa coal marketed here a few years ago. Jack McNeill of Telkwa is in the city arranging for the handling of the coal by local merchants and he says he expects the Prince Rupert people, when they get to know the local product, will use it to the exclusion of all others.

Telling of the mine, Mr. McNeill says it is located five and a half miles from Telkwa and the four inches of snow now makes it possible to ship a car load a day. With approximately 100 days of sleighing they will be able to send out about 3,000 tons, most of which will come to Prince Rupert.

Mr. McNeill has had analyses made of the coal and all show that it is of the best quality. There is a seam between eight and nine feet thick which is tapped by a tunnel from the creek bed and so far they have blocked out about ten thousand tons. Four four-horse teams are at present employed in hauling the coal to the siding recently put in for the purpose of handling the coal. Mr. McNeill is managing the company and is very enthusiastic over the possibilities.

One thing Mr. McNeill emphasizes is that this Betty coal is a local product, that the company buys all its supplies in Prince Rupert, that using this coal is developing the country.

He says he is not asking for favors but given an even break with outside coal he thinks Prince Rupert people will buy the Betty coal in preference to any other.

George Woodland Sees Mine

George Woodland, manager of the Imperial Oil Co., who has just returned from interior points, says the Betty mine looks like a splendid prospect. There is a seam averaging between eight and nine feet. The coal is slightly harder than some that is sold here but it is a first rate steam coal and he was at a good many places where they used it in open grates. He suggested it would be a splendid thing for Telkwa and for Prince Rupert to have this mine developed. Recently Thomas McClymont sent a sample of the coal to Scotland to be analyzed and the letter in reply said it was superior to any coal in Scotland and very close to Welsh anthracite.

Mr. Woodland says Mr. McNeill is doing splendid work in opening up the mine.

#### Secretary to Navy asks Congress to Appropriate Thirty Millions for Cruisers, Subs, and Gunboats

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A \$30,000,000 appropriation to carry out the program of fleet modernization; authorization for the building of eight 10,000-ton cruisers, three cruiser-type submarines, and six gunboats; expenditure of \$7,676,000 on naval bases; and a five-year constructive naval aviation program, were recommended today by Secretary Denby in his annual report.

The modernization plans held in abeyance during the past year must be carried out, the Secretary said, if the United States is to maintain its proper place under the Arms Treaty, while in cruiser strength this country has fallen so far behind Great Britain that it cannot hope for years to come to attain the equality it is entitled to under the 5-5-3-naval ratio.

The \$30,000,000 sought for modernization work would include the re-appropriation of \$6,500,000 "for the purpose of increasing the elevation of turret guns of thirteen of the Treaty battleships of the navy" which was not used during the past year because, Mr. Denby said, "quite unintentionally the impression given Congress was that the disparity in ranges was overwhelmingly in favor of the British."

"In the opinion of the department," the Secretary declared, "the elevation of the guns will not in any way contravene the spirit or letter of the Treaty."

BUILD SUBMARINES

The approved budget of the navy now includes \$2,850,000 for beginning construction of three submarines authorized in the 1916 naval act, Mr. Denby said, but he called attention to the lack of the navy in cruisers, submarines and river gunboats.

"The navy of the United States at present does not equal in cruiser strength either of the other two powers signatory to the Treaty," he said, "nor is the fleet to be considered as in any way balanced through lack of this vital arm. The disparity between the cruiser strength of Great Britain and that of the United States is so great that we can not hope for many years to bring about anything approaching equality with that power."

"The navy of the United States is so ill balanced and so deficient in cruiser strength that it would be put at a serious disadvantage in major operations of any kind. The power of cruisers in offense and in defense is a primary factor in naval strategy. Other than the ten light cruisers, some of which are authorized under the 1916 building program, some of which are now completed and others rapidly nearing completion, we are without real cruiser strength. Vessels still in service of the type of the Pittsburgh, Denver and Salem are useful for peace work but would be practically without value in time of war. The raiders that drive our commerce from the sea, that attack our transports and supply ships, can never be overtaken unless we build cruisers to do the work. Therefore, as a measure looking toward the ultimate provision of the fleet and equalization with other powers, I strongly recommend the authorization and appropriation of funds sufficient to commence construction of 8-10,000 ton cruisers."

CANADIAN CUSTOMS OFFICER NEW YORK

Appointment to be Made After Years of Agitation to Simplify Panama Shipments

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—Official notification from Ottawa indicates that a Canadian customs officer will be appointed at New York to enable shipment of goods between Eastern and Western Canada by way of the Panama Canal without paying duty.

Hitherto goods shipped to this coast had, generally speaking, to go to New York by train and on arrival in British Columbia were charged duty along with American made goods. There was no officer at New York to make out papers required to free them from that duty.

Agitation has been going on for many years to secure the privilege but it has been opposed by the railways which tried to check shipment of goods by water.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born this morning at the Prince Rupert General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gonzales, 346 Fourth Avenue West.

A son was born on December 9 at the Prince Rupert General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ratchford, 227 Eighth Avenue West.

1,000 tons—that is, they are vessels capable of long-distance cruising. In addition to the 41 mentioned, 11 were completed in 1922 and 1923 by this same power. If present foreign programs are completed without any additions, the United States would have to build 50,000 tons of submarines in order to attain the treaty ratios. The United States has no cruiser and no mine laying submarines. Both types demonstrated their usefulness in the World War. In order to supply in part our deficiency in these types and in order to begin to attain a suitable relative submarine strength I recommend the authorization and appropriation of funds sufficient to commence construction of three submarines of the cruiser type.

"I recommend also that Congress authorize six gunboats of suitable type and size and make appropriation for their complete construction as early as possible."

U.S. TAKES BUT DOES NOT GIVE

Canada Explains Reason for Cancellation of Fish Marketing Privileges

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The reasons why the Canadian government decided to discontinue the *modus vivendi* license to the United States fishing vessels is outlined in an official memorandum issued this afternoon. It states in continuing a policy effective since 1892 the Canadian government has been influenced by the hope that the United States government would ultimately recognize that Canada was entitled to some compensation for the privileges extended to United States vessels in Canadian ports. But in this hope Canada has been disappointed. The United States had not only not made provision for the restoration of the agreement of 1918 but by tariff provisions had imposed added duties upon Canadian fish.

COOLIDGE IS A CANDIDATE

Name Will Come Before Big Republican Convention and is Likely Choice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Official announcement is made that President Coolidge will be a candidate for nomination by the Republican Party in 1924. His name will come before the big quadrennial convention of the party and there seems every prospect that he will receive the nomination.

Distance Cruising

"A large submarine tonnage is being laid down abroad. At present 41 submarines are building or projected by a single power; 23 of these are over-

President Coolidge was elected vice-president at the time when Warren Harding was chosen president.