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FRANCE TIGHTENS HOLD GERMAN TERRITORY BRITAIN REMAINS NEUTRAL IN RUHR STRUGGLE TO FORCE DEBT PAYMENTS

French Threaten to Isolate Ruhr if Resistance Continues: Verdict Court Martial Anxiously Awaited

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The complete isolation of the Ruhr valley and adequate severance of its communications with the remainder of Germany, is announced in government circles today as the next step in the French struggle against Germany's resistance, if that resistance continues.

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 23.—The Ruhr seems awed momentarily today while Germans and French await news from Mayence where Fritz Thyssen and six other industrialists are on trial before a French Court Martial charged with refusing to obey orders of the control commission issued from general headquarters. It is believed that imprisonment of the magnates might mean the ending of a general strike throughout Ruhr.

VENTURE DOES RESCUE STUNT

Disabled Alaskan Trolling Boat
Was Picked up Last Evening
Near Port Simpson

Capt. A. Johnstone, of the tugboat Venture, in port today from Anyox and waypoints reports having rescued a disabled 58-hp three man trolling boat No. 534 off Finlayson Is. and, near Port Simpson at 10 o'clock last evening. The owner, Jack Lambert, was the only person aboard the boat which was towed into Port Simpson by the Venture and turned over to the Customs.

The Venture was coming out of Port Simpson southbound when Lambert signalled her by waving his lantern. The tugboat came to and found the smaller boat broken down and rolling in a northerly wind and the sea having been in that light for some six or seven hours. She was towed into Port Simpson. The gas boat was taken from Port Simpson to Chetikan when she broke down leaving left Simpson about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The tug and water truck had been kept overboard when the boat was in difficulty.

The Venture was not delayed in making the rescue for she was running ahead of time this week. Making the calls at Anyox, Mice Arm and Arrandale yesterday, the tugboat was in the Skeena River this morning and loaded salmon at Cassiar and Skeena Commercial canneries. She arrived here at 11:30 this morning and will sail for Vancouver and way ports at 6 this evening. Capt. Johnstone reports the present trip the finest one of the season from a weather standpoint.

BIG HARDWARE STORE BURNED

Sommerville Firm in Edmonton
Sustains Loss of Premises
and Stock in Bad
Blaze

EDMONTON, Jan. 23.—The Sommerville hardware store, one of the finest in Western Canada, together with its contents valued at \$250,000 was destroyed in a fire which raged six hours and kept every fireman in the city busy preventing the spread of the flames.

Fred Hale and R. L. Brown were taken to town from Anyox on the Venture this morning.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DRIES

Importation Was Voted Out by
Vote of Three to One
Against Yesterday

CHARLOTTETOWN, Jan. 23.—Prince Edward Island has voted to make a dry province drier by forbidding the importation of liquor for export purposes. This was the sole remaining privilege of liquor dealers in the province. The vote ran about three to one against importation.

WOLF PACKS APPEAR TEMISKAMING DISTRICT

KENABECK, Ont., Jan. 23.—Wolf packs are increasing in number in the central part of the district of Temiskaming. They are of the grey timber wolf variety, and are preying on the red deer which make the district their habitat. Bands of a half dozen to fifteen have been seen in close proximity to settled areas. Mining camps in the Mont-Tremblant district, about half way between Cobalt and Elk Lake, report numerous packs on the forage and driving other wild animals to cover.

GERMANS UNABLE TO PROTECT FRENCH CONSUL AT MUNICH

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—The Bavarian government have decided that they are unable longer to guarantee the safety of Emil Dard, the French minister at Munich, and France has been informed to this effect by the Berlin government.

HOCKEY SCORES

Pacific Coast
Victoria 1; Vancouver 4, at Vancouver.
Inter-League
Edmonton 2; Seattle 3, at Edmonton.
Western Canada
Saskatoon 1, Regina 2, at Regina.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Admiralty announce that the two new battleships commenced in September will be named the Rodney and the Nelson.

British Hold Strictest Neutrality on Rhine but Situation is Dangerous

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The British government has instructed its military representatives on the Rhine not to interfere with arrests or expulsions of German officials being carried out by the French.

The British have also been instructed not to co-operate with the French in such operations or to allow themselves to become involved in any incidents of this nature. Anxiety is so widespread here regarding the dangerous situation in Ruhr emphasized by reports of the French extending their activities to the Cologne area.

U.S. SENATOR AND FRANCE

Says Occupation of Ruhr is
Violation of Peace Treaty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, Republican member of the foreign relations committee, has issued a statement characterizing the French occupation of the Ruhr valley as a flagrant violation of the peace treaty and international decency which brings misery to Germany and economic loss to the United States. Senator Borah says Washington ought to abandon her policy of indifference and openly protest against continuation of the French move.

INDIAN BOYS ON THEFT CHARGES ARE DEALT WITH

Reginald Clayton and David McKay, of Kincolith, Are Sent to Reform School—Two Others on Suspended Sentence

Reginald Clayton, Paul Clayton and David McKay, three Kincolith Indian lads, charged with breaking and entering and stealing \$120, were the first prisoners to enter the dock in the new court house at the Market Place yesterday afternoon. All pleaded for speedy trial and pleaded guilty. Reginald Clayton and David McKay are to be sent to an industrial school and Paul Clayton, on account of his youth and the fact that he made a clean breast of the whole affair at first, was released on suspended sentence and will be returned to his parents.

Paul Henry Provost, another Indian youth from Metlakatla, also appeared to answer to a charge of breaking and entering Charles Powell's store and stealing \$15 worth of goods. He pleaded for speedy trial and, on account of his poor condition of health, was let out on suspended sentence to return to his parents. W. E. Fisher appeared for the crown and W. E. Colfson, Indian Agent, appeared for the Indian department also acting as interpreter.

SCOTCH LABORITES PREFER PROHIBITION

At Annual Conference Voted
Overwhelmingly for This
Method as Against
Local Option

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Scottish Independent Labor Party at its annual conference voted overwhelmingly for prohibition instead of local option.

AMERICAN BOYS ARS BETTER THAN GIRLS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21.—Young men of the United States are improving, in the opinion of Prof. Albert G. Rolfe, of Hill School, Pottstown. He could not say as much for the girls, in an address before the Women's Club of Germantown.

"The modern dapper," he said, "may be a success, as a companion, but as an ideal she fails to impress."

Prof. Rolfe said he had found boys to be better dancers than girls.

LABOR PLACES VIEWS BEFORE KING CABINET

Ask For Number of Changes in
Existing Laws and Consideration Promised

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 23.—A delegation from the Trades and Labor Council presented the legislative program of that organization to the cabinet and received the assurance of consideration. Premier Mackenzie King said he thought the cabinet could meet some of their wishes.

The delegation, which was headed by Tom Moore, asked for the following:

Handpicked immigration.
Elimination of tax free bonds.
Slight amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act.

Efforts to provide for employment in time of stress and to build up a system of unemployment insurance.

Provinces to be represented properly on delegations sent by Canada to international conferences.

An eight-hour day on all government contracts.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, pointed out that labor's program would abolish some sources of federal income without providing other sources. He said the present state of the money market did not permit the re-arranging of the national debt and the elimination of tax free bonds as proposed by Mr. Moore.

OFFICIALS TO RECEIVE PAY

City Treasurer, Engineer and
Utilities Superintendent
Will Get January
Salaries

W. D. Vance, city treasurer; T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities; and F. J. Whitaker, city engineer, who were summarily suspended by Ex-Mayor Rochester early this month for refusing to comply with the council's order to inaugurate the 8-hour day in the city hall, will receive their salaries for the month of January at the regular monthly rate according to a decision made by the Finance committee after the council meeting last night. The resolution to this effect calls for the accounts and offices of the officials being found correct and the submission and inspection of the treasurer's report for the year by the auditor not later than January 31.

THORNTON TO ADDRESS CANADIAN CLUB SOON

Wires Secretary Gale Regretting
Inability to Visit City
Now

Walter Gale, secretary of the Canadian Club of Prince Rupert received a telegram in answer to a letter sent Sir Henry Thornton, inviting him to address the local club. The reply was as follows: "Your letter of the ninth received and invitation of the Canadian Club of Prince Rupert much appreciated. Owing to a limited time at my disposal I, finding it impracticable to visit Prince Rupert during the present trip but look forward to acceptance of your invitation at the earliest possible date."

City Council Makes Final the Engagement of New Officials for City Hall and 8 Hour Day

In spite of objections taken by Ald. Macdonald and Ald. Mackenzie and submitted in the form of amendments, the report of the council committee recommending the appointment of various new officials to the city hall service and the inauguration of the eight hour day basis of employ for monthly employees was adopted by the city council last night on motion of Ald. Clark, seconded by Ald. Stephens. City Solicitor Hooper and City Clerk Woods requested that recommendations be given the retiring officials and the request was complied with, a motion by Ald. Munro to this effect being unanimously carried. The whole matter was disposed of with dispatch by the council and the many speculators present who might have been looking for a long and spirited discussion on the subject were again due for disappointment.

When the adoption of the committee report had been moved by Ald. Collart and Ald. Stephens, Ald. Macdonald rose to give his views on the matter and to submit his first amendment calling for re-reading of the report clause by clause.

"Owing to the fact that I do not concur entirely with the report I would move that it be re-read clause by clause," said Ald. Macdonald. "I believe that we are not yet sufficiently informed on some of the suggested alterations embodied in the report to be properly guided on the selections. Regarding the superintendent of utilities, whose department I am most concerned in as chairman of the utilities committee, it has been suggested that under this report the staff could be reduced from the present 25 men on the outside to, say, ten. I have not yet sufficient knowledge to know if these changes would ensure the proper upkeep and maintenance of the city's most valuable asset. I believe the matter, at least as it regards this department, is being rushed too much."

Ald. Mackenzie seconded the amendment which was lost, the mover and seconder being the only members of the council to vote for it.

Submitting a second amendment that 30 days notice be given the Civic Employees' Union of the proposed change from the 7 to 8-hour day in the City Hall and that a committee of the union be given the privilege of meeting the council on the matter if objection were taken to it, Ald. Macdonald referred to the United Labor Party's manifesto, calling for the recognition of unions, on which he had been elected. "One of the principles that has been adopted by British institutions and which is recognized even in the Treaty of Versailles is that of collective bargaining," said the alderman. "All that I ask is that the matter be discussed with the Civic Employees' Union. Collective bargaining is recognized by all British institutions and I do not believe that this council should deviate from the rule."

The amendment, again seconded by Ald. Mackenzie, was rejected on a similar division to the first one. The committee's report was then adopted, Ald. Macdonald and Ald. Mackenzie voting against it.

Mr. Hooper's Position
City Solicitor Hooper then asked for a hearing which he was granted on motion of Ald. Munro seconded by Ald. Macdonald.

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CAMOSUN IS AT VANCOUVER

Vessel is Slightly Injured and
Will go into Drydock for
Examination

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—Steamer Camosun, arrived yesterday with starboard plates and forward gangway door bent by the impact with the s.s. Princess Beatrice last Friday at midnight. She will go into drydock for survey and if necessary will be repaired.

Officers of the Camosun are reticent regarding the collision. Pilot Nelson was on the bridge at the time of the impact. Capt. Dickson had just retired.

It is believed that an inquiry will be held by the wreck commissioner.

HARRY KILLAS GOES TO JAIL

Appeal Dismissed by Judge
Young and Accused Will do
Six Months at Okalla

The Harry Killas liquor selling appeal was dismissed in the County Court yesterday afternoon by Judge Young and accused was committed to the city jail where he will await being taken south to Okalla prison to serve the six months sentence imposed upon him by Magistrate McGlynn and against which appeal was taken.

The appeals of Ernest Colombe and Len Garland, who are already serving time in Okalla, have been withdrawn and but one case remains yet to be heard—that of Dan Campbell. This appeal is scheduled to come up on Wednesday morning. M. Gonzales, of Williams & Gonzales, appears for the appellant.

HARRY GREB WINS OVER BILLY SHADE

Got Decision in Ten Round Bout
at Jersey City Last Night

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 23.—Harry Greb successfully defended the American light-heavy-weight championship by getting the decision over Billy Shade in a ten round bout last night.

FIRES CAUSED MUCH DAMAGE IN PROVINCE

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—Fires caused damage in British Columbia in 1922 amounting to \$2,965,756, according to figures given out by the provincial fire warden. There were 1582 conflagrations, the total being in excess of 1921, when there were 1358 fires causing \$2,635,532 worth of damage.