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RUPERT DELEGATES GET GOOD RECEPTION MET PREMIER AND OTHER MINISTERS AT OTTAWA AND WILL SEE THORNTON

Government to Carry out Original Policy in Prince Rupert Local Delegates are Told at Ottawa

OTTAWA, March 27.—The Prince Rupert delegation consisting of Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Fred Stork, E. C. Gibbons, C. H. Orme, S. J. McLeod and Olof Hanson had a meeting yesterday with Premier Mackenzie King and some of the cabinet ministers and were given a very cordial reception. The ministers stated they were very much surprised that any of the Prince Rupert people should think that the present government had in any way changed its mind in regard to having the original policy of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway carried out.

Premier Mackenzie King was very sympathetic toward the claims put forth by the delegation and in asking them to see Sir Henry Thornton stated that the government was anxious to develop the port of Prince Rupert and that the railway board could depend upon them to support any undertaking that would help to do this.

The acting minister of railways is investigating the offering for sale of some of the lands held by the G.T.P. Development Company. He said he had no idea such a course was being undertaken.

The delegation was also received by Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and Ernest Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, and discussed various phases of the Prince Rupert situation with them.

The delegation is remaining for a few days in order to interview Sir Henry Thornton who is at present out of the city but who is expected to return in a few days.

THRICE A WEEK SERVICE FROM ALASKAN PORT

Bellingham to Ply Between Ketchikan and Prince Rupert
Carrying Freight

MAY TAKE PASSENGERS

Capt. Bartholemew in Port With
Lloyd C. Tells of Plan
For Ferry Boat

The Ketchikan syndicate owning the big power schooner Bellingham intends this year to inaugurate a permanent thrice-a-week ferry service between Ketchikan and this port according to Capt. Bartholemew, of the Ketchikan tug boat Lloyd C. which was in port this morning loading wire for canneries in Alaska. The Bellingham will bring here from Alaska canned salmon, herring and fresh halibut for shipment over the Canadian National Railways to the United States. Returning north it is expected to develop a shipping course for freight from the United States to Ketchikan. To make the service an all the year around proposition, it is proposed to carry frozen halibut in the close season during the winter. In saving the long water haul to Seattle by coming to the railway here, it is anticipated that the new service will be profitable to the Alaska fish interests in freight saving, the railway rates from Seattle and this port to the East being practically equal.

The schooner Bellingham, which will operate in this trade, was last year a barge and she made several calls here with cargoes of salmon. This winter she was fitted out at Seattle with diesel engines providing her own propulsion. The vessel has a carrying capacity of about 350 tons of freight.

It is understood the Bellingham will carry passengers as well as freight.

ARREST OFFICER FORMER U BOAT

Lieut. Otto Steinbrink Was
Commander of Craft That
Sank Sussex

LONDON, March 27.—The French forces in Ruhr today arrested Lieut. Otto Steinbrink named on the allied extradition list as the commander of U Boat 28, which torpedoed the passenger steamer Sussex in March 1916 without warning, causing the loss of 50 lives. The Sussex was a cross channel boat.

JAPANESE DIET BREAKS UP WITH FREE-FOR-ALL

TOKIO, March 26.—The Diet prorogued early today in the midst of a free fight precipitated by a motion of the opposition to impeach the government.



Theophilus Wessen, Swedish Consul, created a sensation recently in St. Paul when he took his fiancée, Miss Magdalene Biggar of Montreal, for a drive in this curious Norwegian sleigh.

Minister of Labor Confirms Conciliation Board Replying to City Council's Resolution

The conciliation board to investigate the wage dispute between the civic employees and the city of Prince Rupert will stand in spite of the attitude taken last night by city council when it repudiated the step taken by Mayor Newton in bringing about its formation. This was indicated in a telegram received this morning from the minister of labor by the city clerk in answer to the council's resolution passed last night which was submitted by wire to Ottawa.

The following was the telegram received from Ottawa today: "Your message received and terms of council resolution carefully noted. Members of council appear however to have mistaken nature and intent of statute and of conciliation board which has been established. It has not been my intention when establishing conciliation boards to pass in any way upon the merits of the dispute. It would be most proper and in accordance with practice in inquiries before conciliation boards that all aspects of the dispute should be placed before board and board will then be in position to weigh carefully evidence adduced and to exert its influence to bring about an amicable adjustment and if it is found impossible to make an adjustment in this way then the board will, in accordance with provisions of statute, make recommendations for settlement according to merits and substantial justice of the case."

Should Relieve Situation

"My view is that the efforts of a conciliation board composed of three citizens of Prince Rupert in good standing and presumably already acquainted with the main features of dispute and all equally interested in general welfare of community cannot fail to relieve difficult situation which existed during the past week as indicated equally in message received by the undersigned and in the resolution of council now to hand. Under the circumstances I do not feel justified in taking any action which would in any way modify intended procedure but it may be presumed that the conciliation board being made aware of the position taken by the council will naturally desire to exercise even greater care if this were possible that its inquiry shall be

BLOWING UP JAP CRUISER

Soviet Government Threatens
Warship Lying in Vladivostok Harbor

TOKIO, March 27.—The Soviet government of Vladivostok has threatened to blow up the Japanese cruiser Nishin now in Vladivostok harbor unless the captain stops transmitting wireless messages to the Japanese merchants. It is understood here that the Japanese government has ordered the cruiser to return to Japan to avoid complications.

JUDGE CAMERON DIES

WINNIPEG, March 27.—Judge Cameron of the Manitoba Court of Appeal dropped dead in St. Paul yesterday.

STATE FUNERAL SARAH BERNHARDT ALL FRANCE JOINS

PARIS, Mar. 27.—Sarah Bernhardt who died yesterday will have a state funeral on Thursday or Friday. All France is contributing to a magnificent tribute of mourning.

City Council Repudiates Action of Mayor Newton Re. Conciliation Board

Mayor Newton's individual action in bringing about the establishment of a conciliation board under the Industrial Disputes Act to deal with the wage dispute between the city of Prince Rupert and the Civic Employees' Union was repudiated by the city council last night. A lengthy resolution of several hundred words to this effect was moved by Ald. Stephens, seconded by Ald. Collart, and carried by a division of 6 to 2 after all correspondence leading up to the establishment of the board by the mayor had been read. This resolution has been forwarded

and fire departments. Now therefore he it resolved that the city council of Prince Rupert go on record as opposed to the creation or appointment of a conciliation board. That it hereby repudiate the action of the mayor as a high handed and unauthorized act. That the mayor had ample time to legally consult the city council before attempting to commit it to an undertaking to which it had already three times within a few weeks denied its approval.

That it does not recognize W. E. Fisher as an unbiased arbitrator such as should represent the city of Prince Rupert if such a board were appointed by reason of his expressed sympathy with the Civic Employees' Union.

That the city council looks with disapproval upon the Civic Employees' Union as a menace to the city's interests and possibly a menace to law and order and That it is hereby ordered that the city clerk be instructed to telegraph copies of this resolution to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier, Hon. the Minister of Labor and Fred Stork, M.P., Ottawa, tonight.

Whereas the mayor has also asked for the appointment of one William E. Fisher to represent the city of Prince Rupert on said conciliation board and

Whereas the said W. E. Fisher is not considered an impartial arbitrator by reason of having taken part in or having been party to a petition recently presented to the city council protesting against the rate of pay to those affected and

Whereas the city of Prince Rupert is paying to its common labor a wage of fifty cents per hour which is also the wage paid by the government of the province of British Columbia, the G.T.P. drydock and other similar employers of labor and more than is paid by the Canadian National Railway and

Whereas the city council has already by a large majority and on three former occasions gone on record as opposed to the creation of the board of conciliation and

Whereas at a meeting of members of the city council held on March 26 a delegation from those affected made a demand for a conciliation board and for a wage of 65 cents an hour and said meeting was for the sole purpose of endeavoring to arrange an amicable settlement of the wage dispute and

Whereas the said civic employees' union on March 22 did notify the mayor and council that unless a conciliation board were appointed before 9 p.m. on March 24 a strike would be called and

Whereas the mayor did not until the night of Mar. 26 make the contents of this notification known to the members of the city council and

Whereas the Civic Employees' Union is designed to include all branches of civic employees including the police

IRISH FINANCE PROVES COSTLY

Estimates For Year Approximately Two Hundred Million Dollars

DUBLIN, March 27.—President Cosgrave of the Free State told the Dail Eireann that the estimates for the year totalled £42,000,000, an increase of £3,500,000 over last year.

The army and police will cost £10,600,000. Compensation for damage to property amounted to £10,250,000 and for personal injuries £500,000.

CHILDREN BURN FARMER'S BARN

Play With Matches and Death
May Result: Stock Destroyed

VANCOUVER, Mar. 27.—Trapped in a burning barn while playing with matches, Leslie Boyce two years of age and a brother four years old were badly burned and the latter may not recover. The fire occurred on the Boyd farm at Lulu Island.

Besides the serious injuries to the children, the fire destroyed all the stock, two cows, three horses, twenty-three pigs, and

BANKRUPTCY AND FIGHTING BEFORE HOUSE

Repeal of Act is Demanded: Sending Troops to Europe Condemned

OTTAWA, March 27.—A resolution demanding that the Bankruptcy Act be amended or abrogated was brought in by P. F. Casgrain, Liberal member for Yamaska and occupied the House of Commons most of yesterday with arguments for and against. Finally the resolution was withdrawn at a late hour when Major C. G. Power of Quebec, South, brought up the question of whether Canada ought to send troops to European wars. He strongly condemned the principle by which Canada should take any part.

After a lengthy speech the debate was adjourned by P. F. Casgrain.

SMALL IS NOT LEGALLY DEAD

Application to Have Him so Declared by Widow is Refused by Judge

TORONTO, March 27.—Ambrose Small, millionaire theatrical magnate, who has been missing since December 1919, is not "legally dead." Judge Gotsford this morning dismissed the application for Mrs. Small for a declaration to this effect. The application was made so that the estate might be administered and Mrs. Small is the beneficiary. The judgment says no evidence was submitted to justify the making of such a pronouncement.

DAYLIGHT SAVING FOR VICTORIA THIS YEAR

VICTORIA, March 27.—Daylight saving will go into effect in Victoria about April 15 until September 9.

STEAMSHIP RATES CONTROLLED IN NEW YORK SAYS WITNESS

Even Canadian Government Lines
Subject to Ruling of Weekly
Private Meeting

OTTAWA, March 27.—The greatest curse of transportation is this: Shipping rates are made in New York on the first Thursday in every month behind closed doors.

This testimony was given by W. H. Chase of the Nova Scotia Apple Shippers' Association before a special house committee on agriculture this morning.

"Do Canadian lines belong to this conference?" asked Chairman McMaster.

"All," was the reply, "not excepting the Canadian Government Merchant Marine."

VANCOUVER ISLAND LUMBERMAN DIES AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT

VICTORIA, March 27.—H. J. Gardiner, the well known lumberman and proprietor of the logging company at Nitinat was fatally injured in an accident at the company's headquarters Saturday and he died Sunday night.

Gardiner was caught between two logs and crushed. He leaves a widow and one daughter.