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OLIVER IS EMPHATIC OVER FREIGHT RATES DECLARES PRESENT EMBARGO WESTERN ROUTE CONTRARY TO FEDERATION

Farmer John Oliver Dares C.P.R. in Fighting Speech at Vancouver on Preferential Freight Rates

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 9.—Declaring that the mountain differentials on the westbound freight rates were discrimination against British Columbia and as such a violation of the terms of the treaty under which this province entered confederation, Premier John Oliver told a mass meeting here last night that the Provincial Government would carry on its fight for lower freight rates to the bitter end. "If we fail in this struggle for right, justice and equity," he said, "then confederation is a failure."

Much of the speech dealt with the attitude of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the question and to himself. He denied, however, that he looked upon the drive for lower rates as a fight between British Columbia and that railway and he deplored in vigorous terms attacks which he said had been made upon him in public by officials of the railway.

"I am not seeking a fight with the C.P.R.," he said. "Do you think that at my age I am afraid of anything the C.P.R. can do to me?"

Telegrams were read from the boards of trade of Calgary, Edmonton and Medicine Hat sympathizing with British Columbia's purpose.

EXPLOSION ON BRITISH SHIP

Two Sailors Killed and Four Injured Aboard Cruiser Coventry

GHIBALTAR, March 9.—Two sailors were killed and four others injured, two probably mortally, as a result of a torpedo explosion aboard the British cruiser Coventry during the night. The cause of the explosion and the extent of the damage to the vessel is unknown.

The ship is a light cruiser of 4,190 tons displacement and carrying a normal complement of 527 men.

JUDSON CODY SHOT HIMSELF

Coroner's Jury Returned Verdict to This Effect This Afternoon

That deceased came to his death through a revolver shot wound self-inflicted was the verdict returned this afternoon by the jury investigating into the death of the late Judson R. Cody. Hearing of evidence took place this morning and the finding was reached early this afternoon. Coroner Walter Gale presided and the jurymen were R. Moore, J. Edwards, F. Gilhuly, Frank Stephens, J. Barnsley, and James McAlenah.

Evidence was given by Dr. W. T. Kergin and Dr. J. P. Cade, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Ponzio, neighbors; Jennie Dennis and Doris Larsen, Indian girls who discovered the tragedy; W. P. Armour, who lived with deceased, and Constable D. S. Cameron.

CREW OF SCHOONER RESCUED NANTUCKET

Seven Men Spent Night in Cabin Flooded With Freezing Water

NANTUCKET, Conn., March 9.—The crew of seven men of the schooner E. M. Roberts after a night of suffering in a cabin flooded with water that was freezing slowly while their vessel was being wrecked by great seas, were rescued by the crew of the Conkaskat coast guard station.

GENUINE AMBERGRIS WORTH SMALL FORTUNE

Lump from Whale Washed On Beach

Arthur Sholin, one of the Sholin brothers who have a successful fur farm on a small island near Chichagoff, was an outgoing passenger on the Northwestern says a Ketchikan paper.

It will be remembered that the Sholin brothers are the men who found the dead whale on the beach a few weeks ago and secured what is believed to be a fortune in ambergris. When asked by a News representative yesterday as to the outcome of the find, Mr. Sholin said he still had every reason to believe the substance found in the whale was ambergris, as it was taken from the whale's body in the exact position where scientists claim the ambergris always forms. Returns from the American chemists have not yet been received, but a few authorities in this country say there is but little question of the substance being ambergris, although there are but few in this country who are familiar with the stuff. Realizing this, the Sholin boys have sent samples to Paris, where the manufacture of ambergris into finest perfume is handled nearly entirely, and a return on the tests is expected now at any time. Should the find prove to be of the genuine ambergris, the Sholin boys will receive a good sized fortune.

200 Blue Foxes
According to Mr. Sholin's report, they are already on the way to independence, as they have over 200 prime blue foxes now on their island and have the stock and arrangements so well in hand that two of the brothers can take care of the fur farm nicely, while one of them will experiment with mink and marten raising somewhere on Puget Sound.

Mr. Sholin said that he had experimented sufficiently with mink and marten to feel quite certain that he could raise them on the Sound as well as in Alaska, and believed their skins would be as good outside as farther north, due to the fact that they must be raised in pens anyway, and the fur in captivity is never quite as good as in the wild state.

R. Moore returned this morning after making the round trip to Stewart on the Prince George.

FIRST EARTHQUAKE AT PRINCE GEORGE

(Special Daily News)
PRINCE GEORGE, Mar. 9.—Prince George this morning felt the first earthquake ever recorded here. There was a distinct tremor which caused a good deal of excitement. There was no damage done, however.

LADY ASTOR AND LIQUOR

Introduces Bill Which is Opposed as Thin Edge Prohibition Wedge

LONDON, Mar. 9.—Lady Astor yesterday moved in the House of Commons the second reading of the bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to youths under eighteen years of age for consumption on licensed premises.

Walter Greaves, Lord, Conservative member for the Norwood division of Lambeth, moved the rejection of the bill, declaring it to be merely the entering of the wedge for absolute prohibition.

REMOVE RAILS IN MANITOBA

Hungerford Recommended that Those on Hudson Bay Route be Used Elsewhere

Ottawa, March 9.—The answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday revealed the fact that J. Hungerford, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, last fall recommended that steel worth \$418,900 lying along the unfinished portion of the Hudson's Bay Railway be removed and used elsewhere on the Canadian National and the Board later approved this and ordered the carrying out of the scheme.

GIRL APPARENTLY BEATEN TO DEATH

Body Found on Roadside and There Were Indications of a Terrific Struggle

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 9.—The eleven year old daughter of Paul Roscoe, farmer, was found dead on the roadside near the school house, her clothing torn to shreds. The indications are that a terrific struggle took place and the child was apparently beaten to death.

J. B. Lambert, Dominion public works engineer, returned from Stewart on the Prince George this morning and will spend a few days in the city before returning to his headquarters in Victoria.

FIELDING LIKELY GO TO WASHINGTON

(Special to Daily News)
OTTAWA, March 9.—It is persistently stated that Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, will be the first representative of Canada at Washington as Canadian Minister plenipotentiary. The fact that a sum is included in the estimates sufficient to cover the cost of the embassy, lends color to the statement that an appointment will be made, and Fielding is looked upon by everyone as the likely man for the position.

RUPERT LATE GETTING AWAY

Makes Initial Run After Thorough Overhaul at Local Yards

Sailing at 12 o'clock today for Vancouver, the steamer Prince Rupert, replaced the steamer Prince George in the C.G.M.M. coastwise passenger service. The George was late getting in from Stewart and Anyox, not arriving until 9 o'clock and the Prince Rupert did not get away from the dry dock and oil wharf until after that time. The latter steamer loaded some fish and general freight for Vancouver before getting away. Soon after arrival here, the George went up to the dry dock where repairs and overhaul will commence at once in readiness for the resumption of the double service early next month.

Capt. D. Donald took the Prince Rupert south and Capt. W. S. Moorehouse is remaining here with the George. Chief Engineer Alex. Munro, Chief Officer Mabbs, Second Officer Johnson and Chief Steward Newey are remaining with the George also Chief Officers McLean and Flood and Second Officer Thomas transferred from the George to the Rupert.

The Prince Rupert's passenger list for the south included the following:

For Vancouver—Miss W. Nehring, Miss A. Nehring, Mrs. Joe Bent, Mrs. Grosky, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. William McCulloch, Miss M. Mayer, R. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hancq, Miss Mary Hancq, Miss Francis Hancq, M. E. Nasmyth, C. E. Young, L. A. Palmer, Mrs. L. Wright, A. V. Pankhurst, F. T. Fleming, Mrs. R. M. Walker and family, R. A. Creech, J. J. McNeill, J. S. Rogers, J. C. Starr, Mrs. S. Beauchell and W. Donald.

For Victoria—Mrs. Thomas Forster and family, C. J. Cranfield and Wong You.

For Swanson Bay—J. A. Hocken.

For Seattle—Mrs. E. C. Best and Mrs. G. Martin.

YOUNG PRINCE NAMED

Princess Mary's Baby is to be Officially Designated George Henry Hubert

LONDON, March 9.—It is officially announced that Princess Mary's baby will be named George Henry Hubert after King George, Lord Lascelles, and the late Marquis of Glanricarde respectively.

FISH ARRIVALS

The Westford, with 8,000 lbs. and the Valld, 1,500 lbs. are the only halibut boats in port today offering for sale. They will dispose of their catches tomorrow.

HUSBAND OF LOCAL LADY AND FATHER OF DOCTORS DIES

W. H. Kergin Passed Away at St. Catharines, Ontario.—H. F. Kergin will Attend Funeral

Word was received in the city yesterday of the death at his home in St. Catharines, Ontario, of W. H. Kergin, husband of Mrs. W. H. Kergin and father of Dr. W. T. Kergin and Dr. L. W. Kergin, of this city, and H. F. Kergin, M.L.A., of Alice Arm. The latter arrived in the city from the north on the Prince George this morning and will leave on tonight's train for the East to attend the funeral.

The late Mr. Kergin was a native of Ireland and was 78 years of age. He came to Canada about fifty years ago and for practically all that time had followed the occupation of a contractor at St. Catharines. Other members of the family surviving are Mrs. J. F. Brandt, of Vancouver, and Mrs. F. W. Hardy, of Victoria, daughters. General sympathy will be extended to the widow, sons and daughters in their bereavement.

DOCK BEING KEPT BUSY

Car Ferry and Snagboat at Present on Pontoons—Prince George Overhauling

With the Swanson Bay car ferry and the snagboat Boboliak at present on the pontoons at the Canadian National drydock and the steamer Prince George going in for immediate overhaul, activity at the plant will be well sustained for the next few weeks. Repairs to the car barge are quite extensive following her recent grounding on Porcher Island and the snagboat is up for annual overhaul. In order to have the vessel ready to resume service in about three weeks' time, the work on the George will also have to be done with dispatch.

Notice has been received at the dock that the Canadian Britisher is going into Esquimalt for docking instead of here. The date of arrival of the Canadian Inventor, the next boat due here for overhaul, is not yet known.

OBJECTION TO FRENCH ACTION

British Merchants in Cologne Claim Attempt Made to Blockade Area

LONDON, Mar. 9.—An outcry is raised against the Franco-Belgian customs barrier around that area by the British merchants in Cologne and it gathers strength daily. The chief complaint is that British trade in Germany is being strangled and is almost at a standstill. It is claimed the French and Belgians are making an attempt to blockade the zone.

MARINE INQUIRY

VANCOUVER, Mar. 9.—The marine inquiry into the collision here between the Princess Beatrice and the Camosun has been concluded. Decision is reserved.

Presbyterian Synod of B. C. Votes for Immediate Union Other Churches by 63 to 27

VANCOUVER, March 9.—By a vote of 63 to 27 the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia supported the resolution of the retiring moderator, Dr. J. Robertson and Judge Swanson of Kamloops, strongly approving organic union between the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational churches and urging the Presbyterian General Assembly to take the earliest possible steps in that direction.

The Synod defeated by 62 to 28 an amendment of J. R. McLaren and Dr. W. Leslie Clay suggesting that the issue be postponed.

Dr. McLaren said he was a unionist himself but he feared disruption of the church if the matter were pressed until it had unanimous support.

Great excitement followed the taking of the vote and the franchise of ministers and elders supporting union was questioned by non-unionists but the objection was over-ruled.

MANY RAILWAY TIES COUNTED

Industry in Interior District Reflected in Monthly Report of District Forester

The tie cutting industry in the interior district is reflected in the monthly report for the month of February just issued by P. S. Bonney, district forester. During the month 61,101 railway ties were counted by the department as compared with 107,344 in the month of January. There was also a large increase in the field United and Tottenham Hot-spurs. The count for February being 36,125 lineal represented with a similar number as against 2,225 the month before in Southampton, Westham previous. There was a falling in the sealing of piles, the February figure being 21,755 will be championed by the Charl-linial feet and January, 89,050. ton Athletics and Queens Park. The total of logs sealed during February was 1,641,729 as compared with 10,345,073 feet in January.

Details of the month's sealing figures are as follows:

Logs, Board Feet	
Douglas Fir	33,641
Red Cedar	1,007,523
Spruce	2,577,334
Hemlock	889,607
Balsam	100,379
Cottonwood	33,245

Total—4,641,729

Poles, Lineal Feet

Red Cedar	36,125
Douglas Fir	6,865
Red Cedar	14,890

Piles, Lineal Feet

Hemlock	3,616
Jack Pine	57,453

Railway Ties

Hemlock	3,616
Jack Pine	57,453

Beautiful Rheba Crawford Will Display Modern Fashions at Evangelistic Meetings

NEW YORK, March 9.—"It doesn't matter what god a girl worships as long as she has faith in something," declared Miss Rheba Crawford the beautiful girl evangelist, who has just recently resigned a captaincy in the Salvation Army and is going through the country on an evangelizing tour. Incidentally she will carry with her some New York gowns and will stage a fashion show as a special attraction at the meetings. She is making a special appeal to young people between the age of fifteen and twenty-five.

Miss Crawford was recently arrested for obstructing traffic on Broadway and she resigned from the Salvation Army because they would not stand behind her in defying the police.

ENGLISH CUP SEMI-FINALS

Play-off Will Take Place Tomorrow—All Three Divisions Represented

LONDON, Mar. 9.—Playoffs for the semi-finals of the English Football Association Cup of February just issued by P. S. Bonney, district forester. During the month 61,101 railway ties were counted by the department as compared with 107,344 in the month of January. There was also a large increase in the field United and Tottenham Hot-spurs. The count for February being 36,125 lineal represented with a similar number as against 2,225 the month before in Southampton, Westham previous. There was a falling in the sealing of piles, the February figure being 21,755 will be championed by the Charl-linial feet and January, 89,050. ton Athletics and Queens Park. The total of logs sealed during February was 1,641,729 as compared with 10,345,073 feet in January.

SCOTTISH CUP SOCCER GAMES

Semi-Finals to be Played Tomorrow Preparatory to Final Clash

EDINBURGH, Mar. 9.—Three Lanarkshire teams and one from the county of Midlothian, are the survivors in the protracted struggle for the Scottish Football Association cup. Tomorrow east meets west here when the Easter Road champions, the Hibernians, take the field against the Third Lanark.

At the same time the Glasgow Celtics will battle with their doughty opponents from Motherwell, when the smoke of battle clears away the victors go forward to success or disaster in the championship finals.

FINED \$200 EACH AND SIX MONTHS

Two Chinese Given Salutory Sentence by Magistrate in Police Court

Lina Sing and Yee Pon, Chinese, were found guilty in the police court this morning by Magistrate McClymont of having drugs in possession and were sentenced to six months imprisonment with \$200 fine each. The cases were brought by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.