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HON. A. M. MANSON IS PLEASED WITH LEGAL VICTORY BEFORE PRIVY COUNCIL

Fred Stork Urges Shipment of Grain Through Prince Rupert to Avoid the Eastern Combine

The full report of the speech of Fred Stork, member for Skeena, a short telegraphic mention of which was made in the Daily News, has just arrived. Dealing with this port and its advantages the speaker, as reported in Hansard, says:

Allow me to say a word to the western Progressives and the growers of grain on the prairies. Complaint has been made that the benefits which accrued from the restoration of the Crows Nest Pass agreement have been largely nullified by the action of an alleged combine of shipping

BATTLING SIKI TO FIGHT CARPENTIER

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Battling Siki and Georges Carpentier will shortly sign up for a fight of 20 rounds for the light-heavy-weight championship of the world on September 9 next.

REBUILDING ENGINE SHOPS

Temporary Frame Building Recommended Until Permanent Shops are Ready

After having sized up the situation from all angles following the fire which destroyed the local C.N.R. round house last Wednesday morning, C. J. Quantie, master mechanic for British Columbia district, stated this morning that he had recommended to the management that a temporary frame building similar to the one destroyed be erected on the same site to get the shops again operating until a permanent building had been decided upon. Mr. Quantie said that the matter of a permanent building had been before the management for some time but no definite plans had been adopted.

It will be necessary to have the machinery re-covered before work can be carried on normally in the shops and Mr. Quantie said that, with good luck, he hoped everything would be running again as usual in about thirty days time. Of course, all plans are awaiting approval from headquarters. The debris of the fire and the wreck of the old building is being cleared away with a view to protecting the machinery from further damage from the weather.

Mr. Quantie leaves for the East on tonight's train.

LAW ANSWERS LLOYD GEORGE

Says Britain Cannot Initiate Movement With U.S. Regarding Ruhr

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Bonar Law stated in the House of Commons today that it would not be proper for Great Britain to initiate with the United States government a question as to whether French action in the Ruhr was in accordance with the Treaty of Versailles, since the United States was not a party to the treaty.

S. O. Spetz was fined \$20 in the police court this morning by Magistrate McClymont having been found guilty of assaulting William Labouchere in a fracas at Jean Johnstone's place on Second Avenue a couple of weeks ago. L. W. Patmore conducted the prosecution which was private and T. B. Hooper appeared for the defence.

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FINE SPEECH LLOYD GEORGE

House of Commons Votes Down Proposal to Refer to League of Nations

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The House of Commons by a vote of 306 to 296 rejected the joint Liberal amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, proposing an investigation by the League of Nations in conjunction with the United States into Germany's capacity to pay reparations claims.

In the debate which preceded the vote, Lloyd George delivered one of the most brilliant speeches of his career, characterizing the French occupation of Ruhr as a duplication of Germany's invasion of Belgium in 1914.

Although many members of parliament who supported the government were sympathetic to the resolution, it was obviously voted down because its acceptance would have meant a vote of want of confidence in the government.

DESIRES PROSPERITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

Premier Oliver Writes E. C. Gibbons in Reply to Letter From Board

At the last meeting of the Board of Trade exception was taken to a report in which it was suggested that the Board should be asked to consider the possibility of a port of refuge for British Columbia's ocean ports. In reply to a letter from the Board, Premier Oliver wrote to E. C. Gibbons, as well as Vancouver. It is impossible to avoid mentioning Vancouver more frequently than other places on account of the fact that at present Vancouver is the only B.C. port from which wheat is being exported in bulk, and further, that in the rates comparisons used Vancouver figures more prominently than do other places in B.C. I can assure you that no one desires the prosperity of Prince Rupert more ardently than I do. I am, yours very truly,

JOHN OLIVER.

WOULD HAVE DECORATIONS

Member For Vancouver Moves Amendment to Nickle Resolution Barring Titles Canadians

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STERLING EXCHANGE IS APPROACHING PAR

Sterling exchange is gradually getting closer to par. The embargo against money coming to this country is being eliminated. Today the rate is quoted as \$4.77 1/2.

United States exchange today is 49.32. Hong Kong is 53.65.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Sterling exchange made a high record today when demand bills were quoted at \$4.74 1/2.

SIX WERE KILLED U.S. TRAIN WRECK

ELMHIRE, Feb. 20.—In a train wreck on the Lehigh Valley Railway at Summerfield, Pa., it is known that six persons were killed, all trainmen.

WAS DEAD FOR THREE WEEKS

Remains of Thomas A. B. Watkins, Keeper Triple Island Light, Brought to City Yesterday

Dead for nearly three weeks at Triple Island lighthouse, the remains of the late Thomas Alfred Bradshaw Watkins, keeper of the lighthouse, were picked up yesterday by the tender Newington and brought to the city.

The late Mr. Watkins had been ill for some time and, on word of his condition being brought by a local physician about the middle of last month, he had been requested to come into the hospital here for treatment. This he refused to do and his death occurred on January 31. Pending the next call of the tender ship, his corpse remained at the island where his widow and two daughters resided.

Deceased was 54 years of age and was a native of Ireland. He had been on the coast for about 15 years and had been in charge of the Triple Island light house since its opening some two years ago, being transferred at that time from a station in the north. Besides his widow, Mrs. Mary Jane Watkins, and two daughters, aged 46 and 14, deceased is survived by brothers in Vancouver.

The remains are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers. There was a funeral service at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Venerable Archdeacon Rix officiating, and the body will be shipped to Vancouver on the Venture tonight for interment. There were floral tributes from Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Benson.

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CANADIAN ROVER TO DOCK HERE SATURDAY

Word has been received here that the Canadian Government Merchant Marine steamer, Canadian Rover, is to be here for docking on Saturday next. This is one of the steamers that plies between Ocean Falls and California.

HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF BONDS CONVERTED

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The total amount of Victory bonds converted in the recent conversion loan was \$444,499,250, Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, announced.

Develop Natural Resources of Province with White Labor says Manson: is Victory for Province

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—The British Columbia legislation prohibiting the employment of Japanese and Chinese on crown property by timber licensees, which has been upheld by the Privy Council in London in the decision given yesterday will affect about fifty firms who employ about 1,000 Orientals.

Hon. A. M. Manson claims that the judgment supports him in his stand for the development of the natural resources of the province by white persons. The decision he says helps clear the air and is a victory for the province.

The judicial committee of the Privy Council did not find it necessary in deciding the case to determine the effect of the Anglo-Japanese treaty upon the situation. This will probably be cleared up in the other anti-Oriental case which the province hopes to have argued in London next June. This case has to do with Oriental orders in council passed by the government.

OPERATIONS RUHR COSTLY

Sixty Million Francs for Operating Railroad During Two Months

PARIS, Feb. 20.—An appropriation of 110,000,000 francs for the expense of the Ruhr operations in January and February is asked of parliament. The cost of the army is 50,000,000 francs and the remaining 60,000,000 is to cover the cost of an attempt to operate the railroad on which the Germans are striking.

MOOSEJAW MEMBER UNSEATED DECIDES THE SUPREME COURT

Election Will be Held in Saskatchewan Constituency Vacated by Johnson

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The supreme court this morning dismissed with costs the appeal brought by R. M. Johnson against the judgment of the Saskatchewan courts unseating him as federal member for Moosejaw. The effect of the judgment will be to make a by-election at Moosejaw necessary.

KILLED SELF LEWIS ISLAND

John Warner Put Revolver in Mouth and Fired Because Eyesight Failing

Because his eyesight was failing, John Warner of Lewis Island shot himself yesterday afternoon with a revolver and Constable Martin has gone out to fetch in the body and report to the coroner.

Information of the suicide was brought to the city today by Louis Locker, Warner's partner in the hand logging business. He reported to Chief McInty of the provincial police that between three and four o'clock yesterday Warner was sitting in a dory near shore when he took out his revolver and putting the muzzle in his mouth, fired and killed himself.

Warner left a document saying no one was to blame but himself. He shot himself because his sight was getting bad.

Constable Martin left this morning in the launch Lewis Island to bring in the body and report to the coroner.

Warner was 55 years of age, a naturalized German, and an old timer of Prince Rupert.

MUCH HOCKEY LAST EVENING

Vancouver Young Liberals Got Strangle Hold on Amateur Championship

VANCOUVER, Feb. 20.—The Edmonton Eskimos, leaders of the Western Canada Hockey League, defeated the Vancouver Maroons, leaders of the Pacific Coast League by a score of two to one in a closely contested game.

REGINA, Feb. 20.—The Victoria Cougars defeated Regina of the Western Canada League two goals to one.

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—Last night the Young Liberal hockey team got a strangle hold on the inter-city ice hockey amateur championship by defeating the Pacifics four to two, making a four goal lead over Victoria.

SASKATOON, Feb. 20.—Calgary defeated Saskatoon yesterday by a score of 5 to 4.

ENDERBY, Feb. 20.—Vancouver Bluebirds, junior amateurs, lost to Enderby five to one in the first of a two game semi-final series.

PRINCE RUPERT INTO DRYDOCK

Will Take the Place of the Prince George Next Week

Steamer Prince Rupert will go into drydock here Thursday and will take the place of the Prince George on the Vancouver run on March 2 after which the Prince George will tie up for overhaul. No announcement has yet been made as to when the double service will again commence. It is expected that the northward movement will be earlier than usual and there should be a good deal of business offering as a result of mining developments.

B.C. FISHERIES COMMISSION IS IN SESSION AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—At a meeting of the British Columbia fisheries commission, J. A. Robb, superintendent of fish culture for the federal government, gave the commission some information about hatcheries. The sitting of the commission is continuing today.

Seijiro Takeyama, Japanese, aged 35, of Buckley Bay, has filed application for naturalization at the County Court registry.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Proposal to Introduce Method into Dominion Elections is Voted Down

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—An all day debate here yesterday ended in defeat of a motion of W. G. Macdonald, progressive of Brant, for the creation of one or more multi-member constituencies under the redistribution Act for the purpose of demonstrating the true value of proportional representation. The vote was 72 for and 90 against.

Premier Mackenzie King and most of the members of the cabinet voted for the resolution while Hon. J. B. King of British Columbia and other cabinet members opposed. Arthur Meighen also opposed the plan.

The parties split and the debate was bitter for and against proportional representation.

THIRTEEN HALIBUT BOATS SELL TODAY

American Boats Have 113,000 Pounds and Canadian 26,400

Nine American halibut schooners and four Canadians sold 113,000 pounds and 26,400 pounds of halibut, respectively, to the local buyers at the Exchange this morning. American boats brought slightly over 16c. and Canadian 14c.

Arrivals and sales were as follows:

American
Mars, 13,000 pounds, at 16.4c.
Hilda, 6,000 pounds and Valor, 8,000 pounds, at 16.4c. and 6c. to the Royal Fish Co.
Grayling, 14,000 pounds, at 16.4c. and 10c. to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Belgian, 8,000 pounds, at 16.3c. and 10c. to the Pacific Fisheries.
Donah, 9,000 pounds, at 16.3c. and 10c. to the Atlin Fisheries.
Yellowstone, 12,000 pounds, at 16.2c. and 10c. to the Atlin Fisheries.

Canadian
Teddy J., 15,000 pounds, at 16.2c. and 10c. to the Pacific Fisheries.
Happy, 13,000 pounds, at 16.2c. and 10c. to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Restitution, 15,000 pounds, at 16.1c. and 10c. to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Canadian
Cape Spencer, 6,000 pounds, and W. T., 8,000 pounds, at 14.1c. and 10c. to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Ringleader, 12,000 pounds, at 14.1c. and 8.5c. to the Royal Fish Co.
Kouyousu, 100 pounds, at 14c. and 11c. to the Atlin Fisheries.

CANADIANS GET DIVORCES U.S.

Warrants Issued for the Arrest of Those Who Crossed Border to cut Tie

DETROIT, Feb. 20.—The issuing of warrants for the arrest of scores of Canadian residents who filed divorce suits in Wayne county are in prospect here as the result of an investigation now under way by the prosecuting attorney. More than 30 per cent of all divorce bills filed in Wayne county are of Canadian origin, it is said.