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PREMIER CLEARS UP OPPOSITION CHARGES

STATE OF EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT GERMANY IS DECLARED BY CABINET

Hon. John Oliver Plays Havoc with Charges Made Against him by Leader of the Opposition

Replying to the crafty aspersions and veiled accusations made against his administration by the Conservative leaders on their recent visit here with clear cut statements of facts and figures and throwing good natured shafts of railery at the Provincial or General McRae party, Hon. John Oliver, premier of British Columbia, was in fine fettle last night in the Empress Theatre where, in a three hour speech, he went into detail in a defence of the past six years of the Liberal regime in provincial government. The premier dealt with all the important

FISH ARRIVALS HEAVIER TODAY

Ten Boats Land 186,750 Pounds and Prices Take Decided Drop

Halibut arrivals were considerably heavier today. Five American and five Canadian boats landed a total of 186,750 pounds. The Americans had 167,000 and the Canadians 19,750 pounds. Prices dropped considerably over those prevailing for the past two days as a consequence of the heavier market. The arrivals and sales were:

- American**
Panama, 49,000 pounds, at 14.8c and 9c. to the Allin and Royal Fisheries.
Alaska, 50,000 pounds, at 14.8c and 9c. to the Pacific Fisheries, Limited.
Majestic, 45,000 pounds, at 14.8c. and 9c. to the Canadian Fish & Gold Storage Co.
Hi Gill, 7,000 pounds, at 15.6c and 10c; Tutoosh 16,000 pounds at 15.7c and 10c. to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.
- Canadian**
Doreen, 5,000 pounds, at 13.9c and 11c; and Minnie V. 4,000 pounds at 13.8c and 10c to the Atlin Fisheries Ltd.
Scrub, 3,000 pounds, at 15c and 10c; to the Royal Fish Co.
Plop, 750 pounds, at 13.8c and 10c to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.
Volunteer, 7,000 pounds, at 13.7c and 10c. to the Canadian Fish & Gold Storage Co.

SUCCESSFUL TEA IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A very successful tea was held at the Baptist Church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, the sum of \$33 being realized. Mrs. F. F. McDonald was convener of the committee in charge. The candy booth was looked after by Misses Nussy and Betty Smithson; the home cooking stall was in charge of Mrs. E. J. Robinson and Mrs. Bert Morgan; and the tea room, which was prettily decorated with sweet peas, was presided over by Mrs. A. Ivarson.

TAX SALE

Notice is hereby given that a tax sale of city lots on account of delinquent taxes will be held in the City Office on Monday, October 1, 1923, at 10 a.m. A list of the properties offered for sale can be obtained at the Collector's Office. 230

questions of the day including administration of the Liquor Control Act, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the railway freight rates fight, the public debt and question particularly affecting Prince Rupert. Financial affairs of the province came in for full explanation and, in dealing with them, the premier clearly proved the tight grip he is personally holding on the business of the government. Ald. Collart presided over the meeting and the hall was filled for the occasion. Despite the large attendance and the length of Mr. Oliver's discourse, he was given an attentive and courteous hearing interrupted only with resounding plaudits when he separated.

After expressing his pleasure at again being afforded the opportunity of addressing a Prince Rupert audience, the Premier referred to the recent visit and address of the leader of the opposition. "I notice that Mr. Bowser advised you to send to Victoria the very best man you had in order to assist him in the administration after the next election."

Study in Contrast
"That was good advice as far as it went but I would like you, however, to contrast the ability of the present Attorney General with that of Mr. Pooley."

"Before going any further I would like to remind you of what took place in 1906 or 1907 when the contract between the provincial government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway regarding the townsite of Prince Rupert was before the legislature for approval. I would like again to remind you of that agreement which tied up the whole of the waterfront of Prince Rupert providing only three points of contact between the streets of the city and the waterfront. I am sorry to say that we on the other side of the House at that time fought in vain for the future people of Prince Rupert in that connection. I would also like to remind you that the Conservative government of that time allowed the president of the provincial Conservative Association to get control of the city's water supply and that the city later had to pay \$15,000 to get access to its domestic supply."

Plenty of Assurance

"The leader of the opposition has certainly lost none of his old time assurance when he asks you to displace the present administration and return him to power. I do not wish to deal with public affairs in a spirit of rancor, bitterness or partisanship but I want to place before you how that former government administered your own affairs. I think you will agree with me that the government must stand on its own record and not on the misdeeds of its predecessors. There is no such thing as a perfect man or a perfect govern-

ment. In all lines of profession and business, a standard is struck not of perfection but of percentage performance. I think that it is only fair to take that view considering whether or not a body of men has been giving you a good government. No government is as good as it ought to be, I will admit, but, good or bad, the only way of contrasting them is one with the other.

"I cannot conceive how the people of British Columbia would defeat the present government to put in its place the Bowser administration with a record of 13 years of maladministration up to its deposition in 1916. "Now I will proceed to deal with some of the criticisms of Mr. Bowser and Mr. Pooley, dealing with Mr. Pooley, since he was the first to speak here."

Pooley's Qualifications
"Mr. Pooley told you that he was not a newcomer here but that he had been in this country 24 years ago. Mr. Bowser told you that he and his colleague were travelling at their own expense to acquire an intimate knowledge of the country in order to be fitted to take up the administration of its affairs after the next election. Since Mr. Pooley's last trip to these parts was 24 years ago I would suggest that he will have to travel even more extensively before he will be qualified to take up the duties of a cabinet minister."

"Mr. Pooley told you of a Liberal picnic that he had attended in the south. Then he tells you of a Conservative picnic that was attended by 8,000 persons. Mr. Bowser told you a story of two men who went home in a car in such a condition that neither knew which was driving the car. I would suggest that perhaps one of those men was Mr. Pooley who imagined he saw 8,000 people at the Conservative picnic. I cannot help if you believe these stories. This one is just as true as many others they tell."

Tax Sales

"Mr. Pooley tells you that the Liberal government borrowed \$15,000,000 to carry on the government which is not true. He also tells you that the government sells land of settlers who do not pay their taxes. He did not, however, tell you that it was the Conservative government that put such methods into effect. The present method of selling land for taxes, I will admit, is costly but it is my hope that tax sales will soon be a thing of the past."

"Mr. Pooley tells you that during the last years they were in power the Conservatives did not hold tax sales but allowed the taxes to accumulate. Why did they not sell the lands and allow them to go to someone whom they would benefit and who would benefit the province? The fact was that millions of acres of land in Northern and Central B.C. had been sold by them to their land speculator friends who were in arrears on taxes. It was they who benefited when the government refrained from holding tax sales. In this way they held away from legitimate settlers hundreds and thousands of



The Prince of Wales, who arrived in Canada in the early part of September and went to his ranch in Alberta, is here seen out for a canter on Bar U Range during his visit in 1919.

ATMOSPHERE IS CHANGED

Relations Between France and Britain Much Improved, Premier Baldwin Says

NORTHAMPTON, Sept. 27.—Premier Baldwin, speaking here today, declared that his conference with Premier Poincare of France last week had had the effect of restoring the former good relations between France and Britain. The atmosphere, which was restrained to a point where it had almost reached distrust between the two countries when the present British government came into office, had been changed, he said, into one of mutual confidence.

A. H. Living was a passenger for Massell on the steamer Prince Albert last evening.

Military Dictator is Put in Control so as to Forestal Fascisti

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—At a hurriedly called session of the German cabinet attended by General Von Zockl, chief of staff, an immediate proclamation of a state of emergency throughout Germany was decided upon and Minister of Defence Guesler has been given the executive authority to put into effect, by military or police, any measures that may be deemed warranted. This action is construed in London, Paris and other quarters as virtually placing Germany in the hands of a military dictator.

The action of the German government was taken just as the appointment of Dr. Van Kahr as military dictator of Bavaria was received and the proclamation is intended as an offset to the Bavarian manifesto. Great nervousness prevails in Munich as it is generally believed there that Adolf Hitler, the leader of the Bavarian Fascisti, favoring separation from Germany, thinks the time has come for that action and that he intends to turn loose the force which he commands. If he does it is feared that the movement will not be confined only to Bavaria. It is suggested that it is probably with this in mind that President Eberl has issued the decree imposing a state of emergency throughout Germany.

The naming of Dr. Van Kahr as military dictator in Bavaria with dictatorial powers is regarded here with anxiety being considered such an extreme measure as to prove the situation in Bavaria is serious and that the Bavarian government has decided to use every means available to nip in the bud any attempted coup by the Bavarian

Sockeye Salmon Seem to have Deserted Upper Reaches of the Fraser River says J. P. Babcock

VICTORIA, Sept. 27.—That he was unable to find any spawning sockeye in any section of the upper Fraser River system is the statement of John P. Babcock, assistant commissioner of fisheries, who has just returned to Victoria after an inspection trip to the interior and whose preliminary report was made public today. Mr. Babcock states:

"I could find no spawning sockeye in any section of the upper Fraser. No sockeye have been seen by any resident at Quesnel dam or on Horsefly river, the principal spawning tributary of Seton Lake this year. The only bright spot is the Birkenhead River at the head of Harrison and Lillooet lakes section where the Dominion Government owns a hatchery. The run to that section so far this year compares favorably with that of recent years. There is every prospect of filling the hatchery to its capacity of 30,000,000 eggs. In recent years more than 50 per cent of all sockeye eggs for the hatcheries of the Fraser have been taken from the Birkenhead. The number of sockeye that appeared at Hells Gate canyon this year is reported to have been much less than in former years. The number of spring salmon taken there this year compares favorably with recent years. Indians fishing with dip nets at Hells Gate caught spring salmon and not to exceed one hundred sockeye this year."

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.
BULL HARBOR — Overcast; fresh southeast wind; barometer, 30.05; temperature, 50; sea moderate; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Admiral Rodman off Swanson Bay northbound.
DEAD TREE POINT — Rain; fresh southeast wind; barometer, 29.72; temperature, 52; sea rough.
DIGBY ISLAND — Rain; strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.79; temperature 49; sea rough; 7:30 a.m. spoke tug Cape Scott aboard White Rock bound for Powell River.

Noon
BULL HARBOR — Overcast; fresh southeast wind; barometer, 30.04; temperature, 50; sea moderate.
DEAD TREE POINT — Rain; strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.68; temperature, 53; sea rough.
DIGBY ISLAND — Rain; southeast gale; barometer, 29.70; temperature, 52; sea rough; noon spoke tug Lorne in Captain's Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gonzales and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Nichols returned by last night's train from Francois Lake where they have been for the past fortnight on a hunting and camping trip.

CO-OPERATION OF TWO CLUBS

President of Rotary Told Gyros Last Night of Opportunities For Community Service

Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant was the speaker at the Gyro Club luncheon in the St. Regis Cafe last night. He dealt with the aims and objects of service clubs and suggested that much good might be done in this city through combination of efforts by the Rotary and Gyro Clubs. Especially was there a great field of endeavor open in connection with the improvement of conditions for boys in the city.

"Gyro should not be an opponent to Rotary but should be an assistance," declared Dr. Grant. "If there is anything to be done for the benefit of Prince Rupert the two clubs should combine to put it over. Great opportunities present themselves here for the clubs to lay the foundations of a great city and country peopled by men, the boys of today, who will be a credit to the community and the nation."

Internal club matters were also discussed by Dr. Grant. Harold McEwen, in the course of the program, gave a French-Canadian recitation, "Baptiste Trodeau."

Guests of the club were Dr. Grant, Dr. W. T. Kergin, A. W. Edge, John Currie, George V. Wilkinson and S. E. Parker. Vice-president S. K. Campbell was in the chair in the absence of President Milton Gonzales.

C.N.R. PASSENGER OFFICIALS IN CITY

Arriving From Jasper Park This Afternoon After Attending Conference

R. F. McNaughton, C.N.R. district passenger agent, will return by this afternoon's train from Jasper Park where he has been attending a conference of Pacific Coast passenger department representatives. Arriving with Mr. McNaughton will be several other officers of this department who will continue south on the steamer Prince Rupert this evening to their respective posts after attending the meeting. Among them will be W. F. Barry, general agent, passenger department, San Francisco; J. F. McGuire, general agent, passenger department, Seattle; A. B. Holm, city passenger agent, Portland, Oregon; Fred Yates, city passenger agent, Seattle; and Messrs. Evans, Spence and McDonald.

LADY JOURNALISTS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

VANCOUVER, Sept. 27.—Miss Kenneth Haig of Winnipeg was elected president for the next three years of the Canadian Women's Club at the closing of the convention here today. Mrs. Isabel Ecclestone McKay of Vancouver is the vice-president for British Columbia.

The inquest on the body of the unknown woman which was picked up and brought here was further adjourned today by Coroner Gale in order that the police may secure more complete information.

Walter Smith of the C.N.R. city ticket office is leaving by tomorrow night's train on a three weeks' holiday trip to Winnipeg and intermediate points.