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DANGER OF BREAK WITH FRANCE IS PAST

TWO FISHERMEN LOSE LIVES NORTHERN HALIBUT BANKS; NAMES UNKNOWN

Danger of Break With France is Passed it is Said and an Arrangement seems most likely

PARIS, Nov. 20.—After six days' negotiations the ambassador's council of the allied nations hit on a compromise formula dealing with Germany which at least postpones the break in the allied front.

Feeling here today is just as optimistic as it was pessimistic yesterday for the agreement to send a note to Germany has been endorsed by French and Belgian cabinets and judging from the tone of London will be endorsed by the British.

It is believed the note will demand that all military control officers be allowed to function under adequate protection.

OIL GUSHER IN ALBERTA CAUSE OF EXCITEMENT

Boom is on at Edmonton and Country to West of That Town

EDMONTON, Nov. 20.—A gusher has been brought in near Wainwright by British Petroleum Limited, with a flow of brown oil estimated at 100 barrels a day. Thousands of people from this city have been out to see the well. When uncapped the force of gas throws the liquid seventy feet into the air.

The Edmonton Bulletin, speaking of the new well states that it has the largest output of any well in Canada, the one at Fort Norman coming next.

This gusher is almost the sole topic of conversation here. Already the whole country around has been staked and companies to bore new wells are springing up overnight. There is an oil boom on here.

VIOLINIST IS LOST SEATTLE

Police and Others Fail to Find Trace of Sixteen Year Old Pantages Performer

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—Despite a search of the northwest by police, theatrical agencies and others, no trace has been found of sixteen year old, Marguerite Hessler, violinist, appearing on Pantages circuit, who disappeared in Seattle Sunday night.

ESLING'S INQUIRY INTO P.G.E. FAILS START YESTERDAY

VICTORIA, Nov. 20.—W. K. Esling's own private inquiry into the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway could not begin yesterday because officials of the railway department refused to recognize his auditor, B. L. Robertson, because Robertson was not a chartered accountant.

GAUL OF SMITHERS WILL MANAGE MINE

John B. Turner, field engineer for J. E. Duthie of Seattle in his interior mining interests, arrived in the city last night from Fiddler Creek where development work is starting on the Knass property recently purchased by Mr. Duthie. As soon as preliminaries are completed, Alfred Gaul of Smithers will take charge of the work.

Legislative Library, Parliament Buildings, Mar. 31, 24

FIFTH AVENUE EAST GRADING

Council Discusses Project at Length and Differences of Opinion Arise

FINALLY AGREE

Tenders to be Called for November 29 and Work Will Proceed this Year

Some rather pointed discussion was indulged in by the city fathers last evening before they unanimously decided to call for tenders for the Fifth Avenue East road building program. The Board of Works presented a report recommending that tenders be called separately for the work of moving the present plank roadway, grading and laying the plank mattress and for the crushing, delivering, spreading and rolling of local rock. Subsequent to the committee deciding on this method of proceeding with the work, Ald. Perry had come to the conclusion that it would be to better advantage if tenders were called for the whole job instead of the two sections separately. He asked that the report be amended to permit of this procedure. After lengthy discussion in which many aspects of the case were referred to, the suggestion was adopted. The Board of Works had also recommended that tenders close on Monday next but the view of Alderman Stephens and Ald. Collart that this time was too short was accepted and it was decided to extend the date to Thursday, November 29. Ald. Stephens' view on the project as a whole was that the season was too far advanced to commence the work at all this year and that by doing so inconvenience and additional expense would be occasioned. This view, however, was not taken by other members of the council and, lacking support, Ald. Stephens did not press the point.

At the outset, Mayor Newton inquired of the acting city clerk (continued on page two)

INQUIRY INTO POLICE INTIMIDATION INQUIRY IS PROCEEDING TODAY

VICTORIA, Nov. 20.—Commissioner J. P. Smith, K.C., who is conducting the inquiry into charges laid against three Vancouver mounted police detectives of intimidation in connection with drug cases, ruled that the cases must proceed today.

Hon. A. M. Manson applied for postponement until the higher courts had dealt with the appeal against the police court sentences of the drug charges, but Smith overruled this and the case goes on today.

RAILWAY BOYS REPAY KINDNESS OF WIDOW USK SECTION FOREMAN

Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, widow of the late section foreman at Usk, who died last August, is now comfortably established with her family of four children in a four room bungalow which was built for her following the collection that was raised from among the maintenance of way employees of the Canadian National Railways. She moved in last Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. O'Brien has always been a great friend of the railway boys who were more than pleased to make return for her many kindnesses in her hour of need.

G. S. Fitzmaurice was stricken last night with a sudden and severe attack of asthma and was admitted to the hospital. He had planned on sailing by the Prince John for Tl-ell.

VANCOUVER WINS BY GOOD MARGIN IN HOCKEY SERIES

VANCOUVER, Nov. 20.—In the Pacific Coast hockey series Vancouver last night put it all over Victoria and won by a score of seven to one.

VALIDATING BILL ALMOST THROUGH

City Solicitor E. F. Jones Expects to be Home Next Saturday

City Solicitor E. F. Jones wires from Victoria to Acting City Clerk D. J. Matheson stating that the city of Prince Rupert's validating bill for downtown street surfacing local improvement bylaw is now in committee of the whole before the legislature and will probably get through Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Jones expects to return to the city next Saturday.

KING AND QUEEN KISSED POPE'S TOE

Alphonso and Spouse Attend Special Court at Rome and Renew Ancient Ceremony

ROME, Nov. 20.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain with much pomp and splendor attended a special court of the Pope in the Vatican and renewed the ancient ceremony of kissing the pontiff's toe and ring in token of fealty.

Kaien Island Road and also to Salt Lakes Will be Undertaken says Member for the District

"I have seen Hon. Mr. Pattullo, Hon. Mr. Manson, all the Liberals and Independents and most of the Conservative members and the most of them seem sympathetic."

"Mr. Pattullo promises that the work will commence in due course and states that provision need not be included in this year's estimates as the cost may be taken from the main road vote."

"Mr. Pattullo also says that he has made arrangements to take care of the Salt Lakes."

The foregoing night letter from E. F. Jones, city clerk, with regard to the Kaien Island road situation, was received at last night's council meeting.

Ald. Collart explained that the reference to Salt Lakes was in regard to the improvement of the road leading into it.

The citizens' petition for the Kaien Island road, which now has 700 signatures, will shortly be forwarded to Victoria. It is expected the total of signatures will reach over the 1,000 figure.

DEBAUCHED WITH DRUGS

At Alaska Canneries Chinese Employ Whites and Turn Them Out Destitute

HUGE MAJORITY FOR GOVERNMENT

Manson's Police Re-organization Endorsed by Legislature With Little Opposition

VICTORIA, Nov. 20.—The first division of the Legislature was recorded yesterday when the Legislature supported Hon. A. M. Manson's bill regulating the provincial police and jails. The government got a huge majority on this vote, the division showing 27 to 14 in favor of Manson's scheme.

Among those who opposed the measure was Thomas Uphill, the labor member for Fernie, who voted with the opposition.

TRANS-PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY NEXT SPRING

VICTORIA, Nov. 20.—Without deciding what route will be followed Hon. W. H. Sutherland said the completion of the trans-provincial highway will definitely be undertaken next spring.

LUMBER MILL AT CHEMAINUS IS DESTROYED

Steady Shipping Plant With Output Close to Quarter Million Burns

VICTORIA, Nov. 20.—The Chemainus Mill of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co. was destroyed by fire yesterday, the loss being estimated at half a million dollars.

The town of Chemainus is left without light as a result of the fire.

The plant at Chemainus is the third largest in the province and is engaged chiefly in manufacturing lumber for export. It has been in operation many years and had a steady output of close to quarter of million feet a day. It is on a sheltered bay where deep sea vessels find good anchorage and tie at the docks from which they load.

The town, with a population of several hundred, is almost wholly dependent on the mill for its existence.

Two More Fishermen Lose Lives on Halibut Banks During Storm Members of Crew of Thelma 1

The storm of November 15 on the halibut banks has claimed as its victims two more well known fishermen of this port in the persons of members of the crew of the Canadian schooner Thelma No. 1, definite identity of whom has not yet been established, according to a telegram received last night by John Dybhavn, manager of the Royal Fish Co., from John C. McBride, collector of customs.

The telegram, which up to 11 o'clock this morning, had been the only advice of the tragedy to reach the city, reads as follows:

"Halibut schooner Norland arriving here this morning from Yakutat reports that the Thelma lost two of her crew in a storm on November 15. Unable to ascertain names. The Thelma is injured but expects to leave Yakutat for Prince Rupert in a few days."

The Thelma is owned and commanded by Capt. George Fritz, 510 Sixth Avenue West, Prince Rupert and the members of the crew, all unmarried men, are Tim Miller, Tow Wilson, Ace Allen and Spence Allen. Which of the men were lost is not known but it is assumed from the reading of the telegram that Capt. Fritz is safe.

Mr. Dybhavn, immediately on receipt of the telegram from Mr. McBride, despatched a wire to a friend in Juneau last night seeking further information. A reply, expected today, had not been received at 11 o'clock this morning.

ASKS EMBARGO ON LUMBER NOT MANUFACTURED

Motion Before Legislature to Petition Ottawa in Regard to Matter

VICTORIA, Nov. 20.—In the legislature yesterday the question of preventing the export of unmanufactured lumber was discussed and the debate will be continued by Hon. T. D. Pattullo who moved the adjournment of the debate.

A motion was brought before the legislature dealing with the matter by Kenneth Duncan, the independent member for Cowichan, and seconded by Rev. Thomas Menzies, independent member for Comox. It asks that the Legislature petition the federal government to impose a heavy duty on unmanufactured British Columbia lumber going out of Canada.

VANCOUVER SELLS COAL TO CITIZENS

buys for \$9 a Long Ton and adds Necessary Charges to Costs

VANCOUVER, Nov. 20.—The Vancouver city council at its regular meeting last night instructed the city comptroller to sell coal to city consumers.

The city purchasing agent said that the city was buying Vancouver Island coal at \$9 a long ton of 2,240 lbs., that forty cents would be needed to pay for sacking and \$1.50 for delivering.

WRIGLEY LOSES AND IS ASSESSED A VERY LARGE DAMAGE BILL

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—The William Wrigley Jr. Company, manufacturers of Wrigley's Doublemint have been ordered to pay damages for infringement of copyright in the amount of \$3,748,000. This is the result of five years of litigation. However, the fight is still going on and the courts are to get a lot more pickings before the end.

The latest decision is by the Master in Chancery.

BRIGHOUSE RACE TRACK GRAND STAND DESTROYED BY FIRE

VANCOUVER, Nov. 20.—The grandstand at Brighouse race track on Lulu Island was destroyed by fire last night. It was built this summer at a cost of \$40,000 to replace one burned down a year ago. The loss of \$40,000 is covered by insurance.

PREACHER DIES

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Rev John Clifford, Baptist preacher of international prominence, died suddenly today aged 87.

HALIBUT PACT AGAIN TO FORE

Will be Re-submitted to U.S. Senate in Effort to Secure Ratification

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The halibut fisheries treaty between Canada and the United States is to be re-submitted to the Senate. The treaty was ratified by the U.S. Senate in March last but with the proviso making it applicable to all British nationals. As it was negotiated by Canada and dealt with matters of purely Canadian interest this provision made its application impossible.

It is understood when it is re-submitted an attempt will be made to secure ratification in the form in which it was signed.

LITTLE SUPPORT FOR BEER SALE IN ALBERTA

EDMONTON, Nov. 20.—While the count of votes had not concluded at the week end here, the bulk of the work in the referendum had been done with the following results:

Prohibition, 63,601.
Licensed sale of beer, 3,817.
Government sale of beer, 3,123.

Government control of all liquors, 91,061.

IRISH HUNGER STRIKER DIES FROM FASTING

DUBLIN, Nov. 20.—The first death of a hunger striker under the Free State regime occurred today when Denis Barry succumbed to a self-imposed fast of 34 days without food.

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