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SENSATIONAL TURN IN RAILWAY INQUIRY

COMMONER TO ASSUME POST OF DIGNITY HELD FOR CENTURIES BY NOBILITY

Star Witness in P.G.E. Probe Admits Trying to Sell Copies Railway Documents for $5,000

Rossiter now in pay of Provincial Party at $250 a month produces check signed by Anderson and Whiteside

VICTORIA, March 13.—E. J. Rossiter, former railway department accountant, and star witness of the Provincial Party, admitted to Mr. Justice Galliher in the Pacific Great Eastern probe that he is in the regular pay of the Provincial Party and that he had offered to sell copies of the government railway documents to the Conservative Party for $5,000. Rossiter said he told the Provincial Party leaders when he handed railway documents to them they would have to "find him a position until the election." This the Provincial Party had done, he added. He was being paid $250 a month now, he stated, which was $75 a month more than he had been receiving from the railway department. He produced one of his checks from the Provincial Party signed by Ashworth Anderson and A. M. Whiteside and drawn on the Union Bank.

Rossiter admitted further that he also received from the party a promise of a permanent position if the party was returned to power at the next election, but the position was not stated and the salary he was to receive was not fixed.

Witness told the commissioner frankly how he agreed to sell to the Conservatives for $5,000 papers copied from the original documents on the railway department files. This deal, however, had come to nothing, he said, and he had not received a cent for the papers in the end, either from Conservatives or the Provincial Party.

OLD COUNTRY GAMES PLAYED

Cup Ties and League Matches Leading to Finals at Wembley Park Stadium

LONDON, March 13.—In the fourth round on the cup ties under the English Football Association two replay games took place yesterday, resulting in a victory for Manchester city over Cardiff by 1 goal to 0, and a win for Burnley over Swindon 3 to 1. While this series is drawing to a close, the finals will not be played for some time and will take place at the British Empire Exhibition stadium, Wembley park.

Other football league games played yesterday were:

English League, Div. I.

West Bromwich Albion 0, Chelsea 0.
Aston Villa 2, Arsenal 1.
Bolton 4, Liverpool 1.

Second Division

Bradford City 0, Clapton Orient 0.

Northern Section

Wrexham 2, Lincoln 1.

Scottish League, Div. 1.

Hamilton 3, Aberdeen 0.
Falkirk 4, Third Lanark 1.

EXAMINE LAND STUART LAKE

Representatives of Dutch Emigration Will Probably Come to B.C. Shortly

VICTORIA, March 13.—To examine lands in the Stuart Lake district of Northern British Columbia in preparation for the establishment of Dutch farmers there, representatives of the Dutch emigration organization will probably come to British Columbia shortly.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, cabled the Dutch organization yesterday, assuring them of his department's co-operation with its representatives in the selecting of lands suitable for colonization.

10,000 FINLANDERS COMING TO CANADA

PORT ARTHUR, March 13.—Eric Korte, Finnish Consular agent, states that approximately 10,000 Finlanders will emigrate to Canada this summer.

HOCKEY SCORES

Calgary 6, Vancouver 3.

SIR EDMUND WALKER READS JIGGS STRIP

Sir Edmund Walker, who, in addition to being president of one of the principal Canadian Banks, has exerted a great influence in the development of Canadian art in various forms, stated in a recent address that there was no part of his newspaper that he more eagerly scanned than the Jiggs strip.

SETBACK FOR GOVERNMENT

Macdonald Administration Gets Adverse Vote on Minor Question

LONDON, March 13.—The Macdonald Labor government received a setback in the House of Commons today when a proposal of J. R. Clynes, deputy leader of the House, for suspension of the 11 o'clock adjournment rule to discuss army estimates was defeated by a vote of 234 to 207. The government, however, does not consider the defeat a vital one.

EDMONTON IS GETTING LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT

EDMONTON, March 13.—There will be no share of the provincial automobile tax for the city this year. Neither will there be an addition made to the gasoline tax by the province for the benefit of the cities of the province, nor is the city to be permitted to levy an income tax from its citizens.

These were points that were made clear to a delegation consisting of almost the entire city council and Commissioner Yorath by Premier Greenfield and members of the provincial cabinet at the parliament buildings.

The ministers restated their willingness to support applications from the city for amendments to the charter permitting the city broadening its base of taxation by applying a local automobile tax, a service tax and a rental tax. Beyond that they would not consider the proposals from the city's representatives.

WIRELESS TO KEEP IN TOUCH BRITISH FLIERS

VANCOUVER, Mar. 13.—When the British round the world fliers reach Japan, if they get that far, they will be picked up by the new radio station at Jericho Beach, being erected by the Royal Canadian Engineers for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The masts are up and the equipment is expected next month. One of the duties of this station will be to tune into the British Amphibian messages and keep track of her movements.

FISH ARRIVALS

A total of 118,890 lbs. of halibut and 260 lbs. of red spring salmon sold on the Fish Exchange this morning. Four American boats arrived with 101,500 lbs. and six Canadians with 17,390 lbs. of halibut. The arrivals were:

American

President, 42,000 lbs., at 14.8c and 8c, to the Allin Fisheries.

Kenatak, 45,000 lbs., at 15c and 8c, to the Pacific Fisheries.

Valorous, 10,000 lbs., at 15.2c and 8c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Wabash, 4,500 lbs., at 15c and 8c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Canadian

Westerner, 1,800 lbs., at 13.5c and 8c; Iris, 1,000 lbs., at 13.1c and 8c, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Agnes B., 2,500 lbs., at 13.6c and 8c; Scrub, 7,000 lbs., at 13.7c and 8c; Minnie V., 5,000 lbs., at 13.6c and 8c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Taplow, 260 lbs. red spring salmon, at 17.5c; and 90 lbs. of halibut, at 13c and 8c, to the Royal Fish Co.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

KETCHIKAN, March 13.—The members of the Barnes Psychology club met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Young. More than twenty men and women were present and all were enthusiastic over the possibilities of the good to be accomplished through the organization and maintenance of a psychology club and therefore they proceeded with the organization.

BOWSER STILL ON TOP

In spite of the hounding W. J. got from his own party and the breaking away of a prominent section under the name of the Provincial Party, the Conservative leader still heads the pack.

Socialist Miner Represents King at Holyrood Palace for General Assembly of Church

LONDON, March 13, By the appointment of a commoner, John Brown, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which is pending, a socialist member of parliament and a former miner, whose wife was a mill girl, will succeed to the post proudly held by members of the Scottish nobility for the past 250 years.

It is the duty of the commissioner to act as representative of the King during the General Assembly. The commissioner has his residence in the famous Holyrood Palace and for a few weeks each year keeps Royal state there.

Brown says he intends to abate nothing of the ancient dignities. His wife will be styled "Her Grace."

House of Lords Would Place Tax on Betting in Britain but Government Not Agreeable

LONDON, March 13.—The House of Lords yesterday carried a motion on a vote of 57 to 15 to the effect that the taxation of betting is desirable and practicable.

Lord Newton in moving the resolution said there was no harm in betting in moderation and the system of licensing would diminish it.

Lord Arnold, under secretary for the colonies, agreed that betting had become a great evil. He disagreed that taxation would diminish betting suggesting that rather it would provide better facilities for it. It was not a business proposition for the government to set up a machine against strong moral opposition to obtain only about £3,500,000 a year from the proposed taxes.

FRANCE GETS A HUGE LOAN

Arranges with U.S. Financiers for Credit of Not Less Than $100,000,000

NEW YORK, March 13.—The establishment of a banking credit of not less than $100,000,000 in favor of the Bank of France has been arranged by an American banking group headed by J. P. Morgan Co. The loan is fully secured by gold held in the vaults of the Bank of France and is to be used to stabilize French exchange and for other purposes.

The loan it is understood will run for not more than a year and the interest is low in view of the excellent security.

REDUCTION MADE NAVY ESTIMATES

LONDON, March 13.—Great Britain's navy estimates for 1924-25 as given out in a statement by Viscount Chelmsford, first lord of the admiralty, amount to £55,800,000 or a reduction of £2,200,000 as compared with the estimates for the present year.

Announcement is made by the department of agriculture that the annual fair at Houston will be held on September 13. The Prince Rupert exhibition closes on that day.

McBride Declares Himself in Favor Building Elevator at Prince Rupert by Government

Thomas G. McBride, member for Cariboo in the Dominion House of Commons, declares that he will support Prince Rupert's claim for recognition as a grain port and the building of an elevator here. In writing to Secretary John Blue of the Edmonton Board of Trade acknowledging receipt of a resolution passed by them recently urging the erection of an elevator here, Mr. McBride says:

"In reply to your letter of February 18, which referred to Prince Rupert as an outlet for grain from the prairies, would say that I fully appreciate the stand you are taking.

"While my interests personally are in Vancouver, I have always been of the opinion that Prince Rupert should get a share of the trade at least. Indeed, as I see it, Vancouver will have more than she can handle for many years to come. Why then, hold a seaport like Prince Rupert back?

"I have taken up this question in Vancouver and a number of citizens there do not understand why I should not boost for Vancouver all the time, and while I know that Vancouver is destined to be one of the largest, if not the largest port, on the Pacific coast, I also know that there are other places along the coast that the sun shines on as well as Vancouver, and should get at least fair consideration.

"If the question of building an elevator comes up in the house during the coming session, which I expect it will, you may rest assured that it will have my support.

"THOS. G. McBRIDE."

Mr. McBride is a member of the Progressive group but has supported the Liberals on most occasions.

PRINCE RUPERT IS GOING TO VANCOUVER

Vessel Will go to Yarrows for Bottom Repairs—Machinery Work at Vancouver

C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert is to be taken south at the first of the week to complete overhaul. The vessel has been in dock here for the past week and her tailshafts have been drawn for inspection by Albert Farrow, steamboat inspector, who arrived from the south yesterday.

Owing to the fact that the local yards will be busy with the Canadian Scottish, repairs to the bottom of the Prince Rupert necessitated by a stranding near Ocean Falls last fall will be executed at Yarrows, Victoria. Certain engine parts are to be replaced and this will be done at Vancouver by company men. Woodwork painting will also be done there.

The Prince Rupert will remain at Vancouver until she resumes service in April.

JACK TAYLOR WINS WRESTLING BOUT

EDMONTON, March 13.—Jack Taylor, Canadian heavyweight wrestling champion, defeated Dan Koloff, Bulgarian champion, in two out of three falls.

W. C. Orchard, C.P.R. general agent, is advised that the Canadian government will pay at the Canadian port of landing a cash bonus of $15 per adult and $7.50 per child paying half fare to every third class Atlantic steamship passenger of British or Irish nationality who is a bona-fide immigrant to Canada and who passes Canadian immigration inspection.

LABOR AIMS AND IDEALS

Premier Macdonald Addresses Annual Meeting of British Parliamentary Association

LONDON, March 13.—"I suppose the British Empire was one of the fabrics which in some people's opinion would be the first to fall asunder on the advent of a Labor government," declared Premier Macdonald at the annual meeting of the Parliamentary Association. "The real fact is," the Premier continued, "that we are anxious to make the country so big and influential in the best sense of the term that great Dominions will feel proud of being associated with us."

The premier urged that only by constant personal contact could the various governments of the Empire maintain harmony.

TO CONFISCATE BRITISH SHIP

Raid on Narcotic and Drug Carrying Vessel Results in Such Demand Being Made

NEW YORK, March 13.—Government confiscation of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.'s passenger ship Orduna is demanded today in a libel suit filed in the federal court by the United States district attorney's staff as a result of a narcotic and liquor raid made aboard the vessel yesterday when drugs and liquor valued at $16,000 were seized and several members of the crew arrested.

REICHSTAG DISSOLVED

President Ebert Takes Action Following Activities of Socialists

BERLIN, March 13.—President Ebert today dissolved the Reichstag, the action being a consequence of the determination of the Socialists to insist on revision of special emergency ordinances promulgated by the government notably tax regulations.

MCGRATH STAYS WITH IRISH GOVERNMENT

DUBLIN, March 13. — Joseph McGrath, minister of industry and commerce, has withdrawn his resignation, according to a despatch from Dublin.

A. D. Gillies, local manager of the Canadian National Express Co., returned by last night's train from a holiday trip to his old home in Montreal.