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CRERAR ATTACKED IN HOME BANK HEARING

ATTITUDE OF KETCHIKAN IN REGARD TO RUPERT CONDEMNED BY OPERATOR

Counsel for Crown is Heard in Argument at Ottawa Enquiry Today

OTTAWA, May 20.—"The depositors of the Home Bank have no legal claim against the crown. It is for parliament to decide if they have any claim on moral grounds."

This was the conclusion of Eugene Lefleur, government counsel, who today argued his case before the Home Bank commission.

An attack on Hon. T. A. Crerar, former leader of the Progressive Party and director of the bank from 1910 to 1918, featured the morning sitting. R. A. Reid, counsel for the shareholders, named Mr. Crerar as "one of the conspirators" in the history of the Home Bank and charged him with being a party to the issuance of false and fraudulent returns. He claimed that, when Mr. Crerar found from inside information that the bank was in serious danger, he sold his stock and got out when "the getting was good."

Big Suit Launched

TORONTO, May 20. — A suit for $5,000,000 was launched today by the liquidators of the Home Bank against nine former directors of the bank, seven of whom are facing criminal charges, together with M. J. Haney, former president, and J. O. O'Brien who was a director from 1917 to 1920.

The damages are sought "for losses sustained by the bank and its shareholders by reason of the misconduct and negligence of the defendants."

NEW CRUISER ON TRIAL RUN

Vanidis Undergoing Tests Today —Rividis Was Launched This Morning

The Vanidis, first of the deisel power boats built at the local dry dock for the department of marine and fisheries, is out on her official trial runs this afternoon with J. W. Allen, supervising engineer for the department in charge. The vessel will make a six hours' continuous run and will probably go as far as Porcher Island. The dock trials, which have already been made, proved satisfactory.

The Vanidis is now all ready for commission and will be delivered to the department Thursday to enter service from Vancouver Island. Mr. Allen will go south aboard her.

The Rividis, second of the cruisers built here, was launched at the dry dock at 2 o'clock this morning, everything going off smoothly. She will have her trials in about two weeks.

AGREED UPON REPARATIONS

Premiers of Italy and Belgium Stand for Intermediate Adoption of Dawes Report

MILAN, May 20.—A meeting between Premier Mussolini of Italy and Premier Theunis of Belgium was satisfactorily concluded on Monday when the representatives of both nations agreed that the Dawes reparations report should be applied without delay and that an inter-allied conference on the matter was advisable as soon as preliminary discussions were sufficiently advanced.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE PASSED ON "SMILING" REID, BANK ROBBER

Let Off Light Because He Assisted Authorities in Recovering Lost Funds

VANCOUVER, May 20.—"Smiling" Johnny Reid, who pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to rob the Ladner branch of the Royal Bank on March 28, 1922, has been given two years' suspended sentence. He received a similar sentence at Lethbridge recently but was instrumental, however, in the authorities recovering approximately $90,000 in bonds and securities. Therefore he was given suspended sentence.



Dr. W. A. Kennedy, administrator of the Save the Children Fund in Greece, has sent the above photograph, showing the arrival of thousands of sacks of flour from the Toronto committee, to which other parts of Ontario contributed.

BILL PASSES OVER VETO

Soldiers' Bonus Statute Becomes Law in United States—Senate Approves

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Soldier Bonus Bill was passed by the Senate over the veto of President Coolidge and became law yesterday. The cost is estimated at between two and four billion dollars. The bill provides $50 cash for certain service men and paid up twentyyear endowment insurance policies for others.

MANY VOTERS PUT ON LIST YESTERDAY

Office of Walter Gale, Registrar, Was Very Busy Place—100 More Names Registered

The office of Walter Gale, registrar of voters, was a very busy place yesterday when a court of revision being held offered the last chance for voters not already registered to get on the lists for the forthcoming provincial election and beer plebiscite. Mr. Gale reported this morning that about 100 new names had been put on and the telephone was busy almost constantly with queries.

Mr. Gale has not only to look after the lists for Prince Rupert constituency but also for Mackenzie.

APPEAL COURT JUDGE PASSES

Death of Mr. Justice Eberts Occurred in Victoria Today From Meningitis

VICTORIA, May 20.—Mr. Justice Eberts of the Appeal Court died here today.

He had been in indifferent health for some time but went about as usual until Friday when he was rushed to the hospital where he was found to be suffering from meningitis.

The late Mr. Justice Eberts was 74 years of age and a native of Chatham, Ontario. He is survived by a widow, one son and three daughters.

He was a former speaker of the provincial legislature under Premier Sir Richard McBride.

U. S. FLYERS ON HONDO ISLAND

MINATO, Japan, May 20.—The three United States round-the-world flying machines arrived here today from Hitokapu Bay. The hop of about 450 miles was off the Kuriles and over Yezo Island. This point is on the north of the main Island of the Japanese group, Hondo. The next hop of the fliers will be to Tokio.

FRENCH FLYER IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, May 21.—After a delay of two days, Captain Layafette Doisy, the French aviator, arrived here today from Canton. His next hop will be across the Yellow Sea to the southern island of Japan on his flight from Paris to Tokio.

EQUIPMENT FOR MINE AT STEWART COMING

Preparations Being Made for Work to Commence This Summer on Eldorado

Equipment for the Eldorado mine in the Salmon River valley will be shipped from Vancouver this week and, as soon as it has been set up, development work will commence. The machinery to be sent north will include a standard compressor. Ore cars and rails are already at the mine and permanent buildings have been erected. Thomas V. Wilson, mining engineer of Seattle, will be in charge of the work to be carried out.

TROLLEY CARS HAVE COLLISON: SEVEN KILLED, MANY HURT

ROANOKE, West Virginia, May 20.—Seven were killed and about thirty were injured when two passenger cars of the Indiana Traction Co. collided last night.

BIRTH

A son was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on May 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris, Hays Cove Circle.

MINISTER OF MARINE ORDERS NEW HEARING

Canadian Scottish Case In Which Skipper Lost His Papers is to be Reopened

An application of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild has resulted in a new hearing of the case of stranding of the Canadian Scottish being ordered by the minister of marine. The Scottish was wrecked outside of Prince Rupert harbor on March 3 and, in an enquiry following, Capt. Harris, master of the ship, was found guilty of negligence and his papers were temporarily suspended. The pilot, Capt. A. Brown, was not punished. The ground taken by the Canadian Merchant Service Guild in applying for a new hearing was that Capt. Harris had acted properly in turning his ship over to Capt. Brown and was not responsible for the accident.

Capt. C. Eaddie, examiners of masters and mates, has been appointed commissioner for the new hearing. He will have two associates whose names will be announced later.

NATIVE WOMAN OF METLAKATLA DIES

Mrs. Fred A. Parker Passed Away Yesterday After Brief Illness—Funeral Thursday

Mrs. Margaret L. Parker, wife of Fred A. Parker, passed away at Metlakatla yesterday after a brief illness.

She is survived by a widower, little daughter, five brothers and her parents. She was 24 years of age having been born in Metlakatla on June 5, 1899.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at Metlakatla.

FIVE YEARS; TEN LASHES

Sentence Passed Today by Judge Young on G. Girone of Ocean Falls

Five years' imprisonment at the New Westminster Penitentiary and ten lashes was the sentence handed out this morning by Judge Young to G. Girone of Ocean Falls, found guilty of criminal assault on a little girl of very tender years. The prisoner will be taken south on Thursday night.

The case has been in progress for several days, being held in camera. E. F. Jones prosecuted and L. W. Patmore defended. There were about a dozen witnesses from Ocean Falls.

JAP DIPLOMAT MAY NOW QUIT

Resignation of U.S. Ambassador to Japan Accepted—Counter Move Likely

TOKIO, May 20. — Ambassador Hanihara to the United States may be permitted to resign his Washington post shortly, Foreign Minister Matsui told newspapermen today.

WASHINGTON, May 20—President Coolidge today accepted the resignation of U.S. Ambassador Woods to Japan.

TOM CLARKE IS NEW ASSISTANT FORESTER

Succeeds P. Sharkey Who Has Resigned Position to go Ranching in Washington

T. A. Clarke, who has been junior forester in this district for some time, has been promoted to the position of assistant district forester to succeed P. Sharkey who has resigned that position to take up ranching in Washington. Mr. Clarke's many friends here will be pleased to learn of his advancement.

ARRIVES IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, May 20.—E. W. Beatty, president of the C.P.R. will arrive in the city tonight and is to leave for Victoria tomorrow morning.

Use of this Port Necessary to Best Interests of United States Boats, Hvatum States

In a letter to the Pacific Coast Fisherman, Capt. O. O. Hvatum, the well known skipper of the American halibut boat Scandia, emphatically states that the use of the port of Prince Rupert is necessary to the best interests of the American fishermen and condemns the attitude taken by certain Ketchikan interests in endeavoring to prohibit the use of this port in favor of theirs.

Capt. Hvatum's letter is as follows:—

"The writer has read with considerable interest an article contained in your February issue concerning the respective merits of handling fresh halibut direct from Prince Rupert, versus from Ketchikan via Prince Rupert.

"It states that Ketchikan interests estimate it costs the fisherman from ½c to 1c a pound more to land halibut at Prince Rupert than at Ketchikan. Reflection will clearly prove that this figure is ridiculous. It takes a halibut boat from 10 to 12 hours to run from Ketchikan to Prince Rupert, which means from 20 to 24 hours running time. A vessel which will pack an average of 50,000 pounds of halibut, would cost for fuel, lubricating oil, etc., to run this distance, about $50.00 or one-tenth of a cent per pound. Even though it cost the fishermen from ½c to 1c per pound, someone has to pay for the cost of operating the freighter from Prince Rupert to Ketchikan, and who else would it be but the fisherman?

Infeasible Method

"If the experiment attempted last June to transfer fresh fish from Ketchikan via Prince Rupert to Eastern American points was so successful, why did it not continue, and why is it that no further shipments have been made since last June? The reason is that while direct shipments may be made from Prince Rupert, shipments from Ketchikan via Prince Rupert are infeasible, as it is not economical to unload fish in Ketchikan, box it, return the boxes to the freight steamer, have the freight steamer sail for Prince Rupert with the hazards of the sea voyage, unload the boxes at Prince Rupert in freight cars—when all this can be done in one operation without intermediate deterioration in quality and hazards of a sea voyage.

"I assume that the informant of your article is really actuated by a patriotic desire to stimulate the trade of Alaska in suggesting that the fishermen should be prohibited from landing their trips at Prince Rupert. Ninety-nine American halibut fishermen out of a hundred fully realize what losses would accrue to them if the port of Prince Rupert were closed to American fishermen. The American fishermen would be the losers, and if the American fishermen lose, Alaska itself must also lose, as it is a well-known fact that practically all the money which the American fishermen receive in payment of their catches landed in Prince Rupert is spent in Alaska. It is contended by the strongest of arguments that were the American fishermen prevented from delivering their catches in Prince Rupert, the prices which they would receive would be very much lower and hence the amount of money circulated in Alaska by the American halibut fishermen would be correspondingly less. It is only the freedom of the market created by reason of the privilege extended by the Canadian govern-

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PLAIN MINER HOLDS HIGH POST TODAY

Presbyterian General Assembly in Scotland Opened by His Grace "Jamie" Brown

EDINBURGH, May 20.—Labor's Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland, His Grace "Jamie" Brown, today, as representative of King George, formally opened the General Assembly of the Scottish Presbyterian Churches. Later a levee was held at Holyrood Palace. There were present representatives of the leading municipalities and public bodies.

COMMUNISTS FOREGATHER

Big Convention to be Held in Grand Kremlin at Moscow on Friday

MOSCOW, May 20.—On Friday more than a thousand delegates representing every district of the Soviet Federation will assemble in the Grand Kremlin for the annual convention of the Communist party. The party leaders will endeavor to remove dissensions existing since the death of Premier Lenine. Matters for discussion include currency reform, the trade party's attitude toward the policy of the Third Internationale and the education of the Communist youth in the principles of Lenine.

FAMOUS WAR FIGURE DIES

Sir Edward Goschen Was Ambassador to Germany When War Broke Out

LONDON, May 20.—Sir Edward Goschen, the man to whom the former German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, is reputed to have characterized the Belgium neutrality treaty as "a scrap of paper" died at his home here today.

Sir Edward was a veteran of the British diplomatic service and was ambassador at Berlin when war was declared in 1914. He was born in 1847.

LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

Detroit 1, Boston 9.
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 4.
Only two games scheduled.
All American League games today are postponed on account of rain.

National League

New York 3, Pittsburg 6.
Other games postponed.