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## TEAPOT OIL SCANDAL WORRIES AMERICANS

### H. G. PERRY OF PRINCE GEORGE URGES BUILDING RAILWAY THROUGH B.C.

#### Refusal to Grant Lease to Secretary of Navy Ties up Alaskan Coal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Former Secretary Fall and Secretary Denby it was declared in a letter laid before President Coolidge by John Blaine, the Alaskan railroadman, had entered into negotiations in 1921 for the transfer and lease of the rich Matanuska coal reserves in Alaska along the same lines as was followed later in the Teapot Dome oil reserves. The Alaskan agreement was not executed, but Blaine said the navy had since refused to permit the use of Alaskan coal by the navy.

#### MOSES RETURNS FROM ARCTIC

Accompanied Sergeant Thorne to Herschell Island But Left Before Executions

DAWSON, Feb. 15.—The first news in months from Arctic coast points was received by Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Bishop Stringer of the Anglican Church when Peter Moses, an Indian, arrived at Crow River post on the Porcupine River from Herschell Island.

Moses was the guide for Sergeant Thorne, the mounted policeman from Fort Yukon, who went to Herschell Island early in the winter when Thorne crossed Alaska and Yukon territory with the death warrant of execution for the Eskimos condemned to death. Both arrived at Herschell Island after a hard trip. Moses, however, started back before the execution and had no word of it.

#### ROBBED BANK OF MONTREAL

Four Masked Men Locked Officials in Vault and Rifled Teller's Cage

MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—Cote de Neiges branch of the Bank of Montreal was held up by four masked bandits and robbed of \$2,000. The men entered the building just before closing time, marched the officials at the point of a revolver into the vault and locked them in and then collected all the cash in the teller's cage and made off.

#### BULKLEY FARMERS ARE DISCUSSING CONDITIONS

Meeting This Afternoon at Round Lake to Talk Marketing and Other Matters

TELKWA, Feb. 15.—This afternoon farmers of the Bulkley Valley and others having to do directly or indirectly with the farming industry are meeting at Round Lake Hall to consider ways and means of improving the condition of the farmers in the valley. One of the important subjects to be discussed will be the marketing of the product of the farm and it is possible that some co-operative plan will be formulated.

#### NEW DIRECTOR FOR CANADIAN NATIONAL

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—D. J. McDougal of Toronto has been appointed to the directorate of the C.N.R., succeeding R. P. Gough, the well known businessman.

**RAMSAY MACDONALD IS SUFFERING FROM NEURITIS AND TIRED**

LONDON, Feb. 15.—J. Ramsay Macdonald, labor Premier and secretary of state for foreign affairs in the British Government, is indisposed with an attack of neuritis, according to the newspapers. This is accompanied by insomnia, with the result that he is very tired. It is not suggested that his condition is in any way serious.

#### STEAMER AMUR IS STILL ON ROCKS

Salvage Boat Tees Arrived in Port From White Cliff Island For Supplies and Water

Pacific Salvage Co.'s steamer Tees, Capt. Hewison, came in at noon from White Cliff Island, bringing word that the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co.'s steamer Amur is still sitting on the rocks, attempts to float her having so far been unsuccessful. The work of lightening the Amur is continuing and, shortly after the Tees arrived, the Marmion came in towing a scow containing that portion of the Amur's cargo which has already been taken off. The Tees is here for supplies and water and will return to the Amur at once. It is now expected that the stranded vessel will be freed tomorrow on the high tide.

#### REFUSED ADMISSION TUTENKHAMEN'S TOMB

Written Order of Egyptian Government Shown Excavator by Chief of Police

LUXOR, Feb. 15.—Howard Carter presented himself at Tutenkhamen's tomb today and was refused admission by the chief of police, who presented a written order to that effect from the Egyptian government.

#### CREW OF SKANDIA GOT \$800 EACH ON RECENT LONG TRIP

The American fishing schooner Skandia, Capt. O. O. Ivaldum, a fifteen man boat, made a record for the largest gross stock of any individual vessel to arrive at the port of Prince Rupert when she unloaded 120,380 pounds of halibut on Tuesday morning. This was in addition to a considerable deck load which was discharged at Ketchikan on the trip south.

The total gross proceeds from the catch was approximately \$16,450. Deducing a fifth share for the boat and taking the expenses of the trip at \$1,160, this would leave a balance of \$12,000 to be divided between the crew of fifteen men or a total of \$800 per man. The catch was secured on the Portlock fishing banks and the vessel was away from port about four weeks.

#### FANATICS SURRENDER PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

MANILA, Feb. 15.—Nearly 300 fanatics, who had been causing trouble on Bucas Island have surrendered and the campaign against them is virtually ended.



"The count told me that if I had a million dollars he would like to marry me," said Betty Sherwood, New York modiste, in telling of her experiences with Count Ludwig von Hoogstraeten, who married the \$10,000,000 Rogers heiress.

#### Perry Urges Building of Railway to Peace River from a British Columbia Point Instead of Brule

Urging that Prince Rupert use its utmost endeavor to have the branch railway of the Canadian National built through British Columbia rather than from Brule through Alberta and presenting good reasons therefore, H. G. Perry, member of the Legislature for Fort George riding, yesterday addressed the Rotary Club of Prince Rupert most convincingly and eloquently. His great point was that by way of a railway from Peace River to Prince George and on to Prince Rupert grain could reach tidewater in 745 miles with a good water grade whereas to Vancouver by Brule the distance would be 812. By taking the B.C. route a good country would be developed and the haul would be an easy one and it would tap the centre of the Peace River Block of Dominion Government lands.

Mr. Perry is not insisting that the railway should come out by Prince George but that it take a route which will bring it out in British Columbia instead of Alberta and thus avoid the bad grades. The visitor opened by mentioning that Prince George and Prince Rupert were born and cradled at the same time of the same parents. They had gone through similar trials and in each city there was a large body of men that still had faith and confidence in regard to the future. They realized the wonderful resources of the country and realized that these must be developed.

**Vital to Rupert**  
The question of transportation, he claimed, was more vital to Prince Rupert even than to Prince George. The port was dependent largely on the development of central and northern B.C.

Here was a country in the Peace River rich in resources which had been known for 100 years but only since 1888 was it considered seriously. In that year the Senate instituted an inquiry into the possibilities of the country and surveyors went through with a view to locating a railway. If the G.P.R. had decided to come this way he opined that the country would have been thickly populated years ago. Professor Dawson had reported that there were 15,000,000 acres of land in the district that could be cultivated and this would produce 400,000,000 bushels of grain each year. It was found later that this estimate was low. There were also (continued on page five)

#### School Estimates for Year are Three Thousand Dollars less than Last: Play Sheds Provided for

Estimates for the year totalling \$84,242 were finally adopted by the school board after lengthy discussion which lasted till a few minutes before midnight last night. This total provides for \$76,092 ordinary expenditure and \$8,150 extraordinary. It is \$3,253 less than last year's total estimate of \$87,495 when \$76,495 was put in for ordinary expenditure and \$11,000 for extraordinary.

Contrary to what seemed to have been the general expectation, the matter of salaries was not even discussed by the board and the schedule of last year was again used in compiling the estimates. There will be a reduction of some \$3,000 in the payroll as compared with last year, however, caused by several teachers of many years' service having left and being replaced by successors commencing at a lower point on the salary schedule. The ordinary estimates having been almost completed last week, it remained for the board to decide on only a few outstanding points.

Inclusion of an estimate for technical education was discussed at length resulting in the decision to set aside \$500 for this purpose. The trustees were in favor of making provision along this line but there seemed to be some doubt as to how such classes would be patronized. Finally it was decided that committee should be appointed to investigate and report. Trustees Williams and Orme were named the committee by the chair. As it was felt that such classes would not be opened until the fall term, anyway, \$500 was considered an adequate amount to place in the estimates. This will be increased by financial assistance provided by the department for technical education. The question of estimates necessary for the repairs of various schools was taken up. There was a report from John S. Nelson indicating that reshingling of the King Edward High School was an immediate necessity. Accordingly \$700 was decided upon for this purpose and additional sums of \$500, \$50 and \$360 were put in for new blackboards, blinds and seats respectively, making a total for the school of \$1610. An estimate of \$900 for painting, kalsomining, repairing the roof and providing blackboards and blinds for Borden Street School was accepted. To further ascertain what was the trouble with Booth Memorial School a sum of \$500 was set aside and Seal Cove and Westview schools were allowed \$250 and \$100 respectively for repair purposes. The total estimate for repairs was \$3,360.

The most important item in the total estimate of \$84,242 for extraordinary expenditure was \$1,000 to provide playsheds at both King Edward and Borden Street schools. These sheds, it is estimated, will each cost \$2,000. Trustees Orme and Williams were both strongly in favor of providing the playsheds. Trustee Rochester thought that \$4,000 was too much to put in the estimates for this purpose and was of the opinion that one shed was as far as the board should go this year. Finally it was moved by Trustee Orme and seconded by Trustee Casey that an estimate of \$4,000 providing for the two be made. The motion carried unanimously.

The balance of the extraordinary estimate was made up of \$3,500 for legal contingencies, \$500 for the Booth school playground and \$150 for Borden Street grounds.

#### HUMANE POLICY REGARDING WAR

British Government Will Not Depend Upon Military But on Reasonableness

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Speaking in the House of Commons on national defense Premier Macdonald declared that the government was inquiring into the whole problem from the humane viewpoint of preventing war conditions and that in bargaining with foreign powers they would not depend upon military forces but upon a reasonable policy. Premier Macdonald confessed that capital levy as a policy was in the same perilous position as protection.

#### INDIANS AGAIN INVADE OTTAWA

Object to Adoption of Report of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—A deputation from the allied Indian tribes of British Columbia are here to interview the government in regard to the matter of Indian rights in that province. They said that the report has reached British Columbia that the government would pass an order in council adopting the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia. This committee was appointed in 1913 and spent several years investigating conditions, but the Indians consider their report unfavorable and claim that land rights are not clearly defined and the amount of compensation to be awarded is not definitely fixed.

#### PRESBYTERIANS ASK UNION BE DEFERRED UNTIL VOTE IS TAKEN

VICTORIA, Feb. 15.—A mass meeting of Presbyterians passed a resolution urging the Dominion government and the legislature to refrain from enacting Church Union bills or defer action until the membership of the church had an opportunity of expressing its untrammelled judgment in regard to the matter.

#### THREE OLD TIMERS OF KLONDIKE ARE DEAD

DAWSON, Feb. 15.—Three old time Klondikers died this week. They are Otto Paulson, a well known Bonanza Creek miner; Peter Olson, rancher and stockman at Pelly Farm near Selkirk, and "Old Spirit" Girard of Forty Mile post.

#### DOCKERS GO ON STRIKE

Negotiations Failed This Evening and Men Go Out Tomorrow

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Negotiations for the settlement of the dispute between the dock workers and their employers over the question of wages collapsed this Friday evening and the strike is scheduled to commence tomorrow.

#### VANDERLIP AND OIL INTERESTS

Millionaire Says He Mentioned Harding's Paper to Clear Name of Dead President

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Frank A. Vanderlip told the Senate oil committee today that he had no facts whatever to go on when he recently brought the name of President Harding into the oil scandal. His recent speech asking for an inquiry into the sale of Mr. Harding's Marion Star, he declared, was made because he wanted to call attention to current rumors so as to stop them. "I was a life long friend of President Harding and wanted to clear his memory," he stated. He had never heard any intimation that money paid for the Star came from the oil interests.

#### ELEVEN ARE BURNED

MONTPELIER, Vermont, Feb. 15.—Eleven persons are reported dead or missing following a \$300,000 fire in an office building here early Friday morning.