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WHEAT SHIPMENT THIS WAY SEEMS LIKELY

LAW MAKERS COMMENCE BUSINESS AT OTTAWA; FIRST BILL INTRODUCED

Grain Man Has Two Experts Here in Regard to Proposed Elevator for Prince Rupert

The fact that Charles P. Coles, of the firm of Kerr-Gifford Co., grain exporters of Portland, Oregon, following a trip to the prairies to interview grain dealers there, has returned to Prince Rupert with two Portland plant superintendents for the purpose of further investigating the situation at this port with a view to establishing a grain elevator here is perhaps more significant than any statement it was possible to obtain from Mr. Coles when he was interviewed this morning by the Daily News. Mr. Coles arrived from Vancouver on the Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon and the two experts accompanying him on this visit are C. G. Pagett and J. E. Shanks of Portland. They were out bright and early this morning going over the ground and expect to return south tomorrow morning.

COMMISSION IS NOW ADJOURNED

P.G.E. Enquiry Will Resume Next
Thursday — Former Prince
Rupert Man Takes Stand

DENIES KNOWLEDGE

Commissioner Gallihier Not Ready
to Clear Bowser and Sloan
Yet

VICTORIA, Feb. 28. — The royal commission inquiring into Pacific Great Eastern affairs, after a brief session this morning when only one witness was heard, adjourned until next Thursday when the charges of the Provincial Party of dishonest administration of railway business will be further taken up.

Donald McLeod, associate of Foley, Welch & Stewart, on the stand today, denied any knowledge of campaign fund payments. He said he had been employed in the contractors' offices for some time and, during the war, had managed General J. W. Stewart's affairs when the latter was serving in France.

The request of Ernest Miller, counsel for W. J. Bowser, that the commissioner make an interim report clearing his client and Hon. William Sloan of charges of having received bribes of \$50,000 each was denied. Mr. Justice Gallihier declaring that he would make his report on all charges simultaneously.

SOVIET CLINKS SILVER MONEY

New Coinage for Russia Issued
Yesterday for First Time

MOSCOW, Feb. 28. — Russians yesterday clinked hard money for the first time since the war with the issuance of the new Soviet silver coinage. Simultaneously the Government of that country fixed the price of nearly all stable commodities in order to maintain parity between silver and gold.

New small gold value paper was also issued and the banks were ordered to accept these at par.

CREW OF TATJANA ARE SAFE ASHORE

SEATTLE, Feb. 28. — The crew of 27 of the Norwegian steamer Tatjana, which yesterday drove on to the rocks near Pachena Point while trying to make the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca in the fog, are safe ashore today according to wire messages.

Legislative Library,
Parliament Buildings,
Mar. 31/24

GREAT FIGHT WITH OCTOPUS

Seven Men Aboard Venus had
Thrilling Experience

FOUGHT THIRTEEN HOURS

A thirteen hour tussle with a giant octopus, in the course of which a member of her crew was twice dragged overboard and recovered only after strenuous efforts, was the experience of the American schooner Venus, Capt. John Ramm, while fishing 80 miles off Seward. The Venus arrived in port this morning with a 23,000 pound halibut catch. Telling of the experience Capt. Ramm stated it was the biggest octopus he had ever seen and that, during the fight to free the boat from its clutches, it was a matter of touch and go as to whether or not the craft would be dragged under.

The first intimation that anything was wrong was when the engine suddenly stopped and the feelers of the giant monster clung over the side of the craft. It was immediately seen that a fight was to ensue so the skipper and crew grabbed for knives, axes or any weapons that lay nearby. Some of the feelers of the marine monster measured two feet in thickness and proved very hard to sever. During the fight Olek Larsen, one of the crew, was twice dragged overboard and was recovered only with great difficulty and at much risk to his rescuers. Capt. Ramm was high in praise of the way his crew stuck to the fight and highly commended them for the heroism displayed. After the attacker had been driven off it took several hours to free the propeller from remaining tentacles. However, this was finally accomplished and the schooner arrived in port looking little the worse for her experience.

CUP TIE AND OTHER SCORES

Football Games in England and
Scotland Played Yesterday

LONDON, Feb. 28. — In the third round of the Cup tie series the following scores were:

English Cup Tie
Liverpool 2, Southampton 0.
West Bromwich 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0.

Scottish Cup Ties
Partick 2, Hamilton 1.
Falkirk 2, Queen's Park 0.

English League, Div. 1.
Huddersfield 1, Newcastle 1.
Birmingham 2, Burnley 1.

English League, Div. 2.
Leeds 2, South Shields 1.
Derby 0, Bury 2.

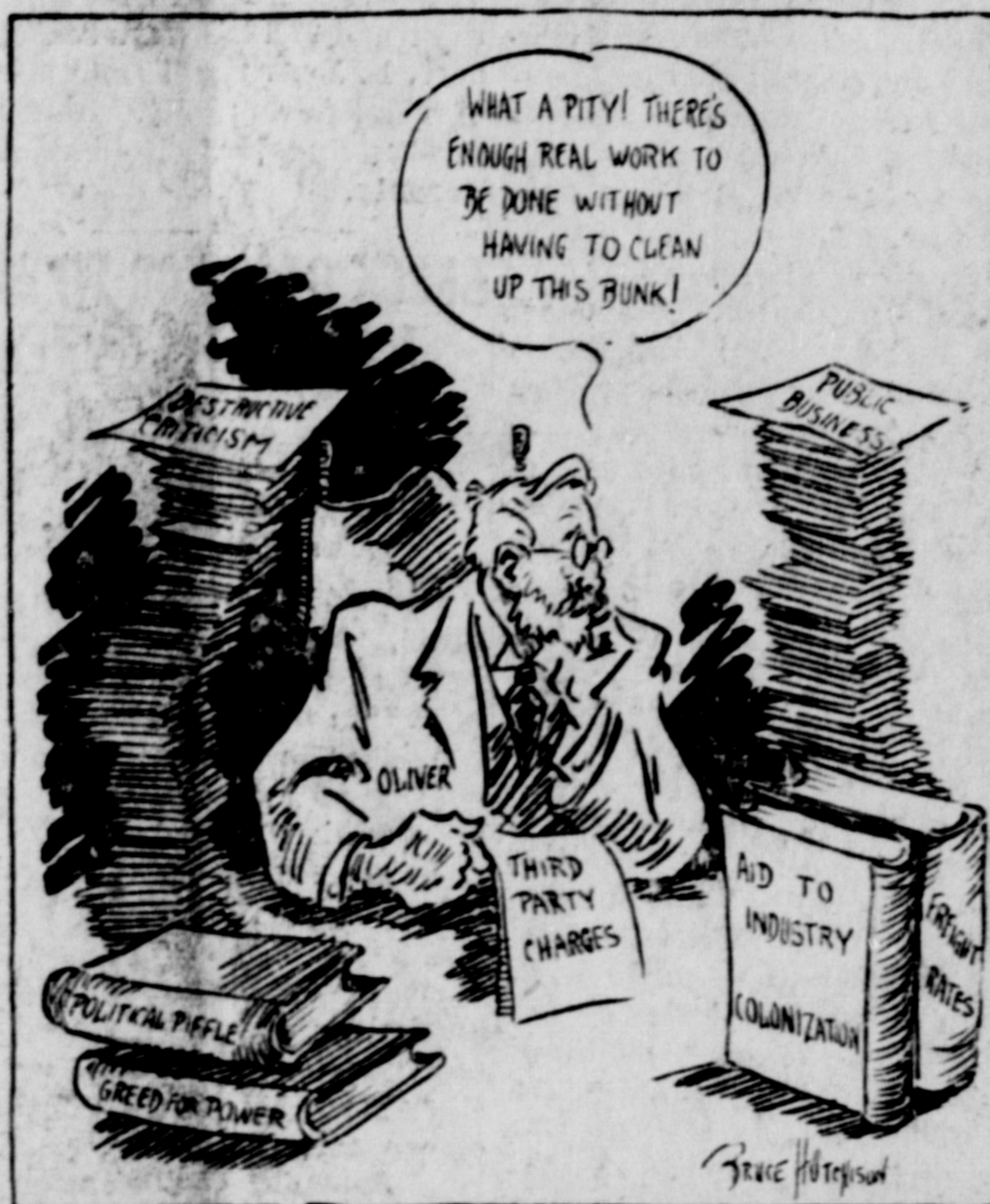
Scottish League, Div. 1.
Hibernians 3, Kilmarnock 1.
Ayr United 2, Clyde 1.

Airdrieonians 4, Dundee 2.
Raith Rovers 1, Motherwell 1.
Morton 1, Aberdeen 1.

Scottish League, Div. 2.
King's Park 1, St. Bernard's 0.

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Time and energy devoted to meeting the Third Party charges would be valuable just now in helping British Columbia to grow.

Royal Pulpwood Commission is Hearing Evidence Today Mostly Against Log Embargo

Taking as their ground that the lumber industry of this district in its present condition for various reasons would be injured by such a measure, all the witnesses at the Prince Rupert session of the Royal Pulpwood Commission this morning expressed unqualified disapproval of an embargo being placed on the export of unmanufactured timber. This matter, similar to the case of other points in the province where the commission has been in session, was the main topic under discussion.

The commission opened its session shortly after ten o'clock and adjourned at noon until, two o'clock this afternoon. The commissioners attending were W. A. Anstie of Vancouver, vice-chairman, and J. G. Sutherland of Clyde, Nova Scotia. E. H. Finlayson, acting director of forestry for Canada, is secretary and G. H. Playle of Toronto is official reporter. Ghent Davis, trade, ex-Ald. John Currie, J. W. Scott, A. Brooksbank, S. K. Campbell, H. B. Rochester, L. W. Patmore and W. O. Fulton.

Objects of Inquiry
In opening the session of the

commission, Chairman Anstie referred briefly to the objects and scope of the inquiry. The commission was charged with three particular matters — first, to make a forest inventory not only of B.C. but of the whole of Canada, second, to consider the proposal of an embargo on export of unmanufactured timber from Canada, and third, to study forest conservation in all its aspects, one of the most important of which was fire protection. A full expression of the views of the people of Prince Rupert district would be appreciated.

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McPhillips Withdraws from the Investigating Commission and Bowser and Sloan Deny Charges

VICTORIA, Feb. 28. — The withdrawal of L. G. McPhillips, senior counsel for the Provincial Party from the proceedings, was the chief incident of today's session of the P.G.E. commission. Mr. McPhillips and other counsel of the Provincial Party regard the document which gave the commissioner instructions as too narrow to cover all charges. They hoped to inquire into campaign funds. Mr. Justice Gallihier, however, held them down to the question whether Messrs. Bowser and Sloan got \$50,000 or any other sum.

Both Bowser and Sloan testified yesterday afternoon that they had received no money whatever.

Adjournment will be taken today until March 6.

HOCKEY SCORES

Calgary, 7; Victoria, 1.
Edmonton, 3; Regina, 6.
Ottawa, 7; Hamilton, 4.
Montreal, 6; Toronto, 1.

Women Riot in Chicago During Garment Workers Strike as Shops Raided

CHICAGO, Feb. 28. — Shuggings, stabbings, rioting, and storming of shops marked the opening of the strike of the dress-makers' section of the International Garment Workers' Union yesterday. The employees walked out to try to enforce the demands for higher wages and shorter hours and unemployment insurance.

Strike sympathizers raided five establishments, which attempted to operate, and in the resultant encounter two employers were stabbed, two slugged and a score of girls were chased to the fire escape from whence they were rescued by the police with drawn pistols.

Many of the rioters were arrested.

NEW MINISTER AT OTTAWA ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

MONTREAL, Feb. 28. — Hon. M. I. J. Cardin, minister of marine and fisheries, was re-elected by acclamation yesterday in the constituency of Richelieu, following his recent appointment as a member of the federal cabinet, succeeding Hon. Ernest Lapointe in that position. Mr. Lapointe was made minister of justice.

THIEPVAL GOES ALASKAN TRIP

Will Take Colonel Broome to
Establish Supply Stations
for British Airmen

VANCOUVER, Feb. 28. — His Majesty's Canadian ship Thiepval sails on Saturday morning with Colonel Broome in charge of the trans-Canada and trans-pacific laps of the British round the world flight on board. The object of the voyage is to establish supply and provision depots in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, stopping at uninhabited places along the route from Japan.

Colonel Broome reported that today he had received a letter from United States Secretary of State Hughes assuring him of every possible assistance being given the British fliers when passing through United States territory in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. The flight will start from Croydon, England, on March 25.

SCOTTISH WAS NOT INJURED BY GROUNDING

Even Paint of Hull Was Not
Scratched It Was Found
When She Docked

The Canadian Scottish, Capt. Harris, which arrived in port yesterday afternoon docked soon after her arrival and it was found that as a result of grounding in Yokohama Harbor during a typhoon she had a scratch on the hull and she came off the dock this morning and is now being loaded with baby squares for Japan.

The Scottish had a stormy trip across the Pacific. She made the run light in 16 days. While in the dock she was examined by Inspector Farrow for the department of marine and by W. A. Wallace for the underwriters.

PETITION FOR SEAT ON NAVAL COMMITTEE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

GENEVA, Feb. 28. — Portugal and Rumania have petitioned the League of Nations for a seat on the naval committee which is directed by the council of the league and with the help of the South American countries they are expected to continue the efforts begun in Rome to extend the principles of the Washington Treaty.

PROTEST TO TURKEY AGAINST OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN SCHOOLS

PARIS, Feb. 28. — A collective note has been handed to the Turkish authorities protesting against the vexatious measures recently taken against the Reductions in agricultural improvements are understood to be declared contrary to the Treaty proposed and in some quarters it is asserted that agricultural schools have been closed in consequence of the measures.

LABOR REFUSES INFORMATION

Against Public Interest to Have
Details of New War Vessels
Discussed

LONDON, Feb. 28. — A question in the House of Commons regarding the displacement, speed, armament and cost of the proposed new cruisers for the navy brought the answer from the under secretary of the admiralty that it was contrary to practice and the public interest to announce details now. The cruisers would of course conform to the requirements of the Washington Treaty and it was expected the cost would be between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000.

REDUCTIONS IN TARIFF COMING

Ottawa Hears That Agricultural
Machinery May Even be Put
on Free List

OTTAWA, Feb. 28. — Tariff reductions are reported in political circles today to be on the government's program for the session. Reductions in agricultural improvements are understood to be proposed and in some quarters it is asserted that agricultural machinery will even be put on the free list.