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SOVIET SHIP CARRIES OFF BRITISH COLONY

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TAKES STEPS TO MOBILIZE FORCES IN CASE OF WAR

Soviet Armed Transport Red October Carried off British Colony from Wrangell Island

Confiscated Furs and Took Harry Wells and Party of Eskimos to be Landed at Southern Port

NOME, Oct. 17.—A colony, intended to establish British title to Wrangell Island in the Arctic Ocean, was carried off by the Russian armed transport, Red October, which raised the Russian flag there on August 29, it was learned here today. This news came here from Whalen, by which name the Alaskans call that part of Siberia extending inland and northward and southward from Behring Sea.

The Red October bucked the ice for 32 days to reach Wrangell. The colony was carried away to be landed at Indian Point, which is in Whalen, or at Vladivostok, 1000 miles to the south. It consisted of 13 Eskimos with Harry Wells of Nome over them. They were taken to Wrangell by Harry Noice of Seattle, who found that the Crawford party of Toronto had perished with the exception of Ada Black-jack.

As well as taking away the colony, the Soviet officials confiscated its take of furs consisting of 40 fox and 40 polar bear skins.

ACTIVE WORK ON NEW CANNERY HERE EARLY NEXT YEAR

Somerville Cannery Closed and Will Not Reopen Under Present Management

W. J. Jefferson, manager of the Millerd cannery interests in this district, arrived yesterday afternoon from Somerville and will make his future headquarters in the city. The Somerville cannery is now closed and the crew will go south on the Caradena next week. The Millerd company will not operate this cannery again but will centralize their business here at the new plant near Seal Cove. Installation of new and modern cannery machinery and erection of buildings will start soon after the New Year to be ready for next year's pack. In the meantime, the present quarters will be used for the canning of clams.

Mr. Jefferson will remain in the city until about Christmas when he will go to Vancouver and return with his family. His son, H. R. Jefferson, also arrived yesterday and will be going through to Vancouver in a few days.

BASKETBALL MEETING

There was a meeting of the Basketball Association last night but no business was done and adjournment was made until next Friday evening when the hall to be used for the winter will be decided upon and entries of teams received.

MINES MENACE SHIPS

DOVER, England, Oct. 17.—There are still several explosive mines, relics of the war, floating about in the Baltic Sea and in the English Channel, according to reports which are being filed almost weekly by captains of vessels which ply in these waters. A ship coming from Antwerp recently reported a mine off the Goodwin Lightship in the Channel, and two others were reported nearby by the captain of a vessel sailing from Russia.

RATEPAYERS TO MEET TONIGHT

Live Questions Likely to Come Before Association and Public Invited

The Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association has just concluded its first year of work in the interests of the city and is holding its annual meeting tonight in the council chamber at the City Hall. At that meeting the president will bring in his annual report and a number of live questions are expected to be up for discussion. It is understood that resolutions will be introduced recommending that the city manager plan of civic government be introduced here and also the association will be asked to oppose the sale of city lots in Section 2 just now as proposed at the last meeting of the city council.

The meetings are open to the public but only ratepayers have a right to vote.

MUCH MONEY IS BET ON COMING ELECTION

Probably Amount will Reach Ten Millions Before November: Unique Method

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Betting on the result of the Presidential election has become a recognized and established institution in Wall Street, and indications are that this year it will exceed all records. Betting commissioners report that \$2,000,000 already has been wagered on the result and that the total probably will reach \$10,000,000 before election night. About 80 per cent of the bets placed in New York originate in the metropolitan area, the remainder being scattered throughout the country.

Inasmuch as members of the various stock and commodity exchanges are forbidden to place bets, the bulk of the business is handled through three or four "outside houses." These firms do not wager their own money, but merely act as stakeholders and bring the betters together, the charge for their services being 5 per cent of the winnings.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

The Intermediate Scholars of the Methodist Sunday School will conduct the Church service on Sunday night at 7.30. Bright singing, recitations and tableaux.

MANY WOMEN CANDIDATES

Thirty-nine So Far Chosen to Contest Seats in British Elections

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Thirty-nine women candidates have been chosen so far for the election which takes place this month. Twelve of them are Conservatives, twenty-one Labor and six Liberal.

It is unofficially announced that the Liberals have a total of 350 candidates already in the field. At the last election they had 454.

HIGH PRICE IS PAID FOR SMALL CATCH OF HALIBUT HERE TODAY

D.S.T. Goes up to 22 Cents for First Class at Exchange Auction

One trip of halibut this morning sold for as high as 22 cents for first class. That was the D.S.T. with 4,500 pounds which was taken by the Cold Storage Company. Other halibut was sold today at from 17c to 19.20c. Sales were as follows:

American	
Orient, 28,000, to Booth Fisheries, at 17.70c and 7c.	
Cedric, 14,000, to Booth Fisheries at 17.10c and 7c.	
Fairway, 11,000, to Cold Storage at 19.20c and 8c.	
Canadian	
Volunteer, 4,500, to Cold Storage, at 17.30c and 7c.	
Tillie S., 6,500, to Royal Fish Co., at 17c and 8c.	
D.S.T., 4,500, to Cold Storage at 22c and 8c.	
Murineac, 3,000, to Atlin Fisheries at 18c and 8c.	

U.S. GUNBOATS ARE ORDERED TO CANTON SITUATION CRITICAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Two United States gunboats have been ordered to Canton where the situation is described as critical owing to outbreaks between Reds and Fascists.

FLYERS KILLED

One Man Jumped and Used Parachute to Descend and Was Saved

SANTIAGO, Oct. 17.—Two flyers were killed and one had a remarkable escape from death in an airplane collision over Coronado yesterday. The dead are Robert Kerr, chief rigger's mate and censign Merritt Flanders, a passenger.

Gunner W. M. Cole jumped and saved his life by his parachute.



Delegates to the League of Nations in Geneva are shown at the opening session. Hon. Raoul Dandurand, Canadian representative, is shown in one of the front seats at the lower part of the photograph.

Better Ore Rate is Granted for Mines of Interior When Shipped by Way of Rupert

(Special to Daily News)

SMITHERS, Oct. 17.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade held here Monday it was reported that word had been received from the Canadian National Railway announcing a cut in the rate on shipments of high grade and concentrates made to Sir Henry when he passed through Smithers a few months ago on a trip of inspection.

The new rate will enable the local miners to ship ore to Swansea, Wales, at a cost of approximately \$16.00 a ton, as against a cost to Trail of about \$12.50. It is hoped however, that a cut may be obtained in the rate between Prince Rupert and Vancouver, as the rate from here to Swansea is about \$7.5 per ton.

Rate on Potatoes
Exception was taken by the meeting to an apparent discrimination regarding the rates on shipments of potatoes. According to a communication presented from Mr. G. W. Nickerson of Prince Rupert, it appears that the rate per hundred pounds between Ashcroft and Vancouver, a distance of about 203 miles is twenty cents, whereas the rate from Moricetown to Prince Rupert about 204 miles is thirty-two cents. A special committee consisting of Fred Watson, W. S. Henry, L. L. DeVoind and L. B. Warner was appointed and instructed to place this matter before the Railway Rates Bureau and endeavor to have a reduction made in this rate also.

Another matter of great importance to this district that came up for discussion dealt with the report, that the Provincial government intended to abolish the Land Settlement Board. The meeting went on record as being highly pleased with the work done by the Board's district representative, D. D. Munro, whose activities amongst the farming community called for the strongest approval and it was considered that if the work done under the Board was discontinued, Mr. Munro should be retained in the district as an official under the Dept. of Agriculture, as he was now familiar with every corner of his district from end to end and his services in an advisory capacity and as an agent of

farmers was a thing that should be kept going, especially in a community such as the part of Central B.C. that came under Mr. Munro's jurisdiction, where the work carried on by the majority of farmers was more or less of an experimental or developing character.

Illustration Stations

Praise and approval was also given to the activities of A. E. Richards, supervisor of Illustration Stations for B.C., under the Federal Dept. of Agriculture, who had under his supervision the experimental plots on the farms of Geo. Oulton and F. M. Doekrill. Great benefits had been derived by the farmers from Mr. Richards' work, more particularly in connection with the cultivation of s'esadaindt.Pacmfwtivation of seeds and it was hoped that the decision to do away with this work in B.C. would not be put into effect.

LESS WAGES IN ALBERTA

Miners Return to Work Following Long Strike Accepting Agreement of Employers

CALGARY, Oct. 17.—The coal miners of Alberta in District 18 U.W.A., who have been on strike for the past seven months, voted by a majority of 154 to return to work accepting the agreement for slightly decreased wages.

Italy Will Mobilize All Her Resources if Should be Necessary

Bill Approved Transferring Whole Organization of Country to War Basis in Case of National Struggle

ROME, Oct. 17.—A measure of far reaching importance has just been passed in Italy. The council of ministers has approved a bill providing for the mobilization of the nation in time of war. The bill establishes rules whereby the peace organization must be transferred to a war basis and its scope includes all national activities including agriculture, industry, finance and labor.

One of the complaints here as in other countries during the late war was that the government conscripted its manpower but there was no conscription of its money power. The result was that the rich became richer and the poor poorer. Premier Mussolini and his ministers have arranged for the handling of the situation, should it occur again, in such a manner that the whole resources of the country are devoted to the one end, that of defending the country.

WILL DISCUSS SALE OF BEER

Caucus of Liberals Will Decide What Action to be taken in Legislature

VICTORIA, Oct. 17.—Premier Oliver has called a meeting of the Liberal caucus for October 29, five days before the opening of the Legislature. At that gathering an expression of opinion will be received from all Liberal members and the consensus of views expressed will decide whether or not the administration will introduce a measure to provide for the sale of malt beverages in licensed premises.

PRINCE WAS GUEST GOVERNOR GENERAL

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—The Prince of Wales arrived last night and was met by the Governor General and acting Premier Graham. He spent the night at Government House where an official dinner was given.

AUTOMOBILE RACER KILLED WHEN CAR OUT OF CONTROL

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Oct. 17.—Ernie Ansterberg, automobile racer, was killed yesterday when trying out a new speed car. He lost control of the machine which went over the rail of the track.

IMPERIAL PRESS TO MEET AT MELBOURNE

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The third imperial press conference will be held at Melbourne, Australia, next year. It will be attended by newspaper proprietors and editors throughout the Empire.

Word has been received here that Ed Jenner distinguished himself on the passage across the Atlantic on the Andania by winning second prize in a bridge tournament and also winning a sweepstake on the speed of the vessel. The winner of the first prize was a South African journalist named Viljoen with whom Mr. Jenner struck up a close friendship.

MAKE EMPIRE REAL LEAGUE

That is Aim of W. L. Mackenzie King as Expressed at Nanaimo Meeting

NANAIMO, Oct. 17.—Speaking here yesterday, Premier Mackenzie King said Canada wanted all parts of the country and all races to contribute to the making of Canada and to secure the fundamental unity which makes for a happy and contented people. He desired the British Empire to be a real league of nations on which should be modeled the larger league of nations.

NATIVE DAUGHTER EIGHTY YEARS OLD DIED FORT LANGLEY

FORT LANGLEY, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Lucy Morrison, oldest resident of the Fraser Valley, died at her home here yesterday. She was born at Fort Langley more than eighty years ago the daughter of Ovid Allard, founder of the forts Yale and Hope and one of the founders of Nanaimo.

SHENANDOAH BOUND NORTH TO SEATTLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The dirigible Shenandoah was 72 miles north of here on the flight to Seattle which commenced from San Diego yesterday.

BATTLE RAGES NEAR TIENTSIN

TIENTSIN, Oct. 17.—The battle raging at Shan Haikwan continued unceasingly today. The town suffered considerably from bombardment of the Manchurian troops. The central government troops are being massed in an attempt to retake Shihimenkai.

BIRTH

At the Prince Rupert General Hospital on Oct. 16, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Con-norton, Clapp Hospital.