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DEFENSE POLICY OF LABOR GOVERNMENT

DEPOSITION OF CALIPH AT CONSTANTINOPLE STIRS INDIAN MOHAMMEDANS

Labor Government in Britain Will Keep up Defense Force and is Sustained by Commons

LONDON, March 12.—International disarmament but not the cutting down of services so as to render the country defenseless is the policy of the Labor government as set forth yesterday in the House of Commons by a member of the government.

William Leach, under secretary for air, in introducing the air estimates into the House of Commons said the demand for increased appropriation meant not an increase in armaments but a decrease in the aggregate of the three services — army, navy and air. He declared that the Labor party never urged disarmament for Great Britain irrespective of what other countries might do, because that was not a practical proposition.

RUSSICK WON THE PAS RACE

Team of Six Huskies Made 200 Miles in 23 Hours, Finishing Today

GRAYSON CAME SECOND

THE PAS, March 12.—Shortly Russick piloted his team of six huskies to victory in the annual two hundred mile dog derby that finished here this morning at 10.55. At the close Russick was leading the field of ten teams that started from The Pas at 11.06 yesterday morning.

Stepping close on Russick's heels was Tom Greighton's team driven by Bill Grayson. Allan McDonald was in third place and the other drivers were strung out. The three leading drivers are local men.

A crowd of 1,500 persons gathered to witness the finish and Russick got a great reception. He had set the pace from the start.

GRANBY MILL SOON TO OPEN

Logging Camps at Alice Arm Being Prepared—Engines Coming from Queen Charlottes

On his way to the Queen Charlotte Islands to supervise the moving of yarder engines to Alice Arm, Dan Clanaghan, logging superintendent for the Granby Co., arrived in the city yesterday. The Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co.'s steamer Marmion, Capt. Hunter, will bring the engines across the straits and up to Alice Arm.

Preparations for the resumption of production at the Granby Co.'s mill at Lareom Island are now well under way and the mill is already cutting lumber for the camps. There are to be two camps at Alice Arm—one on the Dolly Varden track about three miles up from the arm and the other on the Kitsault River flats back from Abbotsford Co.'s camp.

Six engines will be operated in the two camps and each camp will be equipped with a Washington yarder two speed engine, a loader and a high rigging engine. It is for the yarder engines that the Marmion is going to the Islands.

Booming grounds are already being prepared. It is estimated that between 100 and 125 men will be employed in the Granby Co.'s logging operations at Alice Arm.

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MONTREAL CONFIRMS SCOTTISH CONTRACT

The letting of the contract to the local dry dock for repairs to C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Scottish has been confirmed by headquarters at Montreal. A wire to this effect was received at the dock this morning from J. H. Pillsbury, manager, who is in Vancouver.

BOMB EXPLODED AT CONSULATE

Greek Premier Expressed Regret of Government for Outrage in Athens

ATHENS, March 12.—A bomb exploded early today at the entrance to the British legation, causing material damage but injuring no one. Greek officials believe it was staged in an effort to discredit the government. The premier expressed the regret of the Greek government to the British minister for the outrage.

SPARRING OVER INVESTIGATION

Former Accountant Charges Looseness but Admits he Reduced Hold Back to Company

MATTER OF BOOKKEEPING

VICTORIA, March 12.—The examination of E. J. Rossiter, formerly railway construction accountant for the Government and the principal witness for the Provincial Party, featured the proceedings before Mr. Justice Gallihier yesterday. Rossiter reiterated the allegations in regard to the looseness of keeping accounts between the Government and the Northern Construction Company in connection with the P.G.E. A letter was exhibited, written in December, 1918, by Rossiter to Premier Oliver, reciting the conditions objected to and asking for an auditor. The Premier promised an inquiry into the system of accounting but Rossiter claimed no improvement had developed.

Counsel for the construction company put in a letter showing that the chief engineer in 1918 held back \$75,000 from current account charges against the Government until the items to which Rossiter objected had been adjusted.

Government counsel adduced the fact that Rossiter had been responsible for reducing this drawback to \$25,000.

Rossiter explained that he thought Proctor, the chief engineer of the railway, had no intention of putting this into effect and wanted to bind the chief engineer to the lesser amount.



Hudson Maxim, noted inventor of the famous Maxim machine gun and high explosives, is still very active at the age of 71. It is said that he is working on a number of new inventions that will revolutionize warfare.

Indian Moslems Condemn the Action of the Turks in Regard to Caliphate: Hussein no Chance

DELHI, March 12.—Muslim opinion here sweepingly condemns the action of Mustapha Kemal in abolishing the Caliphate and dispossessing the Imperial family at Constantinople. It is felt that the Turks have not only dealt a severe blow at Islam but belittled the Indian Moslems. The action is denounced as a grave insult.

King Hussein's accession to the Caliphate is thought not likely to be accepted in India. The Egyptian plan of holding a conference of leading Moslems all over the world to elect a Caliph is generally favored here.

OBJECTION TO EXPRESS RATE

McGeer Says Low Rate in East Has to be Made up in This Province

OTTAWA, March 12.—Low express rates in Eastern Canada make it necessary for the operating companies to apply high rates in British Columbia, is the contention of G. G. McGeer, representing British Columbia shippers in the hearing of an application for increased rates before the Board of Railway Commissioners today.

DR. BROWN IS SEATTLE MAYOR

Gets Good Majority in Election Which Took Place Yesterday

SEATTLE, March 12.—Dr. Edwin Brown was re-elected mayor at the municipal election here yesterday over Alfred H. Lundling, former prosecuting attorney, by a majority of 4,842. The vote for Brown was 49,759 and for Lundling 35,917.

Mayor Brown is the third man in the history of Seattle to be elected for a second term.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

GEORGE GIBB PASSED AWAY

Scottish Watchmaker Had Business Here at One Time—Widow and Son Survive

The death occurred in Anyox Monday of George Gibb, formerly engaged in the watchmaking business in Prince Rupert. Deceased passed away after an illness of five weeks in the Anyox Hospital. The funeral, it is understood, will take place at that place under Masonic auspices.

The late Mr. Gibb was about 60 years of age and was a native of Scotland. For many years he followed his trade in Edinburgh, coming to Prince Rupert about two years ago. He had a stand here for a short time but left a year ago last fall, for Anyox where he has since been established.

ELEVATOR DESTROYED AT PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Fire destroyed the Philadelphia and Reading railway elevator and damaged the buildings and stores. The loss will amount to over a million dollars.

Sir Henry Thornton Urges Immigration: Says will Ask \$20,000,000 Less in Budget

MONTREAL, March 12.—Immigration as the solution of a great many of Canada's problems and the key to future prosperity of this Dominion was stressed by Sir Henry W. Thornton, president and chairman of the Canadian National Railways, in addressing more than a thousand members of the Montreal Canadian Club here Monday. Sir Henry did not consider that this problem was so difficult as it appeared on the surface.

"Immigration," he said, "can be divided broadly into two classes. The first are those who have sufficient capital to bring themselves to Canada and establish themselves here, and the second those who would willingly come if they had the capital. We will never bring out immigration to full tide until that point of view is understood and arrangements are made to finance those who are adaptable to conditions here and who would come if they could afford to."

BRULE RAILWAY SURVEY MADE

Reconnaissance Would Make Route Longer Than Was at First Intended

OTTAWA, March 12.—The report of Murray Hill, Canadian National Engineer, indicates that the route to Peace River by Brule will be somewhat circuitous and longer than was at first proposed. While the line is quite feasible it will not go within 40 miles of the Hoppe coal fields. It will go straight north from Brule Lake to a junction with the Edmonton-Grande prairie line old location, then turning due west for about one hundred miles. While this is a better grade than the route at first proposed it is longer and gives a decided preference to the British Columbia routes as proposed by the Prince George Board of Trade.

There is at present a Peace River delegation in Ottawa urging the construction of the road this year. Protests against it have been received from British Columbia points.

Success of System Speaking of the success of the National system during the past year, the president paid tribute to the fidelity, efficiency, and courtesy of all employees. The good will of the travelling and shipping public had to be secured by service and by courtesy. "We do not ask your patronage," he said, "we do not ask your support, except that which the service justifies. We do not ask your transportation or your freight because it is the people's railway and because by supporting it you may reduce your taxes. If our service merits, give us your support, but not otherwise. I ask you to help make the Canadian National Railways legitimately and in fairness a success. If it is a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether I have no doubt of the future."

SETTLEMENT WITH CANADA

This Country to Get Between Eight and Ten Million Dollars War Liabilities

LONDON, March 12.—The Canadian Press learns that an adjustment of account between Canada and Great Britain has been made in regard to war liabilities. The Dominion will receive Canadian bonds and cash totalling between eight and ten million dollars, the payments to be effective on April 1.

MINE TIE-UP IS DISSOLVED

Ottawa Judge Breaks Injunction Against Premier Extension Gold Mining Co.

OTTAWA, March 12.—Justice Kelly has dissolved the injunction tying up 375,000 shares of stock valued at \$1,876,000 of the Premier Extension Gold Mining Co. of British Columbia. The injunction had been granted on the allegation of John A. Macdonald of Los Angeles that American interests were attempting to control the mine.

W. G. Johnston of Medicine Hat moved an amendment suggesting that special beer licenses be granted for picnic and hunting parties, but the proposed measure was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

J. A. Belanger, one of Prince Rupert's old timers who has been employed at Anyox for some time past, returned to the city by the Cardena yesterday.

HOCKEY

Ottawa, 2; Montreal, 4. J. Slade Stevens, federal income tax collector, sailed last night on the Cardena for Ocean Falls on departmental business.