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Peace River Route To Pacific Ocean.

An effort was made to stampede the country into building the Brule cutoff to give the Peace River a shorter outlet than at present to the Pacific Ocean. Studying the map or reading reports of those who know the situation indicates that the Brule route is not by any means the best. There are other and shorter routes to the coast, which would open up larger and better territory and also serve the Peace River much better.

Just what pass the railway shall go through or where it shall join the Canadian National Railway is for engineers to decide. If the C.N.R. builds the line, which seems to be the logical thing to expect, it should be built in such a location as to best serve the interest of the people and of the National system. In any case it will come out near Prince George rather than by Brule, if the reports of those who profess to know are to be believed.

Conference Regarding Railway Matters.

This week end a conference is to be held in which the disposal of the P.G.E. and the settlement of the Peace River controversy are to be settled. What will be the outcome, no one can say. All interests have to be considered in a matter of this kind. What is being realized today is that the P.G.E. possibly has some value and that there is a demand for the opening of the Peace River country by means of a railway. The reasonable thing seems to be the building of a main line just now with branches to follow.

Not Looking For An Election Yet.

Very soon the Dominion Parliament will meet again and of course the question of dissolution of Parliament will again be heard of. Those who are in a position to know do not give much credence to reports of possible dissolution this year. They say that there seems no good reason for putting the country to the expense of an election just now. The government is well supported on every division and is not likely to be defeated. Unless some big question arises, it will carry on for at least another year and possibly more.

Owners Of Deisel Engined Boats.

There are apparently a number of people who do not understand what the fishermen were voting on at their meeting the other night. For those who do not know, it might be interesting to state that halibut is caught on the co-operative plan. The owner of the boat in the past has taken one fifth of the total catch. Then the expenses of the trip are paid and the net proceeds divided equally among the crew, the captain taking the same share as the others but getting a small bonus from the owner for looking after the boat.

Now many of the boat owners have installed deisel engines in place of the old gas engines. The result is that the cost of operation has decreased and that has correspondingly increased the share of the fishermen. The owners claim that the cost of installing the new type of engine has been large and the life of the engine is short and they must get more than the one fifth of the total catch for their share. They ask one fourth or else they ask as an alternative that all lost or condemned gear be replaced by the fishermen. The fishermen refuse to accept any change in terms and there the matter stands at present.

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TEAPOT DOME TRIAL IS ON

Action to Cancel Oil Leases and Alleging Fraud Has Commenced

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 8. — Trial of the government's civil suit seeking annulment of the lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve by Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, to the Mammoth Oil Company, one of the Harry F. Sinclair companies, is being tried before United States District Judge T. Blake Kennedy.

With the leading aspects of the case involving the legality of the late President Harding's executive order issued in May, 1921, transferring the oil reserve from the navy department to the department of the interior; the allegation of fraud in execution of the lease as charged by the government, and the conduct of the negotiations by former Secretary Fall involved, a formidable group of legal counsel is arrayed on either side.

Mr. Sinclair, in his avowed determination to resist the action with all the means at his command, has included in his counsel for the Mammoth Oil Company J. W. Zevely, Paul D. Cravath, Martin W. Littleton, R. W. Ragland and G. T. Stanford. Fighting for the restoration of the naval oil reserve to the government are Atlee Pomerene, former Ohio senator, and Owen J. Roberts, prominent attorney, appointees of President Coolidge as special counsel for the government in the Teapot case and in the suit against the E. L. Doheny interests for annulment of the lease given by Mr. Fall on naval oil reserve No. 2, in California which was tried in United States district court at Los Angeles and completed last November. Mr. Pomerene and Mr. Roberts will be assisted by Albert D. Walton, United States district attorney for Wyoming.

Long Trial

At least three weeks will be required for the hearing of the case, it is expected. Both sides are said to have arranged for the appearance of witnesses without the use of legal formalities.

Witnesses subpoenaed by the government include Mr. Zevely, Mr. Sinclair, Robert W. Stewart of Chicago, chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana; W. J. Bailey of the federal reserve bank of Kansas City; A. E. Humphreys, Denver oil magnate, and others prominent in the financial world.

Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy at the time the lease was executed, is the only witness thus far subphoenaed by the defence.

In seeking cancellation of the lease given the Mammoth Oil Company and the return of the oil land to the government, the latter will set out to prove its allegations that the executive order signed by President Harding transferring the reserve from the navy to the interior department was not legal; that the late president issued the order on "false representations from Mr. Fall, who desired to deal in the lands, not in the interest of the United States" but to the advantage of "the Mammoth Oil Company and Mr. Sinclair in particular."

Conspiracy

The government further charges that evidence of a conspiracy between Mr. Fall and Mr. Sinclair is found in the fact that the lease agreement "was made in secret by private negotiations, without advertisement of competitive bidding," and that Mr. Fall discouraged prospective bidders for the lease.

Summing up its complaint, the government alleged that Mr. Fall and Mr. Sinclair conspired to defraud the United States, and that the result was the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lands to the Mammoth company "at an inadequate, improper and fraudulent consideration.

The Mammoth Company, as well as the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Company and the Sinclair Pipe Line Company, who also were made defendants in the action, entered denials of the allegations in the government's petition.

Answer to Charges

The answer of the Mammoth Company denied all charges of collusion or fraud in connection with the leasing of the oil reserve; denied the government's charge that the executive order issued by President Harding was illegal and countered with the assertion that if it were obtained on misrepresentations from Secretary Fall, that neither the company nor anyone connected with it knew of such.

Separate answers were filed by the crude oil and pipe line companies, the latter setting forth that it had spent or would have spent $18,000,000 for a pipe line to the field and $700,000 for other equipment.

Both the crude oil and pipe line companies specifically denied every allegation of the government attacking the validity of the lease, and denied having any knowledge that illegal means had been employed in the procuring of the concession. Each answer asked dismissal of the government's complaint.

The Man in the Moon SAYS:-

SNOW is like a lot of our relatives. The going away is the really pleasant thing.

NOW that we have wished each other about all the happy new years we can think of, let us be as happy as we can.

SHEEP resemble people in that they are often fleeced.

WHAT I like about the local election campaign is that nobody seems to know it is going on.

IF a girl is intending to marry a man in order to reform him, she should be careful not to let him know. It might interfere with the wedding.

IF a lad and lass smoke the same kind of cigarettes they should make a suitable match.

IF any man
Would be a writer
He first must learn
To be a fighter.
The wolf he must
Keep from the door
And live on beans
Without being sore.
And if some guy
Would throw him out
It's wise to hit him
On the snout.

IF you are a two faced person, wear the better face as often as possible.

THOSE who think the world is going to the demnition bowwows are reminded that there were bread riots in Montreal in December 1876.

THERE is talk of a business boom here soon. But then people will talk.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

January 8, 1915.

Conscription is not a pleasant word to British ears but it is a foregone conclusion that, to ensure proper organization of the British Expeditionary Forces, some form of compulsory military training will have to be adopted very soon.

A spirited patriotic entertainment by pupils of the Prince Rupert Public Schools took place last night in the Empress Theatre. Canon Rix delivered an address and those contributing to the program included Miss Marjorie Lancaster, Mrs. Norman Mackaintosh, Richard Pillsbury, Miss Violet Mortimer, Miss Margaret McColl, Willie Cummings, Roy Lancaster, Miss Brown and Mrs. Burritt. George Leek was chairman.

Word has been received here of the sudden death in Everett Washington, of Gilbert La Fortune, formerly chef of the old Premier Hotel.

ENGLISH KIDDIES' CHRISTMAS TREE

Affair Yesterday was Somewhat Belated but was None the Less Appreciated

Though somewhat late, the annual Christmas tree held yesterday afternoon by the Sons and Daughters of England in the Boston Hall was none the less appreciated by the 85 kiddies or so who were in attendance. Santa Claus (Fred Taylor) arrived on the scene soon after the proceedings started and distributed gifts and seasonal confections with a lavish hand. Then refreshments were served and a brief program was rendered. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. George Leek, convener, Mrs. S. V. Cox, Mrs. Joe Howe and Mrs. Walter Shaw.

D. E. Murphy, C.N.R. conductor who has been running out of Prince Rupert, left on last night's train for Saskatoon to work on that division. Mrs. Murphy and daughter, Marie, will remain here for the time being. Mr. Murphy's tranfer is due to the recent reduction in local train service.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE CANADA

Tenders for Foundations and Timber Dock for Grain Elevator at Prince Rupert, B.C. Notice to Contractors.

The Department has extended date for receipt of tenders for the foundations and timber dock for grain elevator at Prince Rupert, B.C., until noon, Monday, January 19th, 1925.

By Order,
F. C. T. O'HARA,
Deputy Minister.
Ottawa, December 29th, 1924. 6

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