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THIS PORT IS DRAWING MUCH ATTENTION

SECRETARY HUGHES TAKES VIEW THAT ARMS TREATY NOT BEING VIOLATED

Spillers Will Investigate the Port of Prince Rupert Declares Capt. McCoskrie who saw them

Vancouver Fears Competition of This Port in Grain Trade and is Trying to Prevent Elevator Being Built

QUESTION OF PORT GOVERNMENT

Vancouver Pilots Proposing to Establish Branch in This City but Local Men Could Handle Work

That he was questioned closely by an agent of Spillers', the famous grain shipping concern, regarding Prince Rupert harbor and local shipping possibilities and that a representative of that concern will come here shortly to look over the local situation was one of many interesting statements made this morning by Capt. E. McCoskrie, who returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip to Vancouver. Spillers', Capt. McCoskrie says, are greatly interested in this port. This should be good news here for the firm is recognized as one of the greatest engaged in the grain business of the world.

SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE IS PROSPECT

British Chancellor of Exchequer Expresses Hope as to Outcome

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The twenty-ninth inter-Allied conference gives better promise than most of its predecessors although, thus far, nothing has been accomplished more than preliminary amity.

The outstanding fact is that talks outside the conference room between the principal characters are creating an atmosphere so propitious that, in the words of Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, "prospects of an early settlement are considered favorable."

HUDSON'S BAY PUSHING NORTH

Building New Boat and Will be in Touch from Atlantic to Pacific

VANCOUVER, Jan. 8.—The Hudson's Bay Company is carrying on active development in the Arctic, it is announced here. The representatives of the company are pressing farther east from the Pacific and farther west from the Atlantic and the company is expecting soon to be in touch yearly from the Atlantic to the Pacific by way of the Arctic.

From the west pioneering and trading posts have been pushed farther beyond Coronation Gulf and to take the place of the Lady Kindersley, which was lost in the north last autumn, a strong wooden vessel is being constructed to go into the Arctic next year.

A. Richmond, the local fur dealer, returned on the Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon from a trip down the coast.

LOCAL MILL INCORPORATED

Has Capitalization of Million Dollars with Head Office at Vancouver

Recent incorporations include the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills Ltd. with a capitalization of one million dollars and head offices in Vancouver. It includes in its charter powers the manufacturing of pulp, paper, lumber and shingles from every suitable material and by every possible process, to carry on the business of a power company.

This company is the one controlled by John A. Smith and with which J. A. W. Bell is associated, who recently purchased the Prince Rupert Lumber mill.

POLICE COMMISSIONER CHILLIWACK RESIGNS

Says Provincial Liquor Law is Not Enforceable so Steps Aside

CHILLIWACK, Jan. 8.—J. F. Semple, police commissioner, resigned and A. H. Turvey, the other Commissioner, announced that he would not seek re-election, both claiming that the position of the commissioners was impossible because the provincial law was unenforceable. To make matters worse they claim the liquor board deducted \$665 for law enforcement without anything to indicate what resulted from the expenditure.

SEPARATION OF CANADA

London Paper Says There is Talk About it in Dominion

LONDON, Jan. 8.—There is talk in Canada of the Dominion separating from the British Empire according to the Morning Post in an article on Imperial relations. The Post, however, expresses the belief that Canada is not drifting away from the Empire though it admits that some uneasiness exists in the Mother Country over the matter.

should also be marked and local work be given to local men.

Capt. McCoskrie was called south as a witness for the plaintiffs in the case of Swanson and Gammon against the barge Griff for salvage. Judgment was practically given in favor of the plaintiffs, he says, but Mr. Justice Martin reserved his decision pending an assessment of damage to the local boat Pachena which collided while salvaging the Griff. Capt. Swanson and Mr. Gammon claimed half of the value of the Griff and her cargo of coal for their salvage work. The value of the barge was accepted at the insurance figure of \$10,000, this not including the pilotage boundaries of the port.

POLICE NOOSE GOES OUT AFTER CRIMINAL.



The International Boundary Line is no longer a protection for the wrong doer.

CHURCH UNION VOTE IS LARGE

Number of Congregations for it 474 and Against 54 with Methodists Solid

VANCOUVER, Jan. 8.—There has so far been an overwhelming vote of churches in favor of Church Union. The total to date throughout the dominion shows the numbers as follows:

For Church Union 474

Against Union 54

Almost all the votes taken have been those of Presbyterian congregations. The Methodists are practically unanimous in favor of it and do not vote unless a vote is asked by members of an individual church. Had the Methodist votes been taken the proportion favoring union would have been much larger than the figures shown.

Knox Church, Kerrisdale, voted for union, 206 favoring it and 92 voting against.

The law as passed by the Dominion House provides that union goes into effect next summer and that those congregations not wishing to remain with the union may vote themselves out.

NEW AGENT GENERAL PREPARING TO LEAVE

Will Probably go to London Toward the End of the Present Month

VICTORIA, Jan. 8.—F. A. Pauline, newly appointed agent general and former speaker of the legislative assembly, is to leave to take up his new work toward the end of the month. He is now preparing data for use in his new position and will confer with various organizations in Vancouver and Victoria, particularly with the foreign products bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

The government is not taking any notice of the Vancouver protest at the appointment of Mr. Pauline as it is considered to be a purely sectional movement.

HOCKEY SCORES

Victoria 5, Calgary 1.
Saskatoon 4, Regina 1.

KEEP LIQUOR STORES OPEN SAYS TAYLOR

Mayor of Vancouver Would Get Rid of Flourishing Bootleggers

VANCOUVER, Jan. 8.—"Keeping a Government liquor store open all night would undoubtedly prove an effective check on bootlegging," said Mayor L. D. Taylor, who was inaugurated yesterday, in supporting the suggestion that legitimate avenue for the purchase of liquor throughout the night might prove to be the best means of eliminating illegal sales.

Mr. Taylor said it would be better to enhance the profits of the Government than permit bootleggers to flourish.

DEAL PENDING STEWART MINE

Dunwell Likely to Change Hands and Talk of Glacier Creek Being Sold

VICTORIA, Jan. 8.—Dunwell and Glacier Creek mines are being discussed here. It is understood there that neither of these companies has sufficient money to fully develop and operate them.

With this in view two proposals have been made. The first is that they shall issue new stock in order to finance their operations and the second that they shall sell out to one of the big companies.

A tentative offer has been made to the Dunwell people which would give shareholders a present cash payment and an interest in future operations of the company. The payment would be based on the price of the stock.

If the company buys Dunwell it will probably also want the Glacier Creek property, which adjoins it.

The Dunwell deal is expected to go through and the terms of sale are likely to be announced soon.

Elevation of Guns on Capital Ships Causes Difference of Opinion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Charles E. Hughes, secretary of state, in a letter to the naval committee of the house, takes the position that the elevation of guns on American naval ships does not violate the arms treaty although it might unfortunately tend to promote naval competition. He said that, while Britain took the view that the alterations proposed were a violation of the treaty, Japan took the opposite view.

Mr. Hughes stated that the British ambassador brought the subject up in March, 1923, "earnestly appealing" to the state department against any alteration in elevation and giving positive assurance that no such alterations would be made on any British capital ships after they had been commissioned.

MANY NATIONALITIES RESIDE IN RUPERT

English Predominate With Scottish Coming a Close Second: Scandinavia High

The information collected at the time of the last census has been now completely compiled and distributed in book form. Some interesting information is contained in the publication. In Prince Rupert, for instance, is given the origin of the inhabitants. The total population of 6,393 is made up as follows:

English	2,128
Irish	674
Scottish	1,572
Other British Races ..	91
French	202
Austrian	66
Belgian	15
Dutch	24
Finnish	40
German	103
Greek	29
Hebrew	14
Italian	153
Polish	12
Russian	55
Scandinavian	588
Ukrainian	12
Other Europeans	98
Chinese and Japanese ..	362
Syrian	26
Indian	59
Negro	23
Unspecified	47

REDDICK WINS IN TEN ROUND BOUT

Johnny Papke Got One on the Chin in the Eighth Which Weakened Him

WINNIPEG, Jan. 8.—Jack Reddick, Canadian heavyweight champion, defeated Johnny Papke of Cleveland in a ten round contest. Up to the eighth round the honors were even for the two boxers but in that round Reddick landed a right cross flush on Papke's chin, which weakened him and from that on it was Reddick's fight.

MICKEY WALKER GETS BETTER OF MCTIGUE

Wine by Points in Twelve Round Match Against Lightweight Champion

NEWARK, Jan. 8.—Mickey Walker, the world's welterweight champion, outpointed Mike Mctigue, holder of the welterweight crown in a twelve round no-decision match last night. Walker was the aggressor throughout.

BROUGHT FROM WASHINGTON TO BRITISH COURT

Two Alleged Robbers Will be Tried at Vancouver: Third Fights Extradition

VANCOUVER, Jan. 8.—Ted Hollywood and Charles Thompson, alias J. Johnson and Frank Depaula, charged with anticipation in the \$70,000 city hall payroll robbery and \$2,500 Capitol Theatre robbery here in 1923, were brought to Vancouver yesterday by police from Walla Walla, Washington, penitentiary. Frank Howard, alleged to be the third member of the trio of robbers, remains at Walla Walla penitentiary, fighting extradition.

ATHLETES ARE UNDER ARREST

Football Star and Accomplice Charged With Murder and Three Others Accused

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—Art Evans, football star of the Montreal Athletic Association, and Alexander Sweezy, American, are held here, charged with the murder by an illegal operation performed on Mary Kelly, 23 years of age, a Hamilton girl.

Three other men, Tricks Miller, director of athletics for the Montreal Association; Jack Corrigan, manager of the rugby squad; Imilda Bourgeon, are held as accessories before the fact. Arrests followed the coroner's inquest at which Detective Pusie said Evans admitted to him his intention was to have an abortion practiced on Miss Kelly and claimed that Sweezy performed the operation.

OVER TAXATION SERIOUS MATTER

Sir Herbert Holt, President of Royal Bank, Addresses Annual Meeting

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—At the general meeting of the Royal Bank of Canada, Sir Herbert Holt, president, declared that a very serious problem faced Canada as a result of over-taxation. He expressed the view that the world might this year return to the gold standard. The establishment of a budget control bureau was also mooted by Sir Herbert.