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UPROAR OVER DEBT IN FRENCH CHAMBER FAILURE OF ANTI-OPIUM CONFERENCE LIKELY OWING TO DIFFERENCES

EDITORIAL

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COAL BUSINESS.

The elevator is to be built. It is announced that work will be pushed so that wheat may be shipped through it next fall. When that time comes it is to be assumed that ships will be here that will need bunker coal.

This is the opportunity for the owners of the interior British Columbia and Alberta coal mines to go out for business. There is at Telkwa a large proved coal deposit and there are other coal fields even closer to this port although so far not proved. There is also the big Roundhog coal field so far unproved. One at least of these should find a market for coal at this port.

Alberta's Opportunity

Failing British Columbia mines, there is a big market here for Alberta coal. What is needed is bunkers with which to handle it. Alberta has the coal. We shall provide the market, but somebody must build the bunkers.

Prince Rupert is the natural port for the shipment of the products of northern Alberta and especially is it the port of the city of Edmonton. The interests of Edmonton and Prince Rupert are closely allied. Edmonton has a large grain elevator especially designed to handle grain which is to be shipped to the coast. When the elevator here is ready much of that grain will go out by way of this port. The natural thing will be for the country contiguous to make a big bid for the coal business also.

Look to Interior

Vancouver has plenty of coal. It is close to the Vancouver Island mines. It cannot afford to buy Alberta coal to any extent because the other mines are so much more accessible. Prince Rupert is a long way from Vancouver Island. There is a bad stretch of water to cross in coming here. The result is that people here look to Alberta for a good proportion of their coal supply. So far the demand has been largely local but very soon there will be a demand for bunker coal and Alberta will do well to consider the possibilities of supplying the demand.

The trade commissioner for the province, Howard Stuthebury knows this port well. He has on several occasions been here with a view to increasing the market for Alberta product. This is the crucial time. Whoever gets in now and builds bunkers here and establishes the business is likely to retain it.

Foreign Shipping

A new condition has arisen with the erection of the elevator. Prince Rupert is about to be changed from a local port to a foreign shipping centre. The operation of the big mill combined with the new elevator will provide a good deal of tonnage for foreign shipment and coal will be needed all the time. It must be delivered here at a low rate and handled economically. Grude methods will not avail. This is the time for the development of the coal market, and it must be done right.

A. Wood, manager of the Taltapin mine near Burns Lake, sailed this morning on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver.

Scene of Disorder in French Parliament on Payment of U.S. Debt

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies was thrown into an uproar lasting 25 minutes and the session had to be suspended after Deputy Desjardines had criticized bitterly the action of the chamber in refusing to order the posting of Deputy Marcin's speech in which he declared it would be moral inquiry for the United States to compel France to pay her four million dollar debt.

It was such a scene of disorder as had never before been seen in the chamber.

POLICEMEN DISCHARGED

Officer in Janet Smith Case Fired Without Notice for Dereliction of Duty

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—A reorganization of the Point Grey police force was started today when the commissioners dismissed Constable James Green and Constable William Blair. Green was discharged without notice for dereliction of duty and Blair will be paid his salary to the end of February in lieu of notice.

No mention was made of the Janet Smith case but it was directly owing to this that Green came under criticism and the reorganization of the force was demanded.

PEACE RIVER LEGISLATION

Alberta to Have Special Session of Legislature in Autumn to Deal With Railway

EDMONTON, Jan. 23.—The Legislature has been called to meet February 19 and it is announced that a special session will be held in the autumn to deal with providing a shorter and cheaper railway outlet for products of the Peace River country.

The announcement of the special session is thought to indicate that the Peace River railway legislation will not come before the present legislature, which will mean delay until autumn.

INSURANCE ON MURDERED MAN

Court Authorizes Father Adelaide Delorme to Collect \$28,000

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—The superior court authorized Rev. Father Adelaide Delorme, recently acquitted of the charge of murdering his half brother Raoul, to "undertake in his own name" to collect insurance amounting to \$28,000 on the life of Raoul, who was found murdered on January 7, 1922.

BEER IS DELAYED

Word was received here yesterday from Victoria that a delay of one week had taken place in regard to the issuance of licenses to sell beer under the Liquor Control Board. It was expected the Gazette would have carried the information this week.

EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA IN JAPAN IS FATAL

TOKIO, Jan. 23.—An influenza epidemic has been raging in this city and although it commenced only 22 days ago the number of deaths so far is 4,700.

SOLAR ECLIPSE ON TOMORROW

Eastern Scientists Will go up on Dirigible Los Angeles to Observe it

LAKEHURST, New Jersey, Jan. 23.—The solar eclipse flight of the dirigible Los Angeles (formerly ZR3) will begin tomorrow at sunrise when the giant airship will leave her hangar here for a 24 hour trip. In the back of the dirigible will be a group of scientists who plan to get unobstructed observation of the eclipse. Their observations will be broadcasted by radio.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF ELEVATOR CONTRACT

Minister of Trade and Commerce Wires Fred Stork an Official Notification

Yesterday afternoon about half past four a telegram filed that day at noon was received from Vancouver from the special representative of this paper saying "The Sun's press gallery correspondent wires definite confirmation that the Northern Construction Company has been awarded the contract for Prince Rupert elevator pier and foundation. The contract is awaiting the Governor General's signature." About the same time Fred Stork received the following: "Elevator contract awarded the Northern Construction Company." "THOMAS A. LOW, Minister of Trade and Finance."

OIL SHIP FOUNDERS: NINE LIVES ARE LOST

British American Co.'s Steamer Red Line No. 1 Goes Down in British Channel

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Lloyds announce that the British American Petroleum Co.'s steamer Red Line No. 1, foundered in the British Channel with a loss of nine lives.

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This photograph shows the detail of one of the best war memorials of Italy, "The Love of One's Country," designed by Mario Sabatelli

Hopes for Peace River Railway Through British Columbia Are Brighter Than They Ever Were

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—Hopes for utilizing the P.G.E. Railway as a link connecting with the proposed railway outlet from the Peace River district have not been abandoned, Premier Oliver declared last night. He stated that from a survey of the situation and from information acquired during a recent visit to Ottawa, the prospects for the proposed line coming by either the Pine or Peace pass was better than they ever were.

If the line was built following either of those routes the P.G.E. would be utilized as a link and that would be sufficient reason for continuing the railway right through to Vancouver.

LUMBER CARGO IS TOP HEAVY

Steamer Develops List Off Victoria and Almost Turns Turtle

VICTORIA, Jan. 23.—Steamer Tornamayan developed a serious list to port after leaving Vancouver with a cargo of lumber for a Cuban port. When off Ozden Point it was feared the boat would turn turtle and she was towed to Esquimalt where her deck load will be reduced.

BEAUTY SHOP BEING BROADCASTED FROM CALGARY TOMORROW

If local radio fans tune in on Calgary tomorrow night they may be able to hear a repetition of the "Beauty Shop" musical show which was staged here so successfully by the Elks a couple of months ago. Under the direction of C. H. Lewis, who conducted the show here, the "Beauty Shop" is having a three day run at Calgary, having opened last night. It will be put on the air tomorrow night at 8.15 Calgary time. W. E. Willisroff, secretary of the local Elks Lodge has been so advised.

RAILWAY FROM PEACE RIVER IS ASSURED FACT

EDMONTON, Jan. 23.—Hon. George Hoadley, minister of agriculture in the Alberta Government, assured delegates to the convention of the United Farmers of Alberta that an outlet to the Pacific Coast for the Peace River products was an accomplished fact but that he was not yet in possession of the proposed route. He claimed that with the building of the outlet the Peace River country would become the most prosperous in Canada.

PATTULLO COMING TO VISIT CONSTITUENCY

Word was received in the city this morning from Hon. T. D. Pattullo, member for this constituency in the Provincial Legislature stating that he expected to arrive here on February 11 on a visit.

HOCKEY SCORES

Victoria 2, Edmonton 3.

Conference on Opium Smoking Is Likely to Fail Unless a Change

GENEVA, Jan. 23.—A private meeting between Viscount Cecil of Great Britain and Representative Porter of the United States in an attempt to save the opium conference from breakdown resulted in failure.

Porter stated that unless the conditions were changed radically he would return home within a few days. Efforts to save the conference continue.

The powers having opium colonies in the Far East made no new concessions but stand by the demands that the suppression of smoking be conditional on the reduction of opium production in China.

COMMITTEEMEN FOR COUNCIL

Alderman Casey Deals With Finance and McMordie with Utilities

Concession to his long aldermanic experience, his high rank at recent polls and also the sweep that Labor made at the recent civic election were probably the motives that inspired Mayor Newton to appoint Ald. Casey chairman of the city finance committee for the year 1925. This was the only appointment that could be classified as a surprise when the list of standing committees for the year was read at last night's council meeting. Ald. McMordie and Ald. Perry, as had been expected, were named chairmen of the utilities and board of works committees respectively.

The full list of committees for the year is as follows:

Finance Committee—Ald. Casey (chairman), Ald. McMordie and Ald. Stephens.
Board of Works—Ald. Perry (chairman), Ald. Brown and Ald. McKechnie.
Fisheries—Ald. Smith and Ald. Larsen.
Hospital—Ald. Brown and Ald. McKechnie.

Exhibition—Ald. Brown and Ald. Perry.
Building commission—Ald. McKechnie (chairman), Ald. Brown, city engineer, fire chief, and medical health officer.
Reading room—Ald. Larsen (chairman), William McRae, George Smith, J. J. Gillis, George Sutherland, W. E. Denning and Fred Lanza.

Soldiers' Housing—Members of finance committee, city treasurer, city solicitor, and city engineer with mayor as chairman.
Library board—Ald. Smith (one year term), Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, G. V. Wilkinson and F. J. Fuller (two year terms).
The mayor is ex-officio a member of all committees.

Mayor Newton announced that he was leaving today for the south on a trip which would necessitate his absence for a week or ten days. Ald. Gasey was named acting mayor on motion of Ald. Perry, seconded by Ald. Smith.

Members of the court of revision on the 1925 assessment roll which will sit in February were named as follows: Mayor Newton (chairman), Ald. Gasey, Ald. McMordie, Ald. Stephens and Ald. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bushby sailed this morning on the steamer Prince Rupert for Vancouver.

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS TO BE HELD EDMONTON

Prince Rupert to be Invited to Take Part at Invitation of Blatchford

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—A conference of mayors of leading British Columbia and prairie cities to be called at an early date by Mayor K. A. Blatchford of Edmonton was announced on his arrival here Thursday. The cities are vitally interested in the development of the whole of Canada, he said, and he believes much good will result from the mayors of the cities holding together.

The conference is to be arranged in order that the cities may work on an agreed policy rather than as separate units. It is proposed to hold the meeting at Edmonton and from this province the mayors of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, and Prince Rupert will be invited.

BEER LICENSE MONEY DIVIDED

Municipalities will Benefit from Distribution: Delay in Issuing

VICTORIA, Jan. 23.—Money received from the sale of beer licenses will be placed in a fund consolidated with the liquor profits and like the latter will be divided amongst the different municipalities. Mayor Taylor said last night, following an interview with Hon. A. M. Manson and cabinet representatives. Taylor said the issuance of licenses would be held in abeyance, probably until February 15. Beer licenses will cost from \$700 to \$1,000, Mayor Taylor was given to understand. About 75 licenses will be issued.

LOST HEADS FOR REFUSING

Christian Chinese to Number of 200 Said to Have Been Executed

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23.—A prominent missionary here today stated that 200 Christian Chinese farmers in Pekin province were beheaded by military authorities for refusing to grow opium.