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RAILWAYMEN TO MAKE PEACE RIVER PLAN

VESSEL WHICH WENT ADRIFT IN STORM FOUND ANCHORAGE AND IS SAFE

Vancouver Council Told Political Interference Will Not be Tolerated

Manson Defends Policy of Enforcement of Law and Says will be Vigorously Maintained

VANCOUVER, Jan. 10.—At a meeting with local members of the Legislature the city council last night passed a resolution asking why \$22,000 was deducted from the city's share of the liquor profits for enforcement of the liquor laws. Each alderman in turn demanded an explanation of alleged provincial government interference with civic affairs.

Replying, members of the legislature took a united stand, asserting that Hugh Davidson, as sole controller, has complete charge of the administration of the Act and there had been no political interference.

Mayor L. D. Taylor said there had got to be a change. The government was bleeding Vancouver. While deductions were made for policing, gasoline taxes were imposed, amusement taxes collected and other revenues taken from the city without a dividend.

HIJACKERS ARE BEFORE COURT

Three Liberated at Seattle at
Extradition Proceedings and
Fourth Held

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—Release of three of the four suspects and the presentation of the confession of Paul Strumpkins in the hi-jacking murders on the zashoat Berl G. off Pender Island on September 15 featured the opening of the extradition proceedings in the superior court. The men released were Clarence Cheatwood, Harold Morris, and Ray Kramer, who with Charles Morris had been held in jail as fugitives from B.C. accused of complicity in the murder of Captain W. Gillis and his son on the liquor runner Beryl G. Charles Morris is held.

Strumpkins, the Victoria boatman, in a confession, said he was hired by Owen "Cannonball" Baker, now under arrest in New York, and he took Baker, Charles Morris and Harry Sowash to a point near the Beryl G. The three passengers rowed to the Beryl G. in a skiff. Shots were heard by Strumpkins, who later saw Baker take the bodies of Gillis and his son to the deck, handcuffing them together and heaving them overboard.

480 CHURCHES VOTE UNION

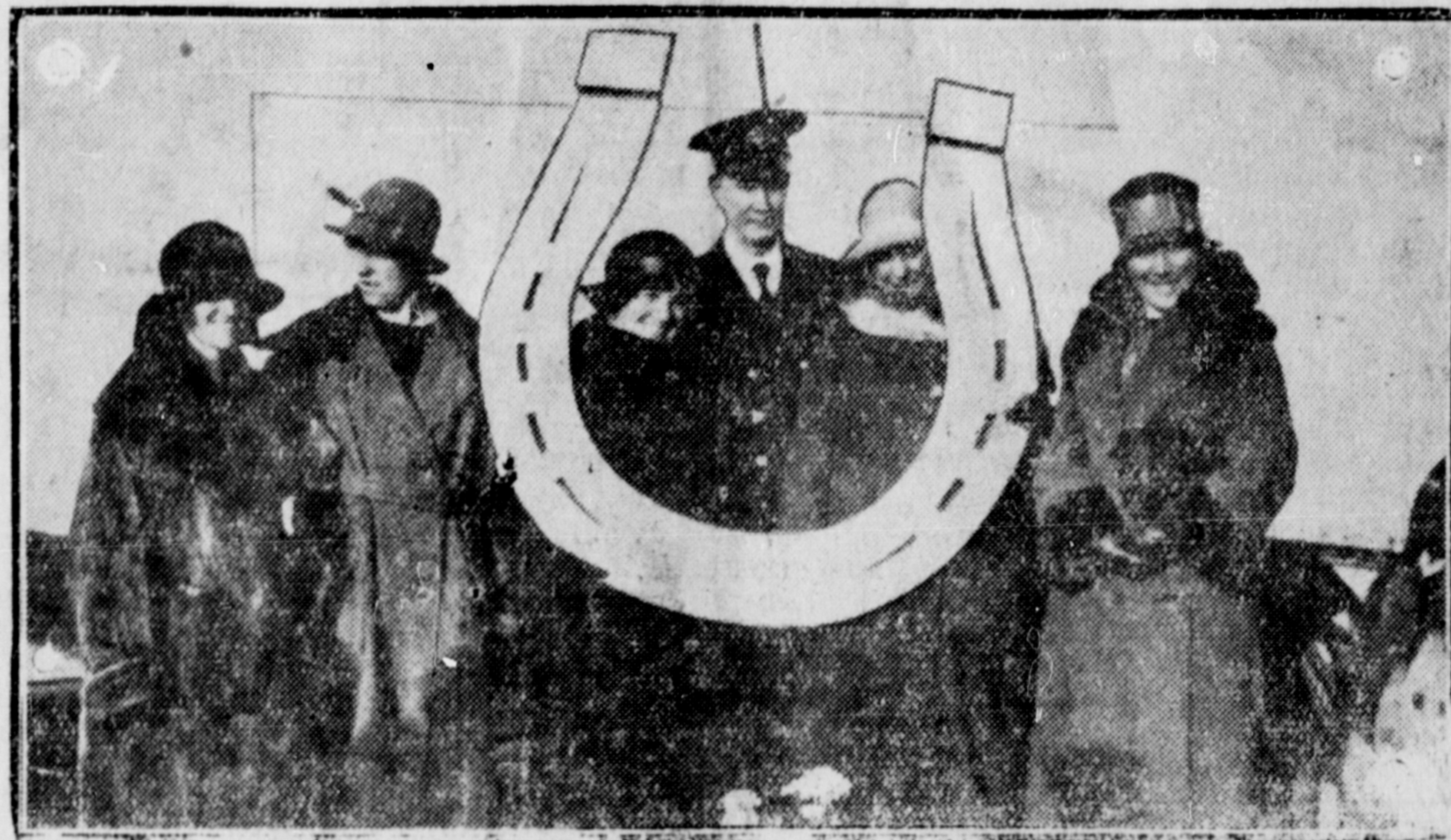
Only 98 Throughout Canada De-
cided to Remain Outside and
Carry on

TORONTO, Jan. 10.—Reports received by the Church Union bureau indicate that 480 Presbyterian congregations in Canada voted in favor of entering the United Church of Canada, while 98 voted against and will continue the Presbyterian Church.

Two-thirds of the anti-Union churches are in Ontario, but a number of Nova Scotia churches voted for non-concurrence in the new union movement.

KETCHIKAN COMMISSIONER

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 10.—J. W. Kehoe, formerly an associate of ex-delegate Wickersham in Juneau, has been appointed United States commissioner here succeeding Judge Edward G. Morrissey, editor of the Ketchikan Chronicle, who resigned.



These five pretty Scotch lassies are shown on the G.P.R. liner Melaguna, previous to sailing for Canada, where they expect to meet their future husbands.

Two Railways to Unite Efforts to Open Up Peace River Country Result of Conference at Ottawa

NICKERSON IS NEW PRESIDENT

Heads Board of Trade this Year
with J. H. Pillsbury, Vice
President

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade held in the council chamber last night George W. Nickerson was elected president for the year and J. H. Pillsbury vice-president, with Arthur Brooksbank, secretary.

The council of the Board includes a number of names not before seen on the executive and is as follows: T. McMeekin, Douglas Stork, H. H. Little, Jas. Lee, F. G. Dawson, W. E. Williams, J. C. McLennan, George Rorie, H. F. Pullen, J. W. Scott, Olof Hanson P. Gimula, A. F. Robertson, H. A. Phillipott and John Dybbavn.

Younger Members
Before electing these officers Mr. McMeekin expressed the opinion that some younger members should be put on the board this year as people had the idea that the same old gang was running it all the time. This was resented by some of the members who said those had been chosen who took enough interest in the meetings to attend. It had been tried again and again to interest others but they would not attend. What they wanted was men who took an interest in the welfare of the city and were willing to give their time working for it. Unless they would do this it was useless electing them to an executive position on the Board of Trade.

Three Nominated
Three nominations were made for the position of President, J. W. Scott, H. F. Pullen and G. W. Nickerson. Messrs. Scott and Pullen declined to allow their names to stand, stating that they had not time to give to the work. Mr. Nickerson was then elected by acclamation.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their excellent work.

(Special to Daily News)

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—A definite step toward a solution of the transportation problems of the Peace River territory was made today when the conference of interested parties and railway executives under the aegis of the federal minister of railways invited the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. to work together to produce some working scheme.

A long conference was held with the premiers of B.C. and Alberta, members of Parliament and others. Premier Oliver made a strong plea for development of the Peace River territory and the utilization, if possible, of the P.G.E. railway. Whatever decision was arrived at, Mr. Oliver urged should be in the interests of Canada.

Several alternative routes were discussed and the presidents of the two railway systems agreed in the view expressed that there should be no duplication of lines in the Peace River territory.

The railway presidents promised to make every effort to arrive at a scheme for joint operation of railways in the Peace River, the question of routes to be left to the engineers who are now studying the field.

Premier Oliver expressed satisfaction with the results obtained. These would have been greater, he thought, if the conference had been given data on engineering and maintenance which the railways appeared to possess. However, he felt sure the railways would accept the responsibility invested in them by the conference and will work together to arrive at a working scheme.

Barge Bergamon Found Anchorage Between Dundas Islands and is Being Towed to Port by Marmion

Anchored off Baron Island at the mouth of Hudson Bay Passage on Dundas Island, the lumber barge Bergamon, which went adrift from the tug Massett early yesterday morning and for the safety of which fears were expressed, was located at 8:30 last night by the lighthouse tender Newington, Capt. Ormiston. In a wireless message to headquarters at Digby Island, Capt. Ormiston reported that the barge was unharmed and her crew, headed by Capt. Wingate, safe. There was nobody who received this welcome news with more relief than Capt. Pearson of the Massett who was in a very anxious frame of mind all day yesterday.

Immediately news was received of the Bergamon's position, it was decided to send the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co.'s tug Marmion, Capt. Cameron, out to bring the barge into this port. The Marmion, which arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Anyox with a coal barge for the dry dock, went out during the night and was to have been beside the Bergamon by daybreak this morning. This afternoon, the tug and her tow will probably arrive here. Later, it is expected, she will continue her interrupted voyage to Gumsheva Inlet to take on a cargo of logs.

The Bergamon broke away from the Massett near Triple Island and drifted some 10 or 15 miles before Capt. Wingate was able to anchor her at Baron Island. The abatement of the gale yesterday afternoon probably proved her salvation.

Last night, before word was received that the Newington had located the Bergamon, George G. Busby of the Prince Rupert By-Products Co. despatched the power boat M.T. 3, Capt. Reg. Green, to the rescue.

HOT SPRING SOLD

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 10.—For an amount said to have been \$24,000, Bell Island mineral hot springs located near Ketchikan have been taken over by Miss Agnes Herring. The resort was sold at auction.

Route to Peace River by way of Hazelton Urged by Board of Trade and to be Investigated

The Peace River Board of Trade is in communication with the Prince Rupert board in connection with a railroad outlet from the Peace River district to the coast. A letter was read at the meeting of the local board last night asking if any steps had been taken to bring before the conference the advantages of the route through the Peace River pass at the Forks via the Omineca River and Tecla Lake to Hazelton and Prince Rupert. The letter says:

"The two routes of which there is the most talk, that is the Erule line and the extension of the P.G. & E. would neither of them benefit the main Peace River country which lies to the north of the Peace River.

"Prince Rupert is our nearest and natural outlet to the Pacific coast."

G. W. Nickerson urged the importance of taking this matter up and securing a proper examination of the route by Hazelton. He moved that a committee be appointed by the president to wait on Fred Stork and F. G. Dawson with a view to having representations made for an adequate survey.

E. C. Gibbons suggested they should use their influence to get an adequate report and should interest the Provincial Government in the matter.

J. G. McLennan said this was the most important matter at present before them. Hazelton was about half way between here and the Peace River, according to the map. A recent visitor to the city, David Barr, who had been in that country thirteen years, had stated that the bulk of the wheat lands was north of the Peace River and he thought the route should come by Hazelton.

H. H. Little said surveys of the route had been made by the C.P.R. and by Lord Rhonda.

It was decided to have the committee appointed and the new president chose E. C. Gibbons, M. P. Caffery and Olof Hanson.

FIVE CANDIDATES SO FAR NOMINATED

Oscar Larsen and R. F. Perry
File Papers For Council;
Also Frank Clapp and
M. M. Stephens

Up to noon today five nominations had been placed in the hands of Returning Officer E. F. Jones for the civic election which will take place next Thursday. All nominations must be entered by 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Those so far nominated are:

For Alderman
Oscar Larsen, proposed by S. D. Macdonald, and seconded by Olof Hanson.

R. F. Perry, proposed by John R. Mitchell, and seconded by J. C. Meltae.

Frank E. Clapp, proposed by M. M. Stephens, seconded by M. R. McLeod.

Melvin McK. Stephens, proposed by Frank E. Clapp and seconded by Stephen King.

For School Board
Henry Smith, proposed by Thomas McMeekin, and seconded by R. W. Cameron.

Motorship Bellingham, Capt. Len Williams, sailed this morning at 2:45 on her return to Ketchikan after having discharged 12 carloads of frozen fish over the Royal Fish Co. for transshipment by Canadian National Railways to the Eastern States. The next trip of the Bellingham will be from Ketchikan to Seattle.

NEW VESSELS ARE CHANGED

Era of Dreadnaughts has Passed
and Entirely Novel Type
Appears

AIRDROME AND FORTRESS

Flying Corps on Each Ship;
Smoke Stacks May Not
be Needed

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The design of the battleships Nelson and Rodney being built in Britain, are so revolutionary, according to the Daily Express, it marks the end of the Dreadnaught era. Both are fortresses and airdromes and have a radius of action covering a thousand miles. Nine sixteen inch guns are mounted on each of three turrets, all forward. There are no gun afts, as that part of the vessel constitutes the flying deck.

The ships carry their own flying corps and planes.

Probably there will be no funnels, the products of the furnaces being discharged through pipes running alongside the stern.

The deck will be armored to protect the ship against aerial bombs.

COLD WEATHER IN GEORGIA

Farmers and Flocks Frozen to
Death and Crops May Suffer

TIFLIS, Georgia, Jan. 10.—One hundred persons and a thousand cattle were frozen to death during the unprecedented cold weather prevailing throughout the Caucasus. Several instances of shepherds and farmers, who went to the fields to tend their cattle and sheep, having been frozen with the flocks, have been given. It is feared the effect on the crops will mean a famine next year.

BOARD OF TRADE BACKS UP OLIVER RAILWAY MATTERS

The Board of Trade at its annual meeting last night decided on motion to send a telegram to Hon. John Oliver complimenting on his efforts to secure the building of the Peace River railway through British Columbia and urging that he continue his efforts in that direction.

H. T. Cross of the local customs staff sailed this morning on the Venture for Swanson Bay where he will clear the C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Volenteer which is to take a cargo of lumber direct from Swanson Bay to New York via the Panama Canal.