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## FRANCE AND BRITAIN EXCHANGING VIEWS

### FISHERMEN TURN DOWN PROPOSAL OF HALIBUT DEISEL BOAT OWNERS

#### EDITORIAL

PRINCE RUPERT'S ELEVATOR

Rumors continue to come from Vancouver that powerful influences there are at work to try to prevent the elevator being built at Prince Rupert. All sorts of interests are said to be working against it and the delay in opening the tenders is said to be part of the move to stop the construction proceeding.

While it is difficult to believe that such influences will affect the issue, we all know that they have been effective in the past and what we want to do is to see that there is no recurrence. We cannot have the elevator snatched from our grasp just at a time when it seems to be ours. The situation must be watched carefully and any move headed off.

Among those tendering is a local firm with good financial backing. It is understood that they have a tentative arrangement made with a first rate structural man who is well able to handle the work. It is to be hoped that they will be successful in landing the contract. They will be up against stiff competition and will be tied down to hard and fast terms. If they are able to handle the job and do it well, as we are assured they are, we should like to see them get it, for they are men who get their living here and spend their money in the city. However, they must take their chance with the rest in the open market.

#### INDIANS ARE FAVORITES IN OKALLA JAIL

At First they Refused Food but Now are Accustomed to Prison Life

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7. — Five Northern Indians from the head waters of the Peace River who are awaiting trial at the next assize court at Prince Rupert on charges of murdering a young boy by hanging him by the heels, are now accustomed to themselves to prison surroundings. For some time they refused the regular prison food and appeared to be in decline. Now they are cheerful and are prime favorites and will be missed when they go north to face the murder charge.

The boy they are accused of murdering was suspected by them of witchcraft.

#### VIC FOLEY WON IN A SIX ROUND BOUT

SEATTLE, Jan. 7. — Vic Foley, Vancouver bantamweight champion of Canada won a six round victory over Dixie Lahood of Butte. Foley won four rounds and Lahood two.

James Bradford of Roddens, Co. Antrim, Ireland, inquires through the local police as to the whereabouts of his son, Bruce Bradford, who was last heard of in this city about two years ago.

#### Views Exchanged by British and French on Payment Allied Debts

PARIS, Jan. 7. — The British chancellor of the exchequer, Right Hon. Winston Churchill, exchanged views unofficially with the French finance minister Clement today, setting forth the well known British standpoint that Britain must receive from the war debtors sums equivalent to those she must pay the United States.

Clement replied that France likewise could not forgive her debtors while obliged to pay creditors. He expressed a willingness to participate in the debt conference suggested by Mr. Churchill but thought it would not be likely to produce results in the absence of representatives from the United States.

#### NEWSPAPERS IN BIG STRUGGLE

Vancouver Scene of Keen Contest for Supremacy if not for Life of Journals

(Special to Daily News)  
VANCOUVER, Jan. 7. — There is an interesting newspaper fight going on here just now. When the morning paper bought out the World and changed it to the Evening Sun the idea seemed prevalent that the Province and the Sun would fill the newspaper field here. However, a third paper soon was planned. The Star made its appearance as a one cent daily and soon made a place for itself here with its circulation jumping well beyond twenty thousand a day.

The next step was an apparent attempt on the part of the Sun to put the new paper out of business. The price of the older paper was reduced to one cent, leaving the province as the only five cent paper in the city.

While the Province gave much more news than either of the others and was worth a great deal more it lost some of its circulation simply because of the price. The Province management hesitated to enter the fray for some time as it meant losing much money but it has announced that the fight is on, and that it too will reduce its price to compete on equal terms with the other two. It is also understood it will publish a morning edition. With its new plant there is no limit to what it can do mechanically and it has the facilities for giving everything in the way of news and features.

The result of the pitched battle will be watched with interest throughout British Columbia. General Odium has control of the Star, and Robert Cromie of the Sun, while Frank Burde manages the Province on behalf of the Southams, who recently purchased a controlling interest in it from the Lieutenant Governor.

#### FINN ATHLETE STARTS STRONG

Paavlo Nurmi Defeated Pick of American Rivals in Opening Races at New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. — Paavlo Nurmi, the Finn, wrote an epic in American indoor track and field history last night when he started his tour of the United States with two spectacular victories, shattering three world records and conquering decisively the pick of his American and Finnish rivals. He defeated Jolle Fay in the mile race and Willie Rife in the five thousand metres.

#### J. H. MEAGER IS FISHERMEN'S AGENT

Local Officer Re-elected After Contest with Frank Semers of Seattle

J. H. Meagher has been re-elected local agent of the Halibut Fishermen's Union. His opponent for the office was Frank Semers of Seattle. Ole Wancho has been re-elected agent at Ketchem and Rod McDonald at Seattle.

P. P. Gill of Seattle is secretary-treasurer of the Union for the coast, he having jurisdiction over all the local branches.

#### NEW COMPANY IS PERMANENT

Prince Rupert Construction Co. Ltd. to Undertake Contracting Business in North

Its directorate consisting entirely of local citizens, the recently incorporated Prince Rupert Construction Co. Ltd. was formed after many years' consideration for the purpose of entering the general contracting business in Central and Northern B.C.

While the new company has submitted a tender for the foundation of the local grain elevator and will tender on the construction of the elevator proper, it will continue as a permanent institution irrespective of this work. Having as its directors prominent local citizens who have been successful in various ventures of some magnitude, the company is financially strong and its directors state that it will be able to compete for and handle any work in this district which may be offering. It also has the advantage of being thoroughly conversant with local conditions.

The services of an expert of Dominion wide renown have been already retained by the company with respect to the elevator work. He will assist in making the company's tender and will take charge of the work if the local men get the job. Later as business expands, it is the intention of the company to engage a permanent general manager.

The head office of the Prince Rupert Construction Co. Ltd. is in Prince Rupert and the officers are:

President — M. P. McCaffery, Vice-president — Olof Hanson, Secretary-treasurer — W. E. Williams.

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Arthur T. Walden of Wonalancet, N.H., the winner of the international dog race at Quebec in 1922, will again enter a team for this year's event. He is shown with "Chinook," called the greatest lead dog in the country

#### Remarkable Career of Woman Buried Today at Victoria; She Grubstaked Many Millionaires

VICTORIA, Jan. 7. — The career of a woman who commanded the respect of the rough and ready element which prospect for gold from Arizona to the Arctic regions and from California to Alaska closed today when the body of Miss Nellie Gushman was buried here.

In 1877 Miss Gushman went to Arizona, following the lure of gold. In the early eighties she grubstaked several of Arizona's present millionaires. Later she used the money returned by these men to finance a trip to Alaska where she outfitted and mushed into the interior seeking for gold.

Miss Gushman served as a nurse at many mining towns at the same time staking her own claims. Only last year she mushed from Koyukik to Seward, Alaska, over 750 miles, and spent some time in Northern British Columbia.

#### ONE CHURCH FOR UNION AND ANOTHER AGAINST

Chalmers of Vancouver Goes in With Big Majority and St. Paul's Stays Out

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7. — Chalmers Presbyterian Church voted 513 to 160 to enter the United Church.

St. Paul's Church voted against union, the vote being 14 for and 94 against.

#### OCEAN FALLS MAN WINS AN APPEAL AND IS NOW AT LIBERTY

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7. — Giuseppe Girone of Ocean Falls who was sentenced by Judge Young at Prince Rupert to five years' imprisonment for an offence against a young girl, regained his liberty here yesterday. The court of appeal, Mr. Justice Martin dissenting, allowed Girone's appeal.

#### EDMONTON STRIKE

EDMONTON, Jan. 7. — The men employed on construction of the subway beneath the Canadian National Railways have been on strike for several days. They have been paid 30c an hour by the contractor.

#### Owners of Deisel Fishing Boats Want Larger Share of Catch but Are Turned Down by Fishermen

By a practically unanimous vote, the local branch of the Halibut Fishermen's Union last night turned down a proposition from the Boat Owners' Association of Seattle respecting the operation of deisel fishing boats. Owing to expenses of operation being reduced by the installation of the new engines, the owners proposed that the fishermen should participate to a greater extent in the expenses. They suggested increasing the boat's share in trips from 20 per cent to 25 per cent or, the 20 per cent share of the trip remaining as at present, lost and condemned gear be charged against the crew. The fishermen considered that the owners were already reaping increased benefit from the new type of motive power and voted the proposition down. There were 114 at the meeting and 108 voted against the proposal, the odd six not being qualified to vote.

#### UNEMPLOYED ASK FOR RENT MORATORIUM

EDMONTON, Jan. 7. — A call for a moratorium in connection with payment of rent, light and water rates by the unemployed was made at a mass meeting here, when 70 accredited delegates of labor unions, labor organizations and trustees, the Edmonton Trades and Labor council and other associations were present.

Among the several resolutions passed was one criticizing the federal government for failure to apply a 25 per cent allotment toward the relief of unemployment in Edmonton, and another called for the circularizing of all labor unions for one delegate from each to form a permanent council of unemployed.

#### CHURCH UNION VOTE

Up to Saturday last the Church vote stood 184 churches for and 11 against. They were according to provinces as follows:

- British Columbia — 2 for union, 1 against.
- Alberta — 12 for union, 5 against.
- Saskatchewan — 120 for union, 4 against.
- Ontario — 48 for union, 1 against.
- Prince Edward Island — 1 for union.
- Nova Scotia — 1 for union.

#### ALREADY PREPARING FOR FISHING SEASON

KITSELAS, Jan. 7. — Chief M. X. McKay left Kitseles village on Saturday's train for Hazelton to arrange for fishermen to work at the B.A. Cannery, Port Essington, during 1925. He will be back this week.

#### EARTH TREMOR FELT IN EAST

North Atlantic Towns Were Shaken by Quake This Morning

BOSTON, Jan. 7. — An earth tremor lasting for fifteen seconds jarred Gloucester, Marblehead, Salem and other North Atlantic cities this morning. It was accompanied by a heavy rumbling noise. In Swampscott stove lids were dislodged and in Nahant, pictures were shaken from the walls.

#### ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF

Rudolph Lewenberger Brought From Pitman Spur on Railway Snow Plow Last Night

Weak from loss of blood and in a rather serious condition after having accidentally shot himself in the groin, Rudolph Lewenberger was brought in last night from Pitman Spur on a Canadian National Railway snow plow and was admitted to the Prince Rupert General Hospital where he is under the care of Dr. H. E. Tremayne.

According to the provincial police report, Lewenberger, while hunting goat near Pitman Spur which is 20 miles east of Terrace, was clearing away a brush obstruction with the butt of his rifle when the weapon accidentally discharged. A 303 soft nose bullet entered his right leg about three inches below the groin and his thigh bone was shattered. Fortunately, the injured man was accompanied by his partner, J. Wildi, who took him out of the bush. He was put on the snow plow and brought to the city.

Lewenberger arrived at Terrace recently from the prairies in quest of work. He is a Swiss and is 23 years of age.

#### BAR ALIENS FROM MINES

Preliminary Step Taken to Conserve Placer Fields for Canadians

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7. — A special meeting of the mining bureau will be held here soon to consider the advisability of suggesting to the federal government that the ownership of British Columbia minerals in placer fields be restricted in future to British citizens.

The decision, to call the meeting followed a conference of the Board of Trade, the bureau, the chamber of mines, native sons of B.C. with H. H. Stevens and General J. A. Clark.

The proposal aims to safeguard business interests in the province in the event of Cassiar becoming the scene of a gold rush this year. United States cities profited largely by Canadian gold rushes in the past and it is argued that efforts should be made to prevent a recurrence of this.

#### AIRMEN KILLED

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 7. — A fatality was recorded when a ground vehicle was struck by a flying plane today. Leon Harness and Paul Long were killed and their truck demolished by an air plane at the local flying field.