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## SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

### PROPOSAL TO SUBSIDIZE LINE OF STEAMSHIPS SO AS TO REDUCE PRICES

#### Governor General Opens Parliament and Reads Speech from the Throne

#### Freight Rates, Senate Reform, Port Development and Opening of Peace River All Mentioned

OTTAWA, Feb. 6. — The Governor General opening the fourth session of Parliament in the speech from the throne announced that parliamentary sanction would be sought for the calling of a conference between the federal and provincial governments for the amendment of the British North America Act with respect to the constitution and powers of the Senate and other important particulars.

The speech said the attention of Parliament would be called to the desirability of equalizing the freight rates between the provinces and localities.

A measure will be submitted for equipment of the important ports of the St. Lawrence and those on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to enable them to meet all requirements of modern navigation.

Steps will also be taken to further colonization settlement of the fertile regions such as Peace River.

There were the usual ceremonies at opening. Members of the House of Commons visited the Senate to hear the speech read by the Governor and after the other formalities had taken place the House adjourned until Monday.

Pronouncements already made by the leaders of the two opposition parties indicate that the official Conservative opposition will stick to its policy of protection for all industries, including farming and fishing. Progressives will focus attention on the demand for lower freight rates from and to western Canada.

Of the six members elected since the last session, five were introduced. Grote Sterling of Vale, B. C., was unable to be present.

As before, the agreement provides that one-fifth of the proceeds of a trip shall go to the boat, the remaining four-fifths being shared equally among the crew after the costs of the trip are met.

#### END OF WORLD NOT IN SIGHT

HOLLYWOOD Religious Fanatics Are Waiting in Vain for Spectacle

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 6. — While followers of the self-styled messiah, Mrs. Margaret Rowen, earnestly expecting the end of the world to come today, Hollywood as a whole is indifferent, going its way, making movies for the world and not worrying about the future.

#### AVIATORS PLANNING TO LEAVE FOR NOME

Will Get Away Sunday With Anti-Toxin For Diphtheria Patients in North.

FAIRBANKS, Feb. 6. — Roy Darling, former navy aviator, and Ralph Mackie, mechanic, are leaving Sunday morning on a two-day trans-Alaskan flight to Nome with 620,000 units of anti-toxin to be used in helping to stay the ravages of diphtheria in the northern town. They will stop overnight at Kallag.

#### UNITED CHURCH BIG GATHERING

Committees Already Arranging For Great Event in June at Toronto

TORONTO, Feb. 6. — Representatives of the United Church of Canada, consisting of something like 9,000 congregations in all parts of the country, will hold their first meeting here on June 10 and arrangements are already being made for the great event.

Local committees are already at work arranging for the billeting of delegates, rules and forms of procedure, appropriate service, a docket of business and a whole series of meetings and services.

Will Bring Greetings

Greetings will be brought to the United Church from sister churches all over the world, and it is expected that representatives from Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in Great Britain and the United States will convey to the General Council messages of congratulation and blessing. The United Church of Canada will have the unique distinction of having a place in the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, the Methodist Ecumenical Conference and the Congregational Union of the World. Unionists look forward to the coming consummation as the greatest event in the religious history of Canada, if not in the history of Christendom.

#### General Council

The first General Council of the United Church of Canada will be composed of 150 Presbyterians, 150 Methodists, 40 Congregationalists and 10 members of the General Council of Union Churches. These delegates or commissioners have already been appointed by the chief courts of the uniting churches, and they consist of an equal number of ministers and laymen. One of the first acts of this General Council will be to determine the number and boundaries of conference to be established, and the number of representatives that shall constitute the next General Council, to be convened within a period of two years.

#### SMITHERS MAN HAS INJURED EYE AND IS UNABLE GET RELIEF

Snow Slides Prevent His Reaching Edmonton Except After Much Delay

SMITHERS, Feb. 6. — While splitting wood a couple of days ago, Ernest Hann met with a painful accident, a splinter off the wood flying up and lodging in his left eye. The facilities to perform the necessary operation not being available here he took the first train to Hazelton to consult Drs. West and Wrinch but it was also found that relief could not be secured there and he was advised to go to Edmonton.

The train service being out of commission owing to the snow slides west of here, he was not able to leave here until the belated train came in on Friday. Meanwhile inflammation had set in and there is great probability of losing the one eye and having the other badly affected.

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A portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by A. J. Mannings, was chosen by Sargent as one of the representative examples of British portrait painting. It will be exhibited at the Grand Central Galleries.

#### Talk of Subsidizing a Line of Steamships to Reduce Shipping Rates

OTTAWA, Feb. 6. — The government is apparently considering making a financial grant to a line of freight steamers to ply between Canada and the United Kingdom, independent of the North Atlantic Shipping Company, which controls the present ocean rates. This was made clear when it was announced that negotiations had been proceeding between the Canadian Government and Sir William Peterson, the British ship owner, to subsidize the operation of ten ships of ten thousand tons each on this run with a view to giving the shipping combine some competition in order to force a reduction in ocean rates.

#### TERRACE MAN LOSES HOUSE

Furniture and Effects of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood Go Up in Smoke.

(Special to Daily News)  
Terrace, Feb. 6. — The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Atwood was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. At the time of the fire Mrs. Atwood was in town and the children were at school. Mr. Atwood was working at the barn and did not see the blaze until it had got too much headway to be extinguished. Everything they had lost, including two dogs. Happily the place was covered by insurance.

#### CASE IS COMPLETE AGAINST MANHART IN SEATTLE MURDER

SEATTLE, Feb. 6. — Three persons identified Elmer Manhart, the surrendered suspect in the murder of Mrs. Lillian Morley of Victoria, as the man who dined with Mrs. Morley at the hotel on the evening before she was shot to death in a taxi cab.

The police say the case is now complete against Manhart. The pistol which fired the bullets has not been found.

P. S. Bonney, district forester, sailed this morning on the Prince Rupert for Victoria, where he will attend a conference of district foresters. He expects to be away about ten days.

#### Mushing with Dog Team to Fetch Sick Man from No. 5 Cabin, Yukon Telegraph Line

With a toboggan and four fine dogs, line foreman Blackstock and Angus Beaton are today mushing over the ice and snow on the Skeena River to bring out R. W. Smith, the young operator, son of Mary Ellen Smith of Vancouver, who was taken ill at Number Five cabin on the Yukon telegraph line, whose condition is unchanged although still serious. He is unable to walk and will have to ride all the way out on the toboggan.

The men with the dog team spent last night at Number Two cabin. From this time on the going will be easier as for forty miles they follow the Skeena but they have to break their way through deep snow. From Four Mile cabin they will have to follow the telegraph trail through the woods for eleven miles to their destination, which they should reach about Tuesday. They are travelling light and carrying medicines and such things as the patient needs. Word received here this morning was that they would make about twelve miles today.

Coming out will also be slow as they will have a heavy load and the patient may not be able to stand the long journeys. Ten miles a day on an average would be good work under those conditions.

Mr. Smith is being looked after well by the operators and line-men and, being on the telegraph line, is able to follow the medical advice of Dr. Wrinch of Hazelton who is in close communication with him all the time.

The worst part of the trail is between fourth and fifth cabins where it leaves the river.

#### AMERICANS PROTEST AGAINST PUTTING TAX ON PULP WOOD

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. — Resolutions protesting against Canada's proposed tax on pulpwood exportations were adopted by the American Pulp and Paper Association. At their annual convention they urged on the Washington Government that they take necessary action to protect the interests of the pulp and paper industry in the United States.

#### CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS ENDORSES MEIGHEN AS LEADER OF THE PARTY

OTTAWA, Feb. 6. — The first Conservative caucus of the session took place today. It gave approval to the policy of Arthur Meighen expressed in a notice of motion made public Wednesday.

A group of Conservative members asked after the caucus if Mr. Meighen had been confirmed in the leadership, answered, "Of course."

#### BODIES RECOVERED FROM KOOTENAY SLIDE

NELSON, Feb. 6. — The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle, victims of Wednesday's snow and mud slide on the Lardo line have been recovered from the basement of the demolished house. Yesterday afternoon they were brought from Queen's Bay here.

HOCKEY SCORES  
Saskatoon, 2; Vancouver, 4.

#### FIVE YEARS IN PEN. FOR WONG

Judge Young Yesterday Afternoon Passed Sentence on Chinaman Who Robbed Business Houses.

Wong Hing, Chinese janitor, pleaded guilty before Judge Young in the County Court yesterday afternoon on four charges of theft and was sentenced to five years at New Westminster penitentiary on each count, the terms to run concurrently.

Accused personally asked for amelioration of sentence in view of his past good record. His Honor, however, refused to take this consideration and stated that, in view of the number of charges against accused, only his apparent good reputation and the fact that he had been employed in respectable circles had covered him in the past. The circumstances compelled him to pass a sentence, which, in view of the facts, he considered was a light one.

Accused pleaded not guilty to charges of theft from Lee Wah and Charles Wall and was remanded for trial on these counts. The city police has returned to Steve King, Joe Bent and Mrs. Goldbloom the goods that Wong Hing admitted he stole from them.

#### COLLINS ALIVE STILL IN CAVE

Shaft Being Sunk By Miners To Try To Rescue Him. Is Kept Warm.

SANDCAVE, Ky., Feb. 6. — Completion of a radio amplification test has convinced workers that Floyd Collins, who for six days has been entombed in the fastnesses of a cave he was exploring, remains alive.

A shaft is being sunk by experienced miners in a final effort to reach Collins whose foot is imprisoned by a large rock. Before the final cavern the imprisoned man was supplied with electric lights and electric heating pads and the cave did not destroy the wires to the outside, so he has these comforts.

#### PLANNING RECEPTION FOR JAPANESE SQUADRON

Airplane Escort To Be One Of Means of Welcoming War Ships.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 6. — An escort of airplanes and an official civic reception are planned for the three cruisers of the Japanese training squadron due to arrive here from Victoria this afternoon.

#### PASSENGER TRAINS ARE RUNNING AGAIN

C.N.R. Line is Cleared and Local Officials Hope That They May Now Keep Situation in Hand

The first passenger train to arrive here in a week to the day came in at 3 o'clock this morning. This was the train that should have arrived here last Wednesday morning. It was followed soon after by the regular train due here at 7 o'clock this morning which arrived on time.

With a number of local passengers who have been held up since the first of the week, the first passenger train out since last Saturday got away for the East at 9 o'clock this morning.

The line between Kwantita and Ansbury, which has been tied up with snow for several days, is now cleared and local officials hope that they will be able to keep the situation well in hand from now on. It was the worst tie-up that the local line has had since the railway was opened.

#### THREE YEAR SENTENCE THEFT FROM THE MAILED

Vancouver Man Gets Minimum Time: Served for Thirteen Years

VANCOUVER, Feb. 6. — J. McLellan, mail carrier, was yesterday sentenced to serve three years, the minimum penalty for theft from the mails. He had been in the service thirteen years.

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