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POLAND TALKING OF WAR WITH GERMANY

MEMBER FOR CARIBOO URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Poland Stirred by Proposal of Germany to Revise Frontier on East and Talks of Making War

WARSAW, March 6.—The German proposal to guarantee peace at the price it is understood of revising the Eastern frontier so as to include some of the present Polish territory, is causing intense feeling here.

The Warsaw Gazette affirms that any attempt to diminish Poland's territory will mean war, as thirty million Poles will never willingly agree to a partition of the country such as existed in the eighteenth century.

The Army Committee of the Diet adopted a resolution inviting the government to put the nation in a state of military defense with the least possible delay.

CALIBUT PRICE MOVES UPWARD

Cents Paid this Morning to Some Boats for Catches.

Due to the smaller supply of Calibut the price has gone up today to more nearly normal. The highest paid was to the boat for a small catch which weighed 10.70 and 1.50. This is the first trip for these boats which were delayed in getting to the banks. The sales were:

American
Yakul 50,000 to Pacific Fisheries at 10 and 1.50.
Jansee 50,000 to Allin Fisheries at 10 and 3.
Sika 37,000 to Gold Storage at 10 and 3.
Texas 4,000 to Booth Fisheries at 10.70 and 1.50.

Canadian
Doreen 4,500 to Booth Fisheries at 8.80 and 4.
Annie May 3,500 to Booth Fisheries at 8.60 and 4.

ICE AT NOME BROKE AWAY

Fishing Had Narrow Escape For Lives; Open Sea There

NOME, Mar. 6.—A number of fishermen fishing through the ice narrowly escaped death when the party without warning. The breaking of the winter ice jam in the northern mouth of Norton Sound was caused by tide and wind.

ANY KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Bodies Scattered With Panic Caused in Leningrad

LENINGRAD, Mar. 6.—Twenty-five people, mostly women and children, were killed and many numbers injured in an explosion of oxygen tanks in a factory of the city today. The explosion, which scattered parts of bodies and debris in every direction, caused a panic.

Mrs. Albert Farrow and children returned to Vancouver on the Prince Rupert this morning after having spent a couple of days in the city. Mr. Farrow is remaining here for a week longer.

AIRPLANES COLLIDE BUT PILOTS SAVED WITH PARACHUTES

SAN ANTONIO, March 6.—Two airplanes collided today at an elevation of 4,000 ft. Both pilots jumped in parachutes landing safely. The planes, locked wing in wing, crashed.

FIRE HELPS JAP DIET TO ABOLISH PLACES ILL-FAME

TOKYO, March 6.—While the Diet was today discussing measures for the gradual abolition of Tokyo's quarters of ill-fame, three hundred houses were destroyed by fire in Susaki—one of the largest of these quarters in the city.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.
DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.40; temperature, 32; sea smooth; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Admiral Watson, Seattle for Ketchikan, 313 miles from Ketchikan; 8 p.m. spoke tug Cape Scott, abeam Northwest Rocks, bound for Captain's Cove, 11 p.m. spoke steamer Canadian Freighter, due Prince Rupert, 7:45 a.m. spoke tug Cape Scott, entering Captain's Cove.

NOON
DIGBY ISLAND.—Bazy, calm; barometer, 30.42; temperature, 42; sea smooth; 10:30 a.m. spoke steamer Admiral Watson in Greenville Channel northbound; 12:45 a.m. spoke steamer Admiral Rogers in Lowe Inlet southbound.

BULL HARBOR.—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.13; temperature, 48; moderate swell; 10:30 a.m. spoke steamer Princess Beatrice abeam Ivory Island northbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Overcast, calm; barometer, 30.29; temperature, 42; sea smooth.

ACTIVITY SEEN AT SHIPYARDS

Prince George Goes on Dock Monday; Other Work is Proceeding

There is a good deal of work going on at the local dry dock these days.

C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Voyager, which has been undergoing an extensive overhaul, will be floated off the pontoons tomorrow and will proceed to Vancouver where she will load for Australia.

The steamer Prince George will be taken up on Monday morning for completion of annual overhaul. She will arrive from Vancouver on Sunday afternoon if it is expected.

The tugboat Bobolink will also be taken on the dock on Monday for annual repairs.

The Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.'s schooner Chief Zibassa, was taken up this morning. She is having a new engine installed.

Good progress is being made at the yard on the construction of the new cruiser for the provincial forestry department which will be completed before long.

TUCKS INLET PLANT TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

Rupert Marine Products Establishment Has Been Closed Since Last November

The plant of the Rupert Marine Products at Tucks Inlet which has been closed down since November will resume operations in full next week. The full payroll is about 40 men. During the winter there have been half a dozen men working there.

WOMEN ARE NOT LONGER CHATTELS

Jersey State Parliament in Channel Islands Issues New Property Act

ST. HELIER, Channel Islands, March 6.—The Jersey state parliament has issued a new property act giving women the same legal rights as men. Since feudal days they have been legally termed "chattels."

CHILD KILLED BY A MOTORIST

Little Boy Was on Scooter When Struck; Man Ran Away

VANCOUVER, Mar. 6.—An unknown motorist ran down and killed Salvador Nino, a seven-year-old child who was playing on the street on a scooter last evening. The driver of the car stopped, looked back and then sped away in the car, according to witnesses of the tragedy.



A class in reading, writing, arithmetic is shown in rural Turkey, where the teachers are made up almost entirely of instructors educated in Western Europe.

Proposal to Establish Experimental Farm in North closing Agassiz

(Special to Daily News)

OTTAWA, Mar. 6.—During consideration of the estimates for agricultural farms yesterday, R. McBride, member of the House of Commons for Cariboo, urged the government to close the Agassiz experimental farm, characterizing it as a bill of expense. He advocated closing the one in the south and opening a new one in Northern British Columbia where it was badly needed.

Dr. Simon Fraser Tolmie, who as minister of agriculture in the Meighen government had advocated the establishment of a farm in the Nechaco Valley, spoke of the richness of the country about Vanderhoof but said he was opposed to the closing of the farms at Agassiz.

Max Heilbronner Purchases Lot and Will Erect Permanent Two or Three Story Building on it

As soon as arrangements for its erection can be completed, construction will be started by Max Heilbronner of a permanent fireproof building two or three storeys in height replacing the present dilapidated building on Third Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets occupied by the Bulkley Valley meat market. Yesterday a deal was completed whereby Mr. Heilbronner is the purchaser of the lot from Walter W. Gollin of Los Galos, California. The sum of \$7,000 cash was involved in the deal.

The street floor of the new building will be a jewelry store to be occupied by Mr. Heilbronner himself. As to the purpose for which the upper floors will be used it has not yet been definitely decided.

Mr. Heilbronner recently offered the provincial government \$20,000 cash for the four lots at the corner of Fourth Street and Third Avenue on which is situated the public library but the offer was not accepted. Mr. Heilbronner was prepared to erect a permanent building to the full frontage of this property.

On account of repairs that are being made to the Exchange Block, Mr. Heilbronner is forced to vacate the corner store in that building he at present occupies. Where he will take up his temporary quarters pending the erection of his own building he did not know definitely this morning.

LOGGER LOST FROM ROWBOAT

Went to Get Aid for Launch and Did Not Return; Others Drifted 30 Miles

VANCOUVER, Mar. 6.—K. M. Stewart, a logger, 65 years of age, is believed to have been lost while attempting to aid three of his party who were adrift in a gas boat Tuesday in a storm off Buaneeer Bay.

When the boat's engines went out of commission, Stewart went ashore in a dinghy to secure tools with which to repair it. Being unable to find any, he set off to row to another part of Thormanby Island. That was the last seen of him and it is thought he must be drowned although it is possible he is ashore on some other island.

The three men remaining in the boat were driven in pelling rain and lashing wind, thirty miles when they were picked up by the tug Dominion, on which they arrived here yesterday afternoon.

THE SENATE

(Western Producer)

Not many years ago, the Senate of Canada was regarded by the people at large as a joke, and by the political parties as a convenience. It seems now to be regarded by the people at large as a menace, and by the political parties as an embarrassment.

Indian Potlatch was System Permeating the Life of Natives and Affecting them until Death

The Indian Potlatch is more than a custom and is not just a habit, usage, religious ceremony, or amusement. It is not simply a feast and dance accompanied by the giving of presents. It is a system permeating the whole life of the Indian and affects him from the day of his birth until his death. That is what W. E. Collison, Indian Agent, impressed upon members of the Rotary Club at their luncheon yesterday in a most interesting address.

The word "Potlatch" means a giving but the word used by the Haidas means "to hold." Accompanying the dance and the feast in former days was the giving of gifts which were held by the recipient and were returnable. It had to do with the election of chiefs and the gifts were made according to the rank or social status of the recipient. Before the coming of the white men they consisted chiefly of marmot and elk skins, canoes and grease.

Poor Imitation
Today the Potlatch has been shorn of its ceremonial and is a poor imitation of what it once was. It was given on important occasions such as the accession to the chieftainship, the erection of a totem or the building of a house.

In order to help understand what is meant by the Potlatch it is necessary to understand something of the social system of the Indians, said Mr. Collison. They are divided into chiefs, gentry, and the coming people. The distinctions are very clear and even today it is common to hear chiefs spoken to with deference.

The Indians are organized into families, tribes and confederacies. The family is made up of the brothers, uncles and nephews and is known as the "house"; it has its crest, sub-chiefs and totem.

The clan-section is a branch made up of one or more families. The clan is the group made up of all the clan-sections with a common totem.

The tribe is a community of different clan-sections living in the same place. This is noticeable in the Katlas. There are the Kitkatlas, Metlakatlas and others.

The confederacy is an alliance formerly for offensive or defensive purposes.

Public Assembly
The Potlatch then became the public assembly when all the people were gathered together for the conduct of business, this business usually being domestic in nature and having to do with succession to chieftainships. The clan-sections were all called together to give assent to rights, titles and standing affecting such things as hunting rights, fishing rights and similar important matters which often proved very contentious. Most reports of Indians being killed by their fellows had to do with quarrels over these rights and titles.

Under the Indian law people in the same clan could not intermarry. There were four clans, those of the Wolf, Eagle, Raven and Fin-back Whale. All Indians belonged to one of these.

When a man and woman married they were not joined as one, as is the custom of white people but remained distinct and the children followed the clan of the mother. The property of the husband at his death did not go to the wife but to the nephew.

As the children belonged to the wife's clan it did not go to them. Under Canadian law this is changed and the change often

causes difficulties in administering law among the Indians.

COMMENT ON DOMINION ACT

Liberal Member of British House Says Failure to Ratify Pact Serious

LONDON, March 6.—During a debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grigg, Liberal, declared it was a matter for serious consideration that Canada and South Africa had not ratified the original pact with France although Australia and New Zealand had done so. He considered, however, that a new form of guarantee would commend itself much more to the Dominions.

GOLDEN STATUE BEING PLANNED

South Africa Keenly Interested in Forthcoming Visit of Prince of Wales

LONDON, March 6.—The interest of South Africa over the forthcoming visit of the Prince of Wales is evidenced in a letter received by a Birmingham firm of jewelers asking for the price of building a statue to the Prince in gold.

SEVERE GALES IN UNALASKA

Roofs Torn From Seven Houses and Boat From Moorings

DUTCH HARBOR, Mar. 6.—Severe gales are sweeping the Aleutian Islands and as a result seven houses in Unalaska are roofless this morning. A launch torn from its moorings was tossed about in Margaret Bay.

BILL IS REJECTED

LONDON, March 6.—Parliament today formally rejected the Trades-Union political fund bill by 325 to 153.