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DOUKHOBORS OPENLY DEFY AUTHORITIES

VICTORIA IS ASKING FOR ANNULMENT OF UNITED STATES SEALING TREATY

Doukhobors Openly Defy Authorities and Schools Still Empty

Provincial Police Preparing to Send Extra Men to Grand Forks on Short Notice to Enforce Law

GRAND FORKS, April 7.—None of four schools in the district with provision for one hundred had any Doukhobor children in attendance Monday and local Doukhobor heads stated that their children will not attend, no matter what action the authorities take.

Summonses for a number of Doukhobors to answer to the charge of failing to send their children to school are being issued.

Threats of Doukhobors made on Sunday that they would stage a nude parade and probably throw their entire population marching against the authorities to resist the effort to force the children to school resulted in well organized preparations being made locally for eventualities. Mayor Love and civic officials are working with the provincial police to cope with any situation that may arise following the serving of the summonses.

All schools have been placed under guard at night to prevent their destruction by fire.

Enforce Law

VICTORIA, April 7.—"We have a law and it must be obeyed," said Attorney General Manson last night in respect to the Doukhobor situation at Grand Forks." Despite all threats of the Doukhobors, the government proposes to enforce it. The provincial police are arranging to send extra men to Grand Forks if the situation makes it necessary, on short notice."

MAY NOT BUILD TO PEACE RIVER

Vancouver Delegation Returning Home Without Having Accomplished Anything

VANCOUVER, April 7.—A special Ottawa despatch to the Province referring to the Vancouver Board of Trade delegation, which has been urging that the government take action to build the Peace River railway and is now returning home states in part:

"Both railway heads are understood to regard the new railway as an ultimate necessity but are greatly hesitate to embark on the outlay, having regard to the financial situation. The C.N.R. and in fact the C.P.R. business has declined. However, they are not assuming that nothing will be done this year. Although the Vancouver delegation and others have been active, the disposition here is to mark time until the railway executives report and they aren't speedy in doing so."

EXPLOSIONS IN EASTERN PLANT

Fireworks Buildings to Number of 100 Destroyed; Dead Not Yet Determined

HANOVER, Mass., April 7.—One man is known to be dead and several other employees of the National Fireworks Company's plant here are believed to have lost their lives when a series of explosions followed by fire destroyed a large part of the plant this afternoon. At two o'clock it was estimated that 100 of the 300 buildings had been destroyed, while the number of dead is not determined until a check is made.

COURTELLETTE IS ON WAY TO PRINCE RUPERT

Assistant Coast Manager of C. G. M. M. Coming to Inspect This Port

VANCOUVER, April 7.—C. W. Courtellette, assistant coast manager of the C.G.M.M., sailed last night on an inspection tour of northern ports.

J. L. Christie returned on the Cardena this afternoon from a business trip to Stewart and Anyox.

CAPITAL LEVY IS INTRODUCED FRENCH HOUSE

DeMonzie Asks For Voluntary Contributions But Will Constrain if Necessary

PARIS, April 7.—The government's new financial bill embodying provisions for capital levy was introduced into the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon by Finance Minister DeMonzie and referred to the finance committee.

De Monzie explained the proposed system as a "plebiscite on the question of free voluntary contribution, each according to his means of constraint. If the French capitalists understand the system and patriotically respond to the call of the government, it will work without the slightest annoyance or interference in their private affairs. On the contrary if they make constraint necessary, it will be resorted to."

VICE-PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN NATIONAL COMING TOMORROW

Word was received by F. G. Dawson this morning that J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways was on his way here on the train which is due tomorrow morning. He will leave that train at Smithers and transfer to a freight arriving here some time late tomorrow afternoon.

Accompanying her husband on this trip is Mrs. Dalrymple, and others in the official party coming here include O. W. Johnston, passenger traffic manager of Montreal and brother of Gordon Johnston, formerly city ticket agent at Prince Rupert; W. G. Manders, freight traffic manager, Winnipeg; J. M. Horn, general freight agent, and G. A. McNicholl, general passenger agent, Vancouver.

The party will make the round trip to Stewart and Anyox on the Prince George and will go East from here on Friday.

WANT WATER FOR BUILDING SITES NEAR COW BAY

Applications from the Consumers' Coal Co., Swift-Canadian Co., Thos. Trotter and P. Burns Co., Ltd. for water connections to give water supply and fire protection for industrial sites at Cow Bay on which these concerns are about to build were received by the city council last night and referred to the Board of Works.

TAGGING OF SALMON TO BEGIN IN ALASKA

U.S. Bureau of Fisheries to Carry on Work Throughout Season

JUNEAU, April 7.— Following a decision of the Fisheries Commission that more information be acquired in regard to the life history of the coast fish, tagging of salmon is to commence almost immediately in Alaskan waters, according to Dennis Winn, agent in Alaska for the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries. Salmon will be tagged at Cape Chacon, Tree Point, west coast of Prince of Wales Island, Ruins Point, Pleasant Island and Indian Cove.

A special boat and crew will be detailed for this work throughout the season.

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ACTIVITY SHOWN BY OTTAWA POLITICIANS

Many Addressing Meetings During Easter Recess; Conservatives Expect Election

OTTAWA, April 7.—Realizing the possibility of a Dominion election within the next year, and possibly at an earlier date, politicians are taking advantage of the Easter recess to do some campaigning. After the session is over the season will be too far advanced for successful public meetings.

Considerable activity is being shown by Conservative leaders, whose absence from the House for a few days prior to the holiday makes no difference to the conduct of business. Meetings are being addressed in Ontario cities and at Vancouver and Fort William. Liberals do not seem to expect an election for some time and are not worrying about it, apparently.

Capt. Charles Edwards is leaving tonight on the Cardena for Vancouver.

Here is a late study of Lady Coryndon, the wife of Sir Robert Coryndon, governor and commander-in-chief of Uganda, British South Africa. Recently she gave a ball and reception to the Duke and Duchess of York, who are now on a hunting trip

Victoria Lines Up to Secure Abrogation of Sealing Treaty in 1926

Chamber of Commerce and City Council go on Record Opposing Renewal of Pact

VICTORIA, April 7.—The city is starting a campaign to revive the pelagic sealing industry. The treaty between Britain, United States, Japan and Russia put an end to sealing in the Pacific in 1911. Yesterday the Chamber of Commerce went on record as being opposed to a renewal of the treaty, which runs into its normal course of fifteen years next year. Last night the city council took similar action. The Dominion Government will be urged by both bodies to give the various contracting parties this year the necessary one year's notice required by the treaty of their intention to discontinue the convention.

Fort Fraser Would Like to See Big City Here as Market for Farmers of Interior B.C.

Building up of Prince Rupert, the establishment of grain elevator and the extension of the grain and cattle trade with the Orient will be the salvation of the Nechaco Valley, according to the secretary of the Fort Fraser Board of Trade. Mr. J. P. Myers wrote in answer to a suggestion that they could prepare a page for the new booklet being prepared here and the letter is in part:

"We feel that the salvation of this district as a mixed farming centre is the building up of Prince Rupert, the establishment of grain elevators and the extension of the grain and cattle trade to the Orient. With a suitable adjustment of rates and the development of your city we could expect to obtain a market for dairy produce of all kinds as well as beef and pork.

Favors Western Route

"We naturally favor the Peace or Pine River Pass route, especially the Pine Pass as we believe that this route would suitably open up the largest area of

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Russia Has Cleaned Up Market for Used and New Airplanes; also Bought Motors and Parts

TORONTO, April 7. — Announcing the purchase of four used airplanes, bringing the provincial fire-fighting squad up to 19, Hon. James Lyon, minister of lands and forests for Ontario, yesterday stated: "An unusual feature of the search for machines was the information obtained in the United States that the Russian government had cleaned out the entire market. It has been reported to me that agents for the Russians have purchased trainloads of machines, new and old, as well as motors and spare parts for shipment to Russia."

Filling Cow Bay is Again Discussed by City Council; Casey is Opposed to Move

On the grounds that the project as planned by the Canadian National Railways for the filling in of Cow Bay would absolutely deprive the fishing fleet of harbor facilities it now enjoys, Ald. Casey announced at last night's council meeting that, having investigated the matter, he had decided to oppose further negotiations with a view to having the city waive its rights in Cow Bay in exchange for a parcel of waterfront land. Ald. Casey explained that he had at first understood that it was proposed to fill in only that part of Cow Bay inside of the railway tracks. He had subsequently found, however, that something entirely different to this was planned by the railway company. The proposal was to fill in Cow Bay as from a line between the Georgetown and Imperial Oil Co.'s wharves, a move that would put the fleet into the open harbor. He intended to oppose anything that would further implicate the city in such a project.

The discussion on this matter came up in connection with a letter from I. A. McPherson, C.N.R. superintendent, in which it was pointed out that the waterfront lot to be granted P. Burns & Co. Ltd. for an abbatoir site encroached slightly on the lot which the city might obtain from the provincial government in return for permission being granted to fill in Cow Bay. The letter asked if the city would be opposed to a single lease being granted covering the entire site, the city to be reimbursed from rental for any encroachment. P. Burns & Co. would require to occupy the lot to its full width.

Delay Action

Mayor Newton reported that the finance committee had felt that it might be as well to delay action with respect to the request of Mr. McPherson until the transfer aspect had been completed. Mr. McPherson had said that the aspect of his application was only that the city should approve of his request in the event of the waterfront lot coming into possession of the city. The city would be compensated for any encroachment. That was the nutshell aspect.

Ald. Casey then expressed his opposition to the whole proposition as now planned, and, after some discussion, it was moved by Ald. McMordie and seconded by Ald. Brown, that the matter be laid over for a week.

JAPANESE STUDENT IS SUCCESSFUL IN ESSAY COMPETITION

Yoshi Kaisuyama of the second year, Prince Rupert High School, has won one of two medals awarded by the Blue Goose Order, an organization to encourage forest conservation, for the best assay on fire prevention. The competition was open to all High School students of Northern and Central British Columbia.

BEER LICENSES TO SMALLER TOWNS ARE ISSUED AT VICTORIA

VICTORIA, April 7. — Beer licenses were issued today to include the King Edward Hotel, Stewart; the Prince George and Royal Hotels, Prince George, and the Nechako Hotel, Vanderhoof.

FISH PRICES STILL HIGH

Nearly Nineteen Cents Paid for Some of American Boats Today

Very nearly nineteen cents a pound was paid today at the fish exchange for three car loads which were sold on exchange. Only one boat was Canadian and it got 16.70c. There has been a big demand in the East with little offering, only two car loads being shipped from here yesterday.

The big arrivals are expected at the week end and early next week, and it is probable prices then will be much lower.

Arrivals today were:

Sunset 30,000 at 18c and 6c to Cold Storage.

Forward 11,000, Glacier 10,000 at 18.90c and 6c to Atlin Fisheries.

Swan 5,000, Lincoln 7,000; Flattery 2,500, at 18.90c and 6c to Royal Fish Co.

M. M. Christopher 4,000 at 16.70c and 6c to Cold Storage.

JUDGMENT IN STEWART CASE

Breach of Promise Suit Against John the Finn Lost by Miss Munn

VANCOUVER, April 7.—Judgment handed down today dismisses the breach of promise suit brought against John Haahti of Stewart, better known as John the Finn, by Lottie Munn, the girl who came from England to marry him. The judgment leaves open the possibility of Miss Munn recovering some of the money she spent in coming to British Columbia from London.

The court will hear counsel for both sides on the question of plaintiff's right to amend her pleadings to make it a claim for compensation for costs of the trip, said to be about a thousand dollars.

COMMITTEE TO HEAR COMBINE SIDE OF THE OCEAN FREIGHT RATES

OTTAWA, April 7.— The special committee of the House appointed to investigate the Peterson contract for control of ocean freight rates met for an hour this morning and then adjourned until Friday week when witnesses for the shipping company of the alleged combine will be heard.

ARCHBISHOP DIES

PORTLAND, April 7.— Archbishop Alexander Christie of the Catholic Archdiocese of Oregon City, died at the hospital here yesterday.