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ELEVATOR CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED

BRITISH PRIVY COUNCIL JUDGMENT NULLIFIES INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT

Northern Construction Co. Ltd. of Vancouver Will Build First Portion of Local Grain Plant

OFFICIALS ARE ARRESTED FOR INDIAN AFFAIR

Side de Camp of Maharajah Said
to be Mixed up in Shooting
Plot

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Seven officials have been arrested at Indora, British India, including the side de camp of the Maharajah of Indora in connection with the shooting in Bombay a week ago which resulted in the death of a wealthy merchant, Abdul Kadir Baulla, says a despatch. The Maharajah's chauffeur also was arrested.

JAPAN-RUSSIA TREATY SIGNED

Nippon Gets Some Coal and Oil
Concessions and Soviet
Apologizes

PEKIN, Jan. 21.—By a treaty between Japan and Russia signed here at midnight each agrees not to tolerate persons or organizations likely to endanger the order and security of the other.

The Soviet grants to Japan certain coal and oil concessions and expresses regret for the Nikolaiyevsk massacre of Japanese in 1920.

Under the treaty the Japanese are to evacuate Saghalien by May 1925.

STERLING GETTING CLOSER TO PARITY

Sterling is getting steadily closer to par and it is thought that in the near future it will actually be of the same value as the Canadian or American dollar. Little by little it is advancing on the market and today it reached 1.78 1/2. When at par it is worth 1.86 2/3.

Today United States money is selling at a premium of 13-32 and the price of Hong Kong money is 56.80.

WILLIAM S. HART'S MATRIMONIAL TROUBLE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—Although William S. Hart on the eve of departing for New York on a vacation trip reiterated the determination to appeal the Appeal Court decision allowing his wife to resume screen acting, a statement issued by Winnifred suggested reconciliation of the couple rather than further litigation.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 21.—A special to the Vancouver Province from its Ottawa correspondent says: "The initial contract for the Prince Rupert terminal grain elevator was awarded today when the tender of the Northern Construction Co. of Vancouver for the foundation work was accepted. The contract figure is \$225,000."

While, at an early hour this afternoon, there was no official announcement forthcoming in the city, a private wire received this morning by a local business house from one of the interested parties at Ottawa stated that neither the Prince Rupert Construction Co. nor S. S. Magoffin had been awarded the contract for the construction of the dock and foundation for the terminal grain elevator here, but that the successful tenderer was a large outside firm. The wire received added that "Prince Rupert could be assured of getting a good job."

Will Rush Work
It is understood that the Department of Trade and Commerce received a large number of bids for the job. Consideration of these doubtless, took some time. The successful firm will undoubtedly start at once rushing its equipment here. It is probable that actual work will start within a fortnight's time.

Fred Stork was not here today to hear the news of the final consummation of his work at Ottawa but he may have had a telegram on the train. He will arrive tonight and doubtless then will receive congratulations on the fact that the elevator is at last about to be an established fact.

Industrial Disputes Act is Declared Illegal by Privy Council in Toronto Appeal

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Industrial Disputes Act is not constitutional, according to the finding of the Privy Council of Great Britain given in an appeal judgment. According to it the Act is not within the powers of the Dominion Parliament.

The appeal was brought by the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission and was the outcome of the appointment of a board of arbitrators to deal with a dispute between the Electrical Trades Union and the Toronto Hydro.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—The Privy Council's judgment virtually scuttling the Lemieux Act, which caused a sensation here, was discussed by the cabinet yesterday. As interpreted, the judgment means that 141 conciliation boards set up since the Act was passed have functioned illegally. They prevented strikes in all but 37 cases.

Will Revise Law
OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Revision of the Industrial Disputes Act (Lemieux Act) is foreshadowed as a result of the decision of the Imperial Privy Council challenging the constitutionality of the Act. Premier King said he preferred to read the full text of the decision before making an official statement.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—The finding of the Privy Council on the Industrial Disputes Act of the Dominion leaves British Columbia absolutely without conciliation machinery to avoid strikes, according to J. D. McNiven, deputy minister of labor.

There once was a B.C. measure to facilitate the bringing together of parties to a dispute but in the revision of the statutes in 1911 it was dropped in view of the greater efficiency of the

Among those particularly interested today was Fred Dawson, director of the C.N.R., who has backed up Mr. Stork on every possible occasion during his frequent visits to Ottawa.

Company Well Known
The Northern Construction Co., which has been awarded the contract for the foundation of the elevator, is one of the best known general contracting firms on this coast and has had many big jobs. Notable among these was the construction of a large portion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. A. R. Mann is president of the company and J. J. O'Brien is secretary. William Small, the chief engineer, visited here in December to look over the ground before the tender, which has now been accepted, was submitted.

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Trotsky was responsible for introducing conscription in Russia. This he did in spite of pledges of himself and Lenin that the workers would not be conscripted.

HOME BANK VICE- PRESIDENT GUILTY FALSE STATEMENTS

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—Richard Gough, vice-president of the defunct Home Bank, was found guilty of making, issuing and concurring in false, deceptive statements.

**METHODIST COLLEGE
BURNED AT ST. JOHN'S**

ST. JOHN'S, Jan. 21.—The Methodist College, valued at \$200,000, was destroyed by fire.

LEON TROTSKY IS RELIEVED

Communist Central Committee
Removed Him From Position
as Head of Army

LIVING ON ESTATE

Nine Years Ago Was Dead Broke
in New York; Later Signed
Treaty For Russia

MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—A resolution relieving Leon Trotsky as chairman of the revolutionary war council was adopted by the Communist central committee.

Trotsky, in retirement on his suburban estate, reiterated the statement that it was untrue he had ever attempted to revise Lenin's principles but admitted that "the condition of affairs seems to demand that I be removed from the post."

Trotsky went into retirement recently when it was announced he was going to Southern Russia for his health. He refused to be banished summarily but instead retired to his suburban home and has since taken no part in affairs of state.

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Adverts. in the Daily News

LARGE MAJORITY FOR CHURCH UNION

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—The Church Union bureau summary of voting shows the result up to today as 928 congregations favoring union and 208 opposing. In British Columbia 23 voted for it and five opposed. Many are unanimously in favor and are not voting.



Banff's new stone bridge over the Bow River is in keeping with the natural beauties of the district. Cascade Mountain is seen in the distance, which is size dwarfs the little town.

Liberal Candidate for Peace River Urges Shipping by way of Pacific Rather than U.S.

In the last Financial Post, January 9, is an article from its Ottawa correspondent containing the statement that Montreal shipped 153,071,994 bushels of grain in 1924 and of this 85,925,524 bushels were American.

The writer seems to be rather proud of this, thinking no doubt, that it is inevitable that both countries should use each other's ports indiscriminately and that there is mutual advantage in so doing. Let us see where we come in on the "mutual" part of the advantage.

We may assume that all this American grain arrived at Montreal by water in American boats. It would be a poor guess that Canadian boats or railways profited to any extent. Also, it is doubtful if any Canadian deep sea vessels were used. But it all passed through our canal system, the entire cost of construction and maintenance of which is upon us, as there are no tolls as in the case of the Panama Canal. It patronized the Montreal elevators. They were built on such a generous scale that for the last four years Montreal is the largest grain-shipping port on the American continent. They were built from money advanced from the treasury of the Dominion but as they were built "for use" and not "for profit" we get nothing out of handling American grain there. Of course, there is not much damage from wear and tear on our water but the hinges on the lock-gates in the canal, together with other little odd fixings cost a mint of money and are bound to wear out. So it does not seem that we get very much out of the hop, skip and jump operation of American wheat across Montreal wharves. It goes up a spout from an American vessel into our elevator operated "at cost" down another spout into an American or a "tramp" vessel.

WAR VETERAN IS CONVICTED

Found Guilty of Strangling Wife
and Children and Sentenced
to Hang

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—The assize court jury yesterday found John Buckhan, an army veteran of two wars, guilty of murder and the judge sentenced him to hang on March 21. He made formal plea of "not guilty" when charged with strangling his wife and two children. Insanity was the defense.

This was the shortest murder trial ever known here.

WANT IMPROVEMENTS TO CASSIAR ROADS READINESS FOR RUSH

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—Petitions have been received by Hon. William Sloan for further government expenditures on roads in the upper Cassiar district where the big gold rush is expected in the spring. Already it is possible to take a motor car from Telegraph Creek to Dease Lake and it is likely the government will improve the route.

The minister believes a thousand prospectors will invade the country soon, if weather permits.

SENATE ASKS ARMAMENTS CONFERENCE

No Opposition to Proposal Although President Said to Think it Untimely

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Without discussion or record of vote the Senate accepted the amendment to the naval bill requesting President Coolidge to call another arms conference.

There was an indication recently that President Coolidge did not consider the time ripe for such a conference and the administration senators had been expected to oppose the amendment as untimely. They did not explain their failure to do so.

GIVING WORK WHITE GIRLS

These Are Taking Place of Orientals on Waterfront at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Jan. 21.—As part of the campaign to keep white people in employment and to avoid doing anything which would encourage Orientals to come to the province, the work of labelling salmon cans and similar light work on the waterfront is to be given to white girls instead of Orientals.

Nearly 50 girls are already employed at Ballantyne pier and they are proving faster than Orientals and are doing the work better. Some of them make good wages. It is expected that the number employed there will be doubled in a very short time.

SNOWSLIDE EAST OF KWINTSA DELAYS TRAIN DUE TODAY

Heavy snows up the line during the past few days resulted yesterday in a slide of snow and ice coming down and covering the Canadian National Railway tracks at Mile 48, four miles east of Kwintsa, for a length of 300 feet. Roadmaster R. A. Harlow went out with equipment yesterday afternoon to clear the track and Superintendent I. A. McPherson hoped this morning that the passenger train, which was due at 7 a.m., would get through and arrive here by 10 o'clock tonight. The train for the East will leave on time at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

NEW CABLE OPEN AZORES AND SPAIN

WINNIPEG, Jan. 21.—A new cable service between Canada and Spain and Italy shortening the time necessary for transmission between these countries has been inaugurated according to an announcement made today by Canadian National Telegraph officials here. They have been advised by the Western Union that the new high speed cable from New York direct to Azores and Spain is now open for handling cables direct and the line of the final section giving direct connection between Canada and Italy has been begun. Messages previously were sent via the British Isles.