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TERMS OF SHIP SUBSIDY BILL ANNOUNCED

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF CANADA WITHDRAWN

Resolution to Extend Powers of Canada is Withdrawn in Commons

Premier Mackenzie King asks that no vote be taken but claims right already exists

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The resolution of W. E. Maclean, Conservative member for South York, asking that power to amend the British North America Act be granted to the Parliament of Canada was withdrawn last night by the mover. An amendment to the motion and an amendment to the amendment were also withdrawn following an exhaustive debate in the House last night. Expressing the hope that the resolutions and amendments would not be pressed to a vote, Premier Mackenzie King said he felt it would be inadvisable for the House to pass the resolution. He took issue, however, with those who declared that Canada had no right to amend her constitution. "I contend that we have a right," the Premier said. The letter of the law required the passing of an act by the British Parliament but on the other hand Britain could make no amendment to the constitution without the consent of the Dominion. The question of whether or not amendments could better be made within the narrow confines of the Dominion was open to discussion.

STORK MOTION LITTLE BOMB

Causes Quite a Stir Among Federal Politicians Who See Trouble Ahead

MARITIMES CODDLED

Politicians Look to Rupert Member as Second to Dr. King in Province

FIRE IN COURT AT LOS ANGELES

Everybody Rushed for Door but Blaze Extinguished: Aim of Chaplin Suit

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Panic swept the court and spectators, attorneys and attaches stampeded for the doors when the film exhibit in the Charles Chaplin suit against Charles Amador caught fire. Cameramen extinguished the blaze. The showing of the reel was intended to prove that other actors beside Amador had been wearing screen costumes, baggy trousers, derby and elongated shoes, whose use by Amador Chaplin seeks to stop.

VALUABLES ARE CARRIED AWAY

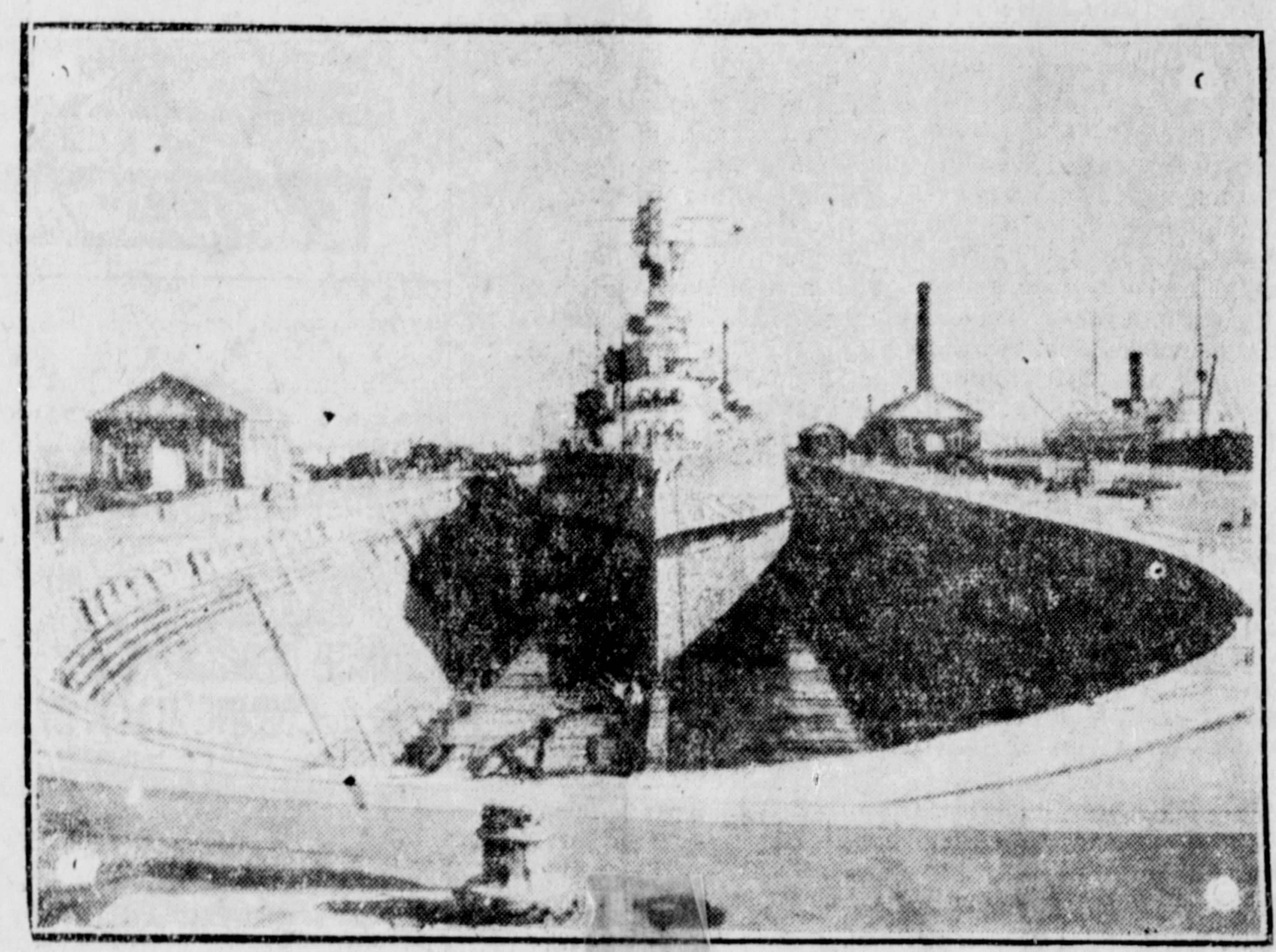
From Half Million to Million Dollars Worth Stolen at Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 20.—Oil paintings and antiques valued at from half a million to a million dollars were stolen from the home of Martin Weinschenk during the owner's absence from the city for a few days. Weinschenk is the president of a firm in Danzig, Germany.

SENATOR DEFENDS OWN INSTITUTION

Declares Second Chamber is Bulwark of Nation

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—That the Senate is a bulwark against popular passions and upheavals is the opinion of Senator Tessier of Quebec in an address in the upper chamber. He did not see any serious argument had been put forward favoring the changing of the constitution of the Senate.



This is how a battleship looks in a bathtub. The U.S.S. Tennessee, one of the prides of the American navy, is shown in drydock at San Francisco, where it is receiving its annual clean-up.

MAKE LEVY ON CAPITAL

French Propose Drastic Measures as Solution of Financial Troubles

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Official circles here concede that a capital levy in some form is among the plans of the government for the solution of France's financial troubles. The announcement has caused a sensation. The finance minister called it a "special contribution." The word "levy" is more brutal than "contribution" it is pointed out but both mean the same thing in the end.

STEAM PIPE BURST KILLING TWO MEN

Were Working on Pit in Western Shops when Accident Took Place

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20.—Robert McKenna and H. Summers were killed and three men were seriously injured when a steam pipe exploded in the C.P.R. power house at the company's Weston shop late yesterday. The men were working on a pipe pit making repairs to the high pressure steam line when the explosion occurred.

NAVIGATOR IS A TOTAL LOSS

Explosion at Barbadoes Followed by Fire Which Could Not be Extinguished

KINGSTON, West Indies, Feb. 20.—A fire on board the steamer Canadian Navigator, the cargo of which included 500 drums of gasoline, broke out Tuesday while the vessel was discharging cargo at Barbadoes. It was preceded by a terrific explosion which killed four laborers. It being impossible to save the ship, she was towed outside the harbor and cut adrift.

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Bolshevist Newspaper Tells of the Success of Communists in Canada

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The success of communistic propaganda in Canada is the subject of an article in the Moscow Pravda telegraphed to the Morning Post. The article says special communist lecturers have been travelling through Canada that membership in the communistic organization has increased considerably, so much so that communist training schools are preparing a special weekly supplement to their central organ appearing fortnightly in Yiddish. It is said the communists organized the recent miners' strike in Western Canada.

GOOD SUM FOR NORTHERN B.C.

This District Gets Large Share of Money Mentioned in Estimates

Of the grand total of \$3,061,629 voted British Columbia in the main estimates which were tabled in the House of Commons at Ottawa last week, Prince Rupert riding has received a fair share. It is expected that the supplementary estimates, which usually come up towards the end of the session, will include even further appropriations for the riding. Besides the \$500,000 provided for the continuation of the elevator construction here, this district receives the following votes: Prince Rupert drydock, \$76,970. Kincolith wharf improvements, \$1,200. Port Clements wharf repairs, \$6,600. Port Essington float improvements, \$1,200. Queen Charlotte City float repairs, \$1,200. Skidegate wharf repairs, \$2,400. Prince Rupert-Queen Charlotte Islands mail service, \$24,000. Vancouver and northern ports mail service, \$24,800. There are also other estimates of a general nature in which the district will share. The sum of \$76,970 appearing

QUEER LEGACY TO FOX FARMER

Saskatchewan Man Becomes Lord of Woolen Manor but has Duties First

MUST MARRY SOON

To Make Visits to Historic Places and be Member of Sussex Fox Hunt

SASKATOON, Feb. 20.—A legacy has been left to Captain Alfred Blake, fox farmer of Wilkie, Saskatchewan, by his uncle, Colonel Arthur Smith of Sussex, England, which makes him Lord of Woolen Manor. He must carry out strange provisions before he claims the estate valued at nearly three quarters of a million dollars.

Capt. Blake must visit his mother's birthplace at Umballa, India, visit the spot in South Africa where his father was killed in the Boer War, remain in Canada until November 20, 1927, and thence make his home at Woolen Manor and marry before January 1, 1930, and also be a member of the Sussex fox-hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tooth of Stewart are visiting in Vancouver.

R. Boyd Young, after spending a couple of days in the city on business, returned to Port Simpson on the Venture this morning. His progress has not been as rapid as might be wished.

Ship Subsidy Bill Provides for Payment of 275,000 Pounds Yearly; Service Begins in June

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—Under the scheme for the bonusing of steamship lines with a view to reducing the freight rates and breaking the Atlantic combine, the agreement between the Government of Canada and the Peterson line of freighters provides for a subsidy of 275,000 pounds, the service to start not later than June of this year and to continue for ten years or longer if mutually agreed upon.

The Petersons are to place ten modern freighters in the service and these vessels all must be approved by the British Board of Trade, which is the highest shipping authority, and have a high classification at Lloyds.

The subsidy is being considered by the House of Commons today.

British Columbia's Position

In an interview given by G. G. McGeer, K.C., provincial government rate counsel, that gentleman declared emphatically that British Columbia is solidly behind the King government's courageous attempt to fight the North Atlantic Shipping Conference and reduce Atlantic rates by subsidizing British lines—but it insists that similar rate reductions be made on the Pacific. All that British Columbia wants, Mr. McGeer said, is assurance that it will receive this protection. "The Government's plan to reduce Atlantic rates is a splendid thing for Canadian Atlantic ports and Canadian shippers who are using the Atlantic route, but what will be the result to Pacific ports?" Mr. McGeer asked. "What will be the result to Western Canadian shippers whose only highway to the United Kingdom and European markets is through Western ports and the Panama canal?"

Western Route

"The Western route is but in its infancy. It needs every assistance that can be given it. It is competing with the Atlantic route, equipped with all trading facilities invention can devise and enjoying an established trade. The Western route, in addition to these handicaps, is forcing itself into being despite discrimination in rail rates; but these handicaps are sufficient to tax the West to the uttermost. If in addition to this the Atlantic ocean rates are reduced by a subsidy from the Federal Government, the ports of British Columbia will have another serious handicap to overcome. We must recognize that we would feel severely the result of lower rates from Atlantic ports unless we were protected as the Eastern ports are."

"In other words, a cut in Atlantic rates without a cut on the Pacific would simply add the amount of that cut to British Columbia's present heavy burden. We don't want more than any other province, but we want as much, and we are confident that we shall get it."

CAR JUMPED TRACK FIVE WERE KILLED

MANILLA, Feb. 20.—Colonel Herring, Major Hunter and three enlisted men of the coast artillery were killed and an officer and ten men injured when a trolley car jumped the track near here.

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PEACE RIVER NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING

No Definite Plan Yet Evolved for Solving Problem of Transportation

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—No definite plan solving the transportation problems of the Peace River country has been received by the department of railways. Hon. George P. Graham told D. M. Kennedy, Progressive, in the House of Commons yesterday. He said the negotiations between the executives of the Canadian National Railway and the C.P.R. were progressing.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN

Formation of Economic Committee Said to be Well Advanced

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Negotiations between the British Government and the Dominions for the formation of an Imperial Economic committee are well advanced, says the Daily Mail. The paper says probably a large part of the available funds will be spent in advertising and in various schemes for bringing the produce of the Dominions prominently before the people of this country.

DISCOVERIES RADIO EXPERT

All Static Eliminated by a Ten Mile Antennae System is Announced

CLEVELAND, Feb. 20.—Two important discoveries are announced by E. F. Alexander, the General Electric expert. The first is that the system of short waves projecting high in the air are not heard until they descend. The second is the successful scrambling and unscrambling of radio waves. Alexander said that all static had been eliminated by a ten mile antennae system.

CONDITION OF KING IMPROVED BUT NOT TO EXTENT DESIRED

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The condition of King George, who has been suffering from bronchitis, it is stated is improving though his progress has not been as rapid as might be wished.