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## DOMINION WIDE OPEN TO ATTACK FROM SEA

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS' PROTOCOL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO BRITISH EMPIRE

**EDITORIAL**

**TRAIN SERVICE**

The announcement that the inauguration of the daily train service had been delayed until the beginning of May came somewhat as a bomb today to fishermen and fish buyers, and much indignation was expressed. It was felt that there was a lack of co-operation on the part of the railway company, which would prove a serious setback to the business. Efforts will be made to have the company change its decision and inaugurate the new service early in April as was proposed. The fish business will be the worst to suffer from poor service and this will be particularly apparent as the weather gets warmer. It is to be hoped that the management of the railway will make its plans clear to give the fish industry a service in April. The fish industry is worth a great deal to them and it would be as if they should make an effort to foster it.

**LIBERTY OF CATHOLICS**

Large Grand Master Says People of this Belief Have Great Freedom in Canada

NORTH BAY, March 12.—Emphasizing the organization's aim to be a unifying influence in Canada, Dr. J. D. Edwards, Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Lodge in British North Bay, told the annual meeting yesterday that Roman Catholics in Toronto enjoyed more liberty than Roman Catholics living in Rome.

**MURA WHALEN DUE ON FRIDAY**

Co.'s Floating Cannery Left Quatsino Wednesday Morning

Flow of the International Cannery Co.'s tug Canada, the floating cannery Co.'s floating cannery Laura Whalen left Quatsino at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning and is expected here in time tomorrow. Francis Whalen, head of the company, accompanied today. The vessel was brought here for overhauling the dry dock and it is expected that she will start cannery operations in the near future. The portable plant will be used for putting up all varieties of salmon.

**SUN YAT SEN REPORTED DEAD**

China Leader Seems to Have Finally Passed in His Checks

PRINCE RUPERT, Mar. 12.—Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the South China leader, died this morning. His experience as a surgeon in his youth helped him with a sustaining philosophy in his last days. He was to be embalmed like his friend Lenin, the Russian leader, he said, just before he

## Austen Chamberlain Declares Dominions Unable to Endorse Covenant Proposed at Geneva

GENEVA, Mar. 12.—"The amendment and the interpretation may, in themselves, be desirable but His Majesty's government cannot believe that the protocol as it stands provides a suitable method of procedure," declared Rt. Hon. Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, in discussing the plan for security and disarmament before the council of the League of Nations today. He made it clear that the British attitude toward the protocol was that of the Empire, and stated that telegraphic communications with the Dominions showed that Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India were unable to accept the protocol. Therefore, he believed that the best way of dealing with the situation was by co-operation with the League of Nations to supplement the covenant by making special arrangements in order to meet special needs as the general conditions of the covenant could not be stiffened with advantage and since "extreme cases," which the league might have to deal with, would probably affect certain nations or groups of nations more than others.

**WHITE PTARMIGAN VISITS CHICKENS CACKLED LIKE HEN**

Somewhat off her usual track, a big snowy-plumaged ptarmigan was seen this morning paying a social call on her sisters of the domestic variety in a Fourth Avenue West chicken run. The ptarmigan is a northern bird and usually keeps on the higher elevations of mountain tops. It is very seldom if ever, that they are seen on this townsite. This particular bird cackled in a manner very similar to hens and quite contentedly engaged in picking up food intended for the chickens while persons around looked on with interest. The chickens, however, held aloof from their wild visitor.

**ESQUIMALT DRYDOCK FIGURES ARE TABLED**

First Site Purchased at Enormous Cost by Borden Government Was Abandoned

OTTAWA, Mar. 12.—The government has tabled some figures in connection with the building of the Esquimalt drydock which prove interesting. It is shown that a sum approximately \$346,000 was paid for a drydock site at Lange's Cove in Esquimalt Harbor, near Victoria by the Borden government and that this site was later abandoned and a new one purchased at Skinner's Cove on the same harbor for which \$53,136 was paid.

**FIFTY HOTELS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND APPLY FOR LICENSES**

VICTORIA, Mar. 12.—Over fifty hotels on Vancouver Island have applied for licenses to sell beer and many of them it is expected will be granted. Three women are among the applicants. The premises are situated very largely along the Island highway. Nanaimo is asking for sixteen and almost all the small centres want one or more.

At the Rotary Club today most of the entertainment was provided by the Westholme Orchestra consisting of Charles and William Balagno and W. F. Browne who played to the evident enjoyment of the members. John Dybbavn gave a short talk and there was community singing.

**EMPEROR MINES PRESIDENT HERE**

Went to Stewart Last Night to Visit Property; Is Enthusiastic

G. Seiffert, president of the Emperor Mines Ltd., and of which J. S. Cowper is secretary-treasurer, passed north to Stewart yesterday on the Prince Rupert to visit his mine. He says there is great work being done in that camp. Nine compressors will be at work this summer within three miles of the Emperor and Dunwell on Bear River. Speaking of the Dunwell he says it looks as if a sale will be effected of the property. The agents of the purchasers have examined the mine and taken samples and are now awaiting the assay returns. So far they have proved even richer than the Stewarts represented.

**DUNWELL DEAL SEEMS LIKELY**

Final Assays Will be all in by Tomorrow and Then Decision to be Made

VICTORIA, Mar. 12.—The final assay reports of the ores recently taken from Dunwell Mine by the interests negotiating for its purchase are expected tomorrow and if they are as favorable as is expected the deal will be concluded and great activity will be seen on Bear River in the near future.

R. T. Elliott, who is acting as intermediary for the sale, has not yet disclosed who the new purchasers are but he indicates that they are people with plenty of money and it is thought they are Old Country capitalists.

The samples were taken by independent engineers in whom the purchasers have confidence and the results so far have been quite up to expectations. The Victoria Times says of the deal: **Expect Boom**

"If the Dunwell deal goes through it will mean bringing upwards of \$2,000,000 of new capital into the mining industry of this province. Besides that the present shareholders will retain an interest in the mine equal to what is paid for it. Dunwell is the first of the big northern mines since the Premier to have reached the stage of development and proof of ore values that place it in a position to be taken over and operated immediately by one of the big operating companies of this continent. The mine is owned nearly exclusively by Victoria and Vancouver investors. Completion of the Dunwell deal will mean the start of a great boom in northern B.C. mines that will equal that of recent years in northern Ontario, mining men here predict."

**BARGAIN HUNTERS HURT**

VANCOUVER, Mar. 12.—Several bargain hunters were injured when the tiled entrance of a Granville Street store collapsed this morning under the weight of a crowd.

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Mr. Seiffert says he believes the Bear River will be a heavier producer than the Salmon and that will mean a great deal, especially to those who know about the good properties on the salmon in addition to the Premier.

**MAKES DEAL FOR GYM AND PLUNGE BATH**

Property Secured and Plans Being Drawn For New Building

Today at the Rotary Club luncheon, M. P. McCaffery reported, on behalf of the joint committee of Rotary and Gyro clubs, that they had made a tentative arrangement for a piece of central property to be deeded to the city on which it is proposed to build a swimming bath and gymnasium and that Architect A. A. Cox had agreed to draw a tentative plan and estimate free of cost which would be laid before the two clubs in a week or two.

**JAPANESE VESSEL IS SAFE IN PORT AFTER REPORTED IN DANGER**

VICTORIA, Mar. 12.—The Japanese steamship Hoyoku Maru, which was yesterday reported in distress off Tatoosh and to the aid of which three steamers were despatched, later proceeded to Port Townsend under her own power.

According to reports received by the police this morning from the hospital, the condition of John Holston, severely burned yesterday morning when his shack to the rear of the Pioneer steam laundry was destroyed, was as satisfactory as could be expected.

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Wm. C. Durant, noted motor manufacturer and stock operator, staged a remarkable comeback recently by making a phenomenal clean-up on Wall Street, estimated to be as high as \$10,000,000 in one stock alone.

## Neill of Alberni Urges Coast Defence Policy and Protect Shipping

OTTAWA, Mar. 12.—A resolution proposing that "Canada should consider the question of defense of our sea coast and of our ocean borne lines of commerce," has been introduced into the House of Commons by A. W. Neill, independent member for Comox-Alberni.

Mr. Neill suggested that the question be taken up in a non-partisan spirit and that a small committee of the House might be formed to consider the matter with the aid of technical experts.

A policy of defense might be evolved under the name of the "Canadian Policy," said Mr. Neill, who urged the necessity of defense of the coast line and shipping. The drydock at Esquimalt, which will be finished shortly, will be of vital importance to any British naval operations in the Pacific. Today it is practically open to the world with only a few obsolete guns to protect it.

Mr. Neill said that the value of the public works of Vancouver and Victoria amounted to \$200,000,000 and there was a coast line of 10,000 miles absolutely defenseless. The defense of shipping was the most important of all.

**WOMAN OF FIFTY TO SWIM CHANNEL**

WEYMOUTH, Eng., Mar. 12.—Mrs. E. Craven, 50 years of age, a nurse and grandmother, is the latest to announce her intention of swimming the English channel this summer.

**THOMAS CUSACK OF VICTORIA IS DEAD**

VICTORIA, Mar. 12.—Thomas Cusack, 56 years of age, founder of the Cusack Printing Company and for forty years a leading business man of this city, died here last night. He leaves a widow.

## DELAY DOUBLE TRAIN SERVICE

Fish Buyers Disturbed at News Today that Change Has Been Made

**FISH IS HELD OVER**  
Position of Fishermen Injured by Delay It is Pointed Out by Buyers

Local fish buyers were disturbed to learn this morning that the Canadian National Railway management was proposing to delay the inauguration of the daily train service this spring from April 5 to May 3. On inquiry being made from the general superintendent, the statement was made that, so far as was known at that office, such was the intention.

It is feared in fishing circles that the delay in putting on daily trains may seriously affect the business. For instance, two carloads of halibut were offered this morning, but, there being no train East until Saturday, the sale of the catches is being held over until tomorrow at the earliest. Had there been a train today, this fish would have gone East and been taken care of by the trade next week.

The boats offering today were Peter Wold's new American vessel, Attu, with 12,000 pounds, this being the completion of her maiden trip. There were also two Canadian boats—Toodie, 3,500 pounds and White Lily, 3,000 pounds.

## GAUNTLET IS THROWN DOWN

President Coolidge Insists that Senate Approve Warren as Attorney-General

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—President Coolidge threw down the gauntlet before his opponents in the senate today by again submitting the nomination of Charles B. Warren to be attorney-general. The senate refused on Tuesday by one vote to endorse the nomination of Warren.

## SEALING MAY OPEN BUT GOVERNMENT IS FAVOR RENEW TREATY

OTTAWA, Mar. 12.—It is said here that the Dominion government is in favor of renewal of the sealing treaty of 1911 which abolished sealing on the high seas and left the control of the business in the hands of the United States.

Representations have been made from the coast that it would be to the advantage of Pacific ports to have the sealing opened once more.

## PRESIDENT SIMONS SWORN IN WITHOUT THE "HELP OF GOD"

BERLIN, March 12.—Dr. Walter Simons today took the oath of office as acting president of the German republic. Like his predecessor, the late President Ebert, Simons did not add the words "So help me God" which are left optional in the oath as prescribed in the constitution.

## RUPERT IS A SUBSIDY PORT

Ships Can be Sent to Pacific as Well as Atlantic Says Minister

(Special to Daily News)  
OTTAWA, Mar. 12.—Hon. W. R. Motherwell, discussing the Peterson subsidy contract, said "Canadian ports mentioned in Paragraph A means all Canadian ports and includes Vancouver and Prince Rupert. We can send the Peterson ships to the Pacific otherwise there would be a real grievance."

## VICTORIA HOPEFUL FOR FINAL HOCKEY

Expect to Make Good Showing Against Calgary Following Victory at Saskatoon

VICTORIA, Mar. 12.—Victoria hockey fans are looking for the Cougars to make a good showing against Calgary in the hockey finals. While they are very confident, it is pointed out that the ice at Saskatoon favored the local team who are more used to soft ice. Calgary has a splendid team and the final games will prove probably the most spectacular sport events in the west this season.

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