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20 INDICTMENTS AGAINST U.S. OFFICIALS

GOOD SIZED CHECK SENT TO PRINCE RUPERT FROM SHARE LIQUOR PROFITS

Prohibition Official Made Much Money Result Irregularities

Twenty indictments brought in by two grand juries at Chicago regard to illicit removal of beer and wine

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Hundreds of barrels of beer and approximately 500,000 gallons of sacramental wine have been illicitly withdrawn from a bonded warehouse here, it was revealed yesterday, when two grand juries handed down 20 indictments involving former prohibition officers and others, including officials of the Erie Railroad.

District attorneys claim they can prove that Percy Owen, former prohibition officer, received $200,000 in connection with irregularities in the administration of the office.

CONSTABULARY GIVE CONSENT DISBANDMENT

Accept Two Months Pay But Will Try to Get Paid for Third Month

BELFAST, Dec. 19.— Acceptance by the strike leaders of the government's offer of two months pay for each man on dismissal today ended the strike of members of "A" special constabulary as a protest against their disbandment. The strikers, however, names a deputation to treat with the inspector general in an effort to obtain a third month's pay.

GRAIN BOARD IS DISSOLVED

Organization Will Report Back to City Council and Board of Trade

It was resolved by the grain board last night at a meeting held in the City Hall, to dissolve and report back to the city council and the board of trade. The motion was made by Ald. Casey and seconded by J. H. Pillsbury.

This action was the outcome of a letter received from Fred Stork, M.P., Ottawa, in which he definitely stated that negotiations between George McIvor, manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd., Calgary, and the government grain commission had not matured. In view of the fact that the board had decided not to engage C. P. Coles of Vancouver it seemed that nothing further could be done at this juncture.

ONLY REMAINS TRAPPER FOUND

Bones, Boots, Cap and Rifle Found in Woods Showing Tragedy There

NORTH BAY, Dec. 19. — Fears are expressed that Oscar Fleury, the well-known trapper in the Ville Marie district, has been devoured by wolves while attending his trap lines. A search party on their return reported that they had discovered bones and a cap, boots and rifle.

WILLIAM ORAM TO TAKE JURY TRIAL

Appeared Before Judge Young Yesterday Afternoon After Having Been Committed by Magistrate

Committed for trial by Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. McLeod on two charges of theft of logging equipment at Swanson Bay from the Whalen Pulp & Paper Co. and Otto Giersch, William Oram appeared before Judge Young in the County Court yesterday afternoon and elected for trial by jury. He is now out on $1,000 bail pending the hearing of the case at the spring session of the Supreme Court Assizes.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I.

Birmingham 1, Arsenal 0.
Blackburn 0, Leicester 0.
Bury 4, West Ham 1.
Cardiff 1, Burnley 3.
Everton 2, Bolton 1.
Huddersfield 2, Notts County 0.
Manchester 2, Newcastle 2.
Sheffield U. 3, Liverpool 1.
Sunderland 3, Aston Villa 2.
Tottenham 3, Leeds 2.
West Bromwich 5, Manchester United 1.

Division II.

Barnsley 2, Preston 8.
Blackpool 1, Wednesday 0.
Bradford City 0, Fulham 0.
Chelsea 0, Portsmouth 0.
Clapton 1, Middlesboro 8.
Darlington 3, Swansea 3.
Derby C. 4, Stockport 9.
Hull City 3, Wolverhampton 1.
Notts Forest 1, Oldham 1.
Port Vale 2, South Shields 0.
Southampton 1, Stoke City 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I.

Aberdeen 4, Clydebank 1.
Celtic 3, Airdrieonians 2.
Cowdenbeath 2, Queen's Park 1 (abandoned)
Dundee U. 2, Rangers 1.
Hamilton 3, St. Mirren 2.
Hibernians-Morton postponed.
Kilmarnock 2, Falkirk 3.
Motherwell 3, Hearts 1.
Partick Thistles 2, Raith Rovers 1.
St. Johnstone 0, Dundee 0.

VICTORIA WINNER OF HOCKEY GAME IN THE WESTERN LEAGUE SERIES

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—The Victoria hockey team had a little change in her luck last night when the home stick artists nosed out the Portland team by a score of two to one.

B.C. BOXER WINS OVER WINNIPEG MAN IN SEVENTH

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.— Roy Cliffe of Courtenay won a technical knockout over Jack Dillon of Winnipeg at the end of the seventh round of a ten round bout here last night.

ASSISTED IN BIG MINING DEAL AT SMITHERS RECENTLY

A. C. Garde, M.E., formerly of this city and now located at Smithers, was here yesterday enroute to Vancouver where he will spend the next two or three months. Mr. Garde was one of the intermediaries in the recent $125,000 mining deal between the B.C. Silver Corporation and Paul Shufer of Lake Kathlyn and associates whereby the latter has disposed of a promising group of claims on Hudson Bay Mountain not far from the glacier. A program of diamond drill work is to be carried out on the property in the spring and, if present indications materialize, the mine may become an important producer.

PLEADED GUILTY AND SENTENCED 2 MONTHS FOR FALSE PRETENCES

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—H. G. A. Smith, owner of the Mill Bay Inn near Victoria, who was arrested at Edmonton, appeared in the police court today and pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

The inn at Mill Bay will be sold by the authorities.

LIQUOR CASE IS ADJOURNED

Crown Not Yet Ready to Proceed With Charges Against Consolidated Export Co. Ltd.

Hope was expressed by counsel in the city police court this morning that it would be possible to wind up the nine charges of violation of the Government Liquor Act against the Consolidated Export Co. Ltd. before the end of the year. In the meantime, at the request of the crown, which is not yet ready to proceed, the case was adjourned until December 26.

Milton Gonzales, counsel for the defence, while not opposing the adjournment, pointed out that it was the third remand that had been taken on the request of the crown prosecutor, L. W. Patmore. He stated that his client had important business in Vancouver and might be compelled to go south. He hoped that, in this case, no objection would be taken to a later adjournment at the request of the defence. Mr. Patmore agreed to granting such a remand if necessary.

Mr. Gonzales further stated that, in connection with the selling charge, the defence was prepared to admit certain facts so that the proceedings would not be delayed and so that argument on the law might proceed.

TO ABANDON INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

Legislature Accepts Recommendation of Committee Without Dissenting Vote

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.— The department of industries, established after the war to stimulate manufacturing in British Columbia, will pass out of existence as a result of a unanimous recommendation made today by a sub-committee of the committee on public accounts, which conducted an investigation into its activities earlier in the season.

Of the industries aided by government loans it is said many had now failed, leaving abandoned plants in the hands of the authorities. No new loans have been made in the past three years.

The House adopted the report without a dissenting vote.

SENDS CHECK TO THE CITY

Prince Rupert's Share in Profits of Pari-Mutuel and Liquor $6,900

(Special to Daily News)

VICTORIA, Dec. 19. — As its share of the profits in the provincial government liquor business and the tax on the pari-mutuel system for race track betting, the city of Prince Rupert gets $6,900 and a check for that amount is now being forwarded to the city treasurer.

ANOTHER PRICE CUT IN ELECTRIC LIGHT CITY OF VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—What are said to be the cheapest electric light rates on the Pacific coast will be brought into effect on Jan. 1 here when the B.C. Electric Railway will cut prices in Vancouver by approximately ten per cent.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.57½	
C. P. R.	146.00	
B.C. Silver	1.58	
Dunwell	1.27	1.35
Gladstone	.33½	.35½
Granby	20.00	
Premier	2.23	2.30
Porter Idaho	.08⅜	
Rufus		.18
Silver Crest	.08⅛	.10
Surf Inlet	.08⅝	.11

SLOW DELIVERY OF GRAIN TO VANCOUVER DURING PAST WEEK

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19. — During the week just closed only 775 cars of grain were unloaded at Vancouver while 6,108 were unloaded at the head of the lakes.

From Vancouver 12 vessels cleared carrying 1,795,000 bushels while 33 cleared from the lakehead carrying approximately 8,559,000 bushels.

Loadings on the prairies continue at the rate of 1,000 cars a day on the Canadian National lines.

CLASS LEADERS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas Examinations Held Covering Work of First Term

The following were the class leaders at the Christmas examinations covering the first term's work at the King Edward High School:

Senior Matriculation.— Perry Baisler, Robert Matheson and Netta Clark.

Junior Matriculation.—Muriel Millerd, Mary O'Brien and Dorothy Deane.

Grade Ten.—Barbara Dawson, Rosemary Winslow and Dorothy Palmore.

Grade Nine A—Dorothy Hardie, Bernice Ross and Ruth Gillies.

Grade Nine B—Margaret Gilchrist, Annie Walker and William Collison.

Second Year Commercial. — Maude Wyatt and Muriel Brewerton (equal), Betty Arney and Vera Smith.

GYMNASIUM IS BEGUN TODAY

Alderman McKechnie Has Contract for Erecting Structure For United Church

Alderman McKechnie has the contract for the new gymnasium for the United Church at the corner of Seventh Ave. and Donald Street a block east and south of the Ridley Home Ground for it was broken today.

The building is quite large, the dimensions being 35 ft. by 45 ft. and it will have a clear interior floor space of 35 by 40 with a gallery at one end to hold about 50 and space beneath to store the piano off the gym floor.

Legislature May Adjourn Tonight if the P.G.E. Land Grant Bill is Allowed to Pass Final Stages

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—The Government P.G.E. bill calling for a land grant of 20,000 acres per mile to the railway passed the second reading in the House last night by 26 to 19 after practically a whole day of debate.

The House is in committee on the P.G.E. today and it may be ready for final reading and adoption by night in which event the House may then adjourn.

The Legislature also gave second reading yesterday to a bill to confirm the assessments of the dyking commission on properties affected by the Sumas reclamation scheme. The division was a victory for the government, the vote standing 27 to 20.

School Population in North is Increasing Steadily Says Inspector; Many Local Teachers

There has been a steady expansion in school population and number of schools in Prince Rupert inspectorate during the year 1925 according to B. C. Fraser, inspector of schools for the district, who is now in the city after a busy fall in the course of which he has covered practically all his extensive inspectorate with the exception of a few of the more outlying and inaccessible points. There are 121 teachers in Prince Pupert district and the total school population is estimated by Inspector Fraser to be somewhat in excess of 2,800 children.

The inspectorate takes in all the territory along and contiguous to the line of the Canadian National Railway from Burns Lake to Prince Rupert, the entire northwestern quarter of the province, the coast from Queen Charlotte Sound to Alaska and the Queen Charlotte Islands.

During the year five new rural schools have been opened at Tintagel and Sheraton (east of Burns Lake), at Four Mile near Kispiox, at Namu Cannery and at Green Bay near Bella Coola. A High School has been opened at Terrace during the year and at Ocean Falls an additional division has been placed in operation. Two new permanent school buildings have been erected at New Hazelton and Hagensborg. One school was closed in the district in 1925, that at Discovery near Atlin.

Graded Schools

There are now ten graded schools in the inspectorate as follows: Prince Rupert, 22 divisions; Anyox, 6; Ocean Falls, 5; Terrace, 4; Smithers, 4; Usk, 2; Telkwa, 2; Burns Lake, 2; Stewart, 2; Hagensborg, 2. The district has five High Schools: Prince Rupert, 6 divisions; Ocean Falls, 3; Anyox, 2; Terrace and Smithers, each one. Hagensborg, the first point in the Bella Coola Valley to have a graded school, is now looking forward to High School privileges. The one superior school in the district is at Stewart but High School work is being carried on voluntarily by the public school teachers at Wistaria, Southbank, Francois Lake, Burns Lake, South Bulkley, Topley, Driftwood, Glentanna, New Hazelton, Hazelton, Pacific, Atlin, Massett, Port Clements, Lawn Hill, Mackenzie, Noosatsum (Bella Coola district) and Firvale.

Good Teachers

There is a higher standard of qualification among the teachers in the district this year than there has ever been before, Mr. Fraser states. Over fifty per

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CANADA IS IMPROVING HER TRADE BALANCE

Excess of Exports Over Imports Has Increased Considerably During Past Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.— Canada's favorable trade balance (excess of exports over imports for the year ending November 30, 1925, amounts to $346,000,000 compared with $245,000,000 for the preceding year.

BIRTH.

A son was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on December 19 to Mr. and Mrs. C. Swanson of this city.

Nick Murichie sailed last night on the Prince Rupert to spend the Christmas holidays at his home in Vancouver.

MAY APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL BEHALF BAKER

Counsel Says Statement of Sowash Exonerates Other Man and Implicates Stromkins

VICTORIA, Dec. 19. — R. C. Lowe, counsel for Baker, announces he will make an appeal to the Privy Council if necessary on behalf of his client. Lowe states that Sowash recently made a statement in jail exonerating Baker and Norris completely and blamed Stromkins and "some other" person for the murder.

MONEY COMING XMAS DINNER

Fund Beginning to Grow But is Still Very Small and Time Short

The time is quite short in which to raise the money for the Salvation Army Christmas Day fund and very little money has so far been received. Every dollar contributed will be actually used for giving those not otherwise engaged a real Christmas dinner and entertainment. Contributions received are:—

Previously acknowledged	$5.00
Pythian Sisters	5.00
F. Clapp	5.00
Anonymous	2.00
Angus McDonald	1.00
B. Merry	1.00

TEN KILLED ON RAILWAY

Entire Passenger Train Left Track Near Altoona this Morning

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed, five seriously injured, this morning when the entire Pennsylvania passenger train left the track ten miles west of here.

HEADS NEW LODGE AT PRINCE GEORGE

Alex. McB. Young is Elected Exalted Ruler of Elks at Interior City

PRINCE GEORGE, Dec. 19. — Alex. McB. Young, local barrister and son of Judge F. McB. Young of Prince Rupert, was elected exalted ruler of the Elks' Lodge which was instituted here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor will leave on tonight's train for Toronto.