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NO DOMINION ELECTION LIKELY JUST YET

B.C. HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD CONVENTION HERE NEXT YEAR

Premier Mackenzie King Hints Election Not Likely Until After Another Session of Parliament

Declares Government master of situation and will not be stampeded into action not in best interests of country

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—"Whether or not the present government will call another session of Parliament is for the government to decide. We do not propose to be stampeded into any dissolution of Parliament just to please the leader of the opposition and his press." So declared Premier Mackenzie King in a statement last night to the Canadian Press.

The Premier's statement refers to the public discussion which has been taking place with regard to the possibility of a general election this year. "The responsibility of carrying on the country's affairs was given us by the people. We have exercised it, notwithstanding all the difficult circumstances with which we have been confronted, in a manner, which we believe has won us a steadily increasing measure of public confidence. Under the circumstances the responsibility of advising dissolution would appear to be quite as great as that of continuing to carry on despite the difficulties of government we necessarily experience.

"When we have reason to believe there are national considerations so imperative as to necessitate an appeal to the electorate, we shall not hesitate to acquaint His Excellency the Governor General with our views and press for a dissolution of parliament. When that time comes I shall be equally prepared to state the reasons to the public," declared the premier.

FISH ARRIVES FROM ALASKA

Car of Salt Herring from Petersburg and Canned Salmon from Ketchikan

Bringing the first carload of salt herring ever delivered here from Alaska for transshipment East over the Canadian National Railways, motorship Bellingham, Capt. Len Williams, was in from the north on Saturday night. The herring came from Petersburg and is destined for Minneapolis.

The Bellingham also brought 8,200 cases of canned salmon from Ketchikan and is due back here again today with another shipment of salmon. This also goes East to the United States over the C.N.R.

It is anticipated that the movement of fish products from Alaska through Prince Rupert this fall and winter will be of even greater volume than it has been in past years.

MINING MEN TO EXAMINE MAMIE

Major North and C. A. Banks Looking Over Situation in Smithers for their Company

C. A. Banks, manager of the B.C. Silver mine and Major North superintendent, left this morning for Smithers where they will make an examination of the Mamie Mine they recently bonded following its relinquishment by the Federal Mining Co.

It is probable that the mine officials will also look at other properties in the district with a view to interesting their company in them.

TRAINS MEET NUMBER DEAD

Fourteenth Railway Accident in France Within Month Reported Near Lens

PARIS, Aug. 24—A number estimated at from three to ten were killed and more than thirty injured in a collision between two express trains near Lens shortly before midnight. It was the fourteenth railway accident within a month, the previous ones taking toll of 34 lives in all and injuring nearly 300.

CANADIAN VOYAGEUR HERE FOR DOCKING

C.G.M.M. Vessel Arrived from South at 9 o'clock Last Night—is Unloading Coal

C.G.M.M. freighter, Canadian Voyageur of the Ocean Falls-California paper carrying service, arrived in port at 9 o'clock last night to enter dry dock here for cleaning, painting and survey. Before going on dock, the vessel is unloading 600 tons of coal from Vancouver Island at the dock. The job on dock, it is expected, will be completed before the end of the week. Capt. Warrington is master of the Canadian Voyageur.

SALMON SEASON IS DRAWING TO CLOSE

Sockeye Fishing Ended Friday Evening and Influx of Natives to City has Commenced

The fall influx of natives from cannery points is beginning somewhat earlier this year than usual. With the closing of sockeye fishing on Friday night, there was a large exodus of natives and others from the Skeena River at the end of the week. The prospects being for a light run of fall varieties, another two weeks will probably see the canning industry in this district pretty well over for this year.

J. H. Pillsbury, manager of the dry dock, returned on the Prince Charles this morning from a business trip to Vancouver.

AIRPLANE HAS AN ACCIDENT

Forced to Land in Millbank Sound and Towed to China Hat

A fisheries patrol plane piloted by Flying Officer Hull had to make a forced landing at Millbank sound yesteday. She was taken in tow by the Alaskan Steamship Yukon northbound until picked up by the Malaspina and taken into China Cat where she now is making repairs.

Fisheries officer D. S. Cameron was aboard the airplane at the time of the accident.

Report from South

SEATTLE, Aug. 24. — Three aviators were picked up in an exhausted condition in a machine at Milbank Sound yesterday by the steaner Yukon bound to Alaska, according to a wireless despatch received here. The seaplace was operated by the fisheries patrol and is being towed to Swanson Bay.

RUDE CHECK ON A LOVE CULT

VANCOUVER, Aug. 24.—John Bertram Clarke who was arrested Friday night charged with a statutory offence, appeared in police court Saturday and was remanded for a week.

Police raided the office following allegations made by girls, who answered Clarke's advertisement for a stenographer, and are said to have broken up a "love cult" in its early stages.

NEW METLAKATLA BALL PLAYERS COMING HERE

Series Will be Played on September 2 and 3, Ben Self Announces

Ben Self announced this morning that arrangements had been completed for a baseball team to come here from New Metlakatla, Alaska, for a series of two games to be played on September 2 and 3. In one game the Gyro Club will play against the visitors and in the other, the Sons of Canada. The party, which is coming here in its own boats, will be accompanied by a jazz orchestra and a basketball team.

BASEBALL

SUNDAY GAMES
National League

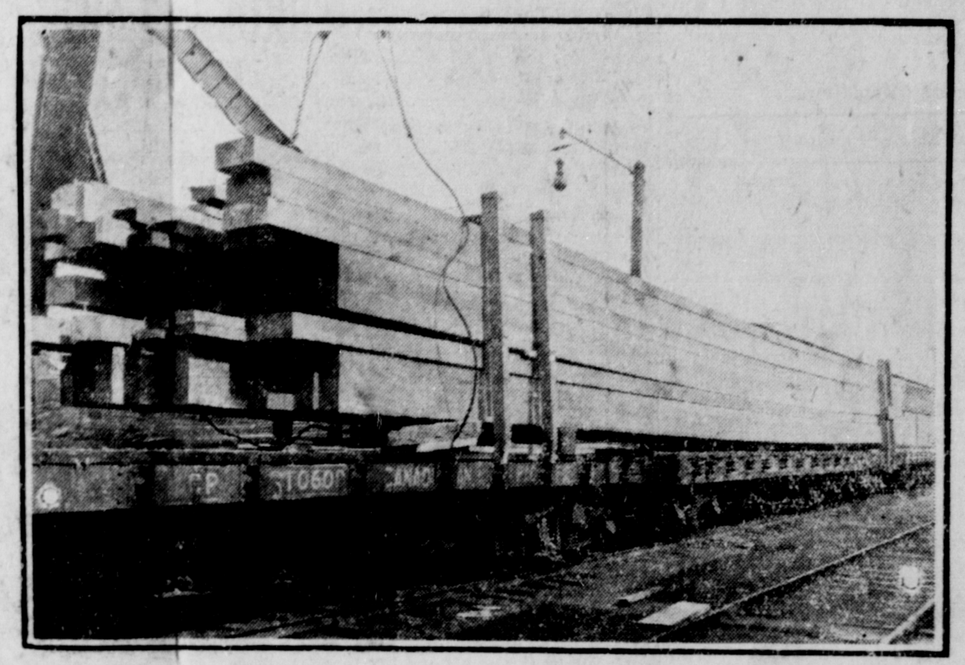
Pittsburg 4-3, New York 7-2.
Chicago 0-9, Brooklyn 6-7.

American League

Washington 6, Detroit 4.
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 0.
New York 6, Cleveland 7.
Boston 2, St. Louis 5.

HOWITZER EXPLODED.

ROCKFORD, Ills., Aug. 24. — Six soldiers of the Illinois Infantry (colored) were killed and a number injured today when a howitzer exploded.



Toothpicks! The "slabs" are 98 feet long. They are part of the timber cleared at Bainbridge, Vancouver Island.

Final Scenes in Liard River Witchcraft Cases Sentences are Passed

FEATURES OF THE LIARD RIVER WITCHCRAFT KILLING CASES

Big Alec, found guilty of manslaughter in inciting Edie Loot to tie Mocassin up thus causing his death, sentenced to five years in New Westminster pementiary.

Edie Loot, wife of Pierre, found guilty of manslaughter with recommendation for mercy, released on suspended sentence on condition of ten years' good behaviour.

Jim Loot, Clem Loot and Dan Loot, acquitted.

Recommendation of E. F. Jones, defence counsel, to His Lordship that the efforts of Inspector T. V. Sandys-Wunsch and his detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police in obtaining the evidence in the case and bringing about an impartial and fair trial be specially reported to the Department of Justice.

Recommendation by His Lordship, on suggestion of L. W. Patmore, crown counsel, to the Department of Indian Affairs, that Lucy Loot be awarded a pension for her conduct, at risk of her own life, in having Mocassin untied before his death and subsequently acting as star witness in the case for the crown.

Closing scenes in the remarkable Liard River Indian witchcraft killing cases were enacted in the Supreme Court assizes here on Saturday afternoon when sentence was passed on Big Alec and Edie Loot, wife of Pierre, who had been convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Moccasin at Thirty Mile Bar, Liard River, in March 1923.

Edie was called upon first by Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald to have sentenced passed. Asked by is Lordship if she had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon her, Edie replied, through her interpreter: "I want to go home."

E. F. Jones, Edie's counsel, then asked His Lordship to take into consideration the recommendation of the jury for mercy, the fact that she had a sick husband and three children with no means of support and also the fact that she had already been in jail for almost a year. She may be technically guilty but I am sure that no intent has been proven," he declared.

Police Complimented

Mr. Jones then went on to compliment Inspector Sandys-Wunsch for the assistance that had been given by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in doing everything possible to bring the true facts of the case to light for the benefit of the defence as well as the crown, and the fair and impartial trial that had ensued. He recommended to His Lordship that the work of Inspector Sandys-Wunsch and his detachment be specially reported to the Minister of Justice.

In addressing Edie, Mr. Justice D. A. MacDonald said that, taking into consideration the recommendation of the jury for mercy, with the consent of crown counsel, he had decided to let her go home to her children." I want you to understand this, however," His Lordship continued.

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LIST OF SENTENCES PASSED AT ASSIZES

The following is a summary of verdicts and sentences at the session of the Supreme Court assizes which came to a close on Saturday afternoon:

Big Alec, manslaughter, five years.

Edie Loot, wife of Pierre, manslaughter, suspended sentence.

Jim Loot, Clem Loot and Dan Loot, acquitted.

Faustino Pena, wounding with intent, three years.

Albert Edison, theft, six months.

DAVIS RAFT FROM ISLANDS ARRIVES

Lorne Brought 1,250,000 Feet Kelley Camp at Logan Inlet This Morning

Hecate Straits Towing Co.'s tug Lorne, Capt. Lewis, arrived in port at 11.30 this morning bringing a Davis raft containing about 1,250,000 feet of logs from Kelley's camp at Logan Inlet, Moresby Island, for the Prince Rupert Spruce Mill. Another raft of similar size is expected at the mill in about a fortnight and, in the meantime, flat booms of logs will be delivered from Surf Inlet.

CARSON McWILLIAMS IS GOLF CHAMPION

CALGARY, Aug. 24. — Carson McWilliams of the St. Andrew's Club, Calgary, won the western Canada golf championship by defeating Alex. Weir of Saskatoon on the 27th green.

STABBER GETS THREE YEARS

Stiff Sentence Meted Out to Faustino Pena, Peruvian, at Supreme Court Assizes

Faustino Pena, Peruvian ship's fireman, found guilty with intent to do grevious bodily harm in connection with the stabbing of C. Algarde, colored messboy and shipmate, at Stewart on June 8 last, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald at the Supreme Court assizes on Saturday afternoon.

E. F. Jones, counsel for Pena, asked that the peculiar temperament of accused especially when under the influence of liquor and the fact that he had already been two months in jail be taken into consideration. His Lordship, however, took a more serious view of the matter and, in passing sentence, declared that such a ready use of the knife could not be permitted in this country.

LIEN PLACED ON STR. MAUDE

Amundsen's Vessel to be Sold at San Francisco After Adventurous Career

NOME, Aug. 24.—Amundsen's exploration ship Maude reached here late Saturday night enroute to San Francisco where she will be sold.

After Carl Lomen had taken possession of the vessel in the name of the Norwegian government as vice-consul, U.S. Marshal Charles Jones went aboard with an attachment for more than $600, which an old company contended was owed for fuel taken by the Maude before her departure in 1922.

Lomen posted a bond for the amount.

The Maude came here from East Siberia where she went to meet a Russian vessel with a supply of fuel oil after returning from an unsuccessful attempt to drift across the North Pole.

TALKING OVER FRENCH DEBT

Ministers of Both Countries Meet to Try to Reach Settlement

LONDON, Aug. 24. — M. Caillieaux, French finance minister, and Right Hon. Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, today began discussions of the terms of settlement of the French debt amounting to £623,000,000. It is not known how long the conversations will continue and any agreement reached between them must be ratified by the French government before a decision can be made.

DOROTHY ELLINGTON GUILTY MANSLAUGHTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Dorothy Ellington, the seventeen year old confessed matricide, was found guilty of manslaughter in the superior court here by a jury late Saturday night. The youthful defendant took the verdict calmly. It carries a penalty of from one to ten years.

Hospitals Association to Hold Convention in Prince Rupert in 1926; 2 Local Officials Chosen

NANAIMO, Aug. 24—Prince Rupert is to be the next meeting place of the British Columbia Hospitals Association and two Prince Rupert people were elected to prominent offices for the coming year. H. W. Birch is the new vice-president and Miss Jean Harrison, R.N., lady superintendent of the Prince Rupert Hospital, was chosen as convenor of the committee on nursing affairs.

Other officers of the association chosen were: Honorary president, Hon. William Sloan, provincial secretary and minister of health; president, Dr. G. B. Brown.