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COMPULSORY ARBITRATION LAW IN ITALY

STEAMER BOXER ARRIVES HERE AT NOON LITTLE WORSE FOR BEING ASHORE

Compulsory Arbitration Bill Passed by Italian Government Most Audacious and Courageous

Premier Mussolini says Fascism is convinced capitalism, with all its virtues and defects, has many years of life before it yet

ROME, March 12.—"Fascism is convinced that capitalism with all its virtues and defects still has centuries of life before it" declared Premier Mussolini of Italy in a speech supporting the compulsory arbitration bill which was passed by the Italian Senate last night.

Mussolini in his speech described the bill as the "most audacious, most courageous and most revolutionary reform yet made by the Fascist government." It provides for the compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes and is designed to do away with strikes entirely.

LONGER CLOSED SALMON SEASON

Proposal Made at Conference Wednesday as Result of More Intensive Fishing

VANCOUVER, March 12.—"Faced by the prospect of more intensive commercial salmon fishing on the coast this season," says a story in the Province news columns, "the Dominion fisheries department is considering longer weekly closed periods and a shorter yearly season. These proposals were considered at a conference Wednesday between the fisheries inspectors and overseers from all parts of the province and J. A. Motherwell, chief inspector.

RED LAKE IS GREAT CAMP

Already 1500 Prospectors Scattered Over District and Hardship Likely to Follow

PORT ARTHUR, Mar. 12—Predictions that the Red Lake district would become the world's largest mining camp, possibly exceeding the Klondike, was made by Walter Hyde, civil engineer, who just returned from the camp. He fears that unless special precautions are taken there will be much hardship along the 140 mile trail from Hudson, Ontario, as it will be impossible to get in food supplies. There are 1500 prospectors now scattered over a radius of 50 square miles.

SALMON RIVER DEAL CLOSED

Bush Leases all Taken Over by the Sebakwe Company Through B.C. Silver

Word received from London is to the effect that the mining leases 24 in number, owned by the Bush Company have been handed over to the B.C. Silver Corporation, agents for the Sebakwe and District Mines. G. R. Bancroft has been appointed mining engineer in charge. Control in the Sebakwe Mines is held by the Selukwe Company.

DENIES PETTICOAT ADMINISTRATION IN SEATTLE THIS YEAR

SEATTLE, Mar. 12.—"I am tempted to remark that they don't wear 'em any more" said Mrs. Landes, mayor elect of Seattle before leaving last night for a few days rest following the rather strenuous mayoralty campaign, in regard to remarks that had been made about "petticoat government." She said she strongly resented the remark. She intended to appoint a man chief of police but it would not be Severyns.

FIRE AT CLAYBURN CUTS OFF BELLINGHAM

CLAYBURN, March 12.—Fire damaged the Clayburn B.C. Electric sub-station here this afternoon and temporarily cut off the power which Bellingham receives from the Stave Lake plant.

CHILD SMOTHERED TO DEATH DIGGING CAVE

NELSON, March 12.—Walter Walker, ten years of age, was smothered to death in a cave dug in a mound.

Col. J. W. Nicholls, comptroller for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., sailed for the south on the Princess Mary this morning enroute to New York and other Eastern points on company business. Mrs. Nicholls will accompany him as far as Winnipeg.

Dr. F. P. Kenny, who sustained a severe strain to his back while at Stewart last week, sailed this morning for Victoria where he will recuperate. It was necessary to carry him aboard the steamer Princess Mary.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.54¾	
B.C. Silver	1.80	1.90
Dunwell	2.21	2.25
Gladstone	.37	.40
L. & L.	.16	.18
Premier	2.54	2.60
Porter Idaho	.10	.13
Silvercrest	.14	.15
Surf Inlet	.08½	.09

FREIGHT RATES ON RAILWAYS

Sir Henry Thornton Tells Manufacturers That Happy Medium is Necessary

ASKS NATIONAL UNITY

Canada Has Lowest Tariff on Railways of any Country in Civilized World

HAMILTON, March 12. — A powerful plea for a spirit of national unity, undivided by sectional interest and having as its basis the development of Canada along broad Dominion lines was made by Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, in an address before the Hamilton branch of the Canadian Manufacturers Association last night.

Sir Henry chose as the text of his remarks "Freight Rates," pointing out that he was speaking to the leaders of progress in a manufacturing centre of Canada, the "Pittsburg of the Dominion" as it were and while he emphasized the fact that no one was more opposed to an oppressive freight rate than he was, it was nevertheless necessary to strike a happy medium whereby the "railways were entitled to receive a reasonable return for services given." Unless that were assured, Sir Henry was convinced that "hard times" would inevitably come to Canada:

"As a railway president speaking to an audience of the Manufacturers' Association I might remark without prejudice that the reduction of freight rates is always a popular subject, but it must be remembered that today Canada has the lowest freight rates known to the civilized world."

ICEBERG 5 MILES LONG

Growing Danger in North Pacific Shipping is Warned by Japan

YOKOHAMA, March 12. — The customs authorities have warned shipping of the growing danger from icebergs in the North Pacific Ocean. It is officially reported that an iceberg five miles long is drifting 25 miles from Nemuro, Hokaida, one of the northern Japanese Islands.

BOY WAS CRUSHED BENEATH STREET CAR

EDMONTON, Mar. 12.—Struck by a south-bound blue line street car at 7 o'clock Monday evening when he ran out from behind a north-bound street car, Jimmy Bellamy, 5-year-old son of John F. Bellamy, was instantly killed. The Wheels of the car did not strike the boy, but he was rolled beneath the gear casing of the front trucks and his skull and jaw were fractured.

TRAMP 1,000 MILES FOR WAGER. —Miss Anna Rorvik and Mrs. Samuel Johnson, both of Prince Rupert, B.C., who hiked through the so-called wilds of Central British Columbia in order that they might win a bet. They carried full pack and were armed with revolvers. The hike occupied nearly a month. Miss Rorvik recently left Prince Rupert to live on Vancouver Island

BEER NOT TURNIPS IN FREIGHT CAR ON ROUTE TO CHICAGO

KITCHENER, Ont., Mar. 12. — Twelve thousand bottles of nine per cent proof spirit beer were seized in a freight car consigned from Waterloo to Chicago as containing turnips.

NEW COMPANY WILL CONTROL POWER OF B.C. ELECTRIC RY.

VICTORIA, March 12. — The British Columbia Electric Power and Gas Company Ltd. has been incorporated with a capitalization of $25,000,000. The new company will have control of the power and gas plants of the B.C. Electric Railway.

CHOPPED BODY OF JOURNALIST

Palmer Hutchinson Came in Contact With Propeller of One of Wilkins' Airplanes

FAIRBANKS, March 12. — Palmer Hutchinson, news writer with the Arctic expedition of Captain Wilkins, was killed when the propeller of the airplane with which he accidentally came in contact as it was going full speed chopped through his body.

OIL LAMP EXPLODED THREE BURNED DEATH

YORKTON, March 12. — Mrs. Albert Montanko and two young children were burned to death in Sturgis district following the explosions of an oil lamp.

Gold Strike Sixty Miles from Nome is Reported with Three Dollars a Pan to a Paystreak

NOME, March 12.—Reports of a gold strike near Bluff, 60 miles east of Nome, caused many persons to stampede from here yesterday, dog teams being in great demand with which to make the trip.

Old prospectors believe the strike is similar to the beach diggings find in the vicinity of Nome and that it continues up and down the Behring Sea coast for many miles. An eighteen inch paystreak, averaging three dollars to the pan, it is said has been located.

Steamer Boxer Little Injured as Result of Being Ashore 5 Days

Arrived here today at noon and expects to continue voyage to Seward with her cargo of ties

With no damage other than a slightly splintered keel and stem to show as a result of her stranding early last Saturday morning on a reef off Whitecliff Island and the five days she subsequently spent ashore there, the American government auxiliary schooner Boxer, Capt. S. T. L. Whitlam, arrived in the harbor at 12 o'clock noon today and is now tied up at the ocean dock awaiting instructions from headquarters. The vessel is not leaking and, according to her master, not a timber was sprung nor a pipe in the engine room broken or displaced.

After she was floated shortly before noon yesterday, the main and auxiliary motors were turned over and both functioned as naturally as ever. The vessel came here under her own power. Capt. Whitlam, while awaiting instructions, says that dry docking is unnecessary and he is ready to proceed on his voyage to Seward.

First reports received here yesterday stated that the Boxer would be towed into Prince Rupert harbor but, when it was found that the engines were in order and the ship apparently sound, the vessel went to Chalmer Anchorage, across the channel from the scene of the stranding, and spent the night there while further examinations were made and the generator, which had come in contact with water, was tested and found also to be in order.

Visibility Poor

Speaking of the stranding, Capt. Whitlam stated that it occurred when visibility was poor in a snowstorm early Saturday morning. The reef was sighted before the impact occurred but the heavy current at that point made it impossible to avoid the accident. Capt. Whitlam was at the helm when the vessel struck, having been called a few minutes previous. Had the vessel passed 75 feet west, the accident would not have occurred.

During the five days she was ashore, no part of the Boxer was ever submenged, Capt. Whitlam stated. She was listed over at a fifty degree angle at low water.

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SPAIN WILL RESIGN IF EXCLUDED FROM COUNCIL OF LEAGUE

GENEVA, Mar. 12.—The representatives of Spain at the assembly of the League of Nations here have made it plain that unless that country is given a permanent seat in the council of the League she will resign from the League of Nations altogether.

ONLY TWO HALIBUT BOATS SOLD TODAY

Only two boats sold their catches at the fish exchange this morning, the Kodiak, an American boat with 30,000 pounds at 15.70 and 8 to Booth Fisheries and the Marguerite, a Canadian with 7,500 pounds at 13.80 and 6c. to the Cold Storage Company

FISH POOL IS BROKEN TODAY

Arrival of Big Catch of Fresh Salmon From Vancouver Island Upset Plans

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 12.—In the Vancouver Province it was reported that, "the arrival here of the fish carrier Victory Bay from the west coast of Vancouver Island with 30,000 pounds of fresh salmon indicated the breaking of an alleged boycott against Canadian buyers by the organized white and Japanese fishermen.

"It is reported that the fishermen created a pool, and obtained two large fish packers to deliver their catches in Seattle under contract. The results were unsatisfactory as a large percentage of the fish were graded low, especially the lower layers which were crushed en route to Seattle. Dissatisfaction with the Seattle price led some of the fishermen to withdraw from the pool, thereby giving Vancouver a share of the west coast catch."

FUEL OIL TAX CASE APPEALED

Will be Heard Monday it is Arranged on Application of Attorney General

VANCOUVER, March 12.—The Canadian Pacific and Union Steamship Company have agreed to next Monday being set as the date for the hearing of the appeal of the Attorney General from the decision of Mr. Justice Morrison in the fuel oil tax case at the present sitting of the Court of Appeal.

TEN CHILDREN WEIGH A TON ALTOGETHER

LEROY, Ill., March 12. — The ten children of Isaac J. Forbes tip the scales at something over a ton, and with one exception, each weighs over 200 pounds.

They evidently inherited their size from Mr. Forbes, who was one of a family of eleven Kentuckians.

Six of the children are boys and four are girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Self sailed aboard the Princess Mary this morning for Victoria, Mr. Self being on business. They expect to return to the city next week.