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PARLIAMENT TO ADJOURN TONIGHT

METHYLATED SPIRITS CAUSE DEATH OF FOUR IN NELSON

Ottawa Sets Up New Speed Record by Completing Throne Speech and Voting Appropriations in 3 Days

Reply finished just before midnight without division; last year's estimates accepted; supply bill up today for final adoption

DEPUTY SPEAKER NOMINATED

House will rise this evening for the Christmas vacation, reassembling on February 7--- business disposed of in rapid succession

OTTAWA, December 15.—The address in reply to the speech from the throne was carried shortly before midnight in the House of Commons without division. The debate ended abruptly after continuing two days. During the day a number of Conservative, Progressive and Independent members spoke but no Liberals took part.

Before midnight the House had accepted a blanket resolution covering all the estimates which were not voted at last session.

The supply bill was given its first and second readings and stands for the committee stage today.

The remaining business before Parliament will likely be completed tonight allowing the House to rise and not meet again until February 7.

Only once before, it is believed, have the address and reply been disposed of in two days and the fact that considerable money for public services will have been appropriated will constitute a record three-day procedure in Ottawa.

Within fifteen minutes of the conclusion of the debate on the address, the supply bill totalling $64,500,000 was introduced and advanced to the committee stage.

J. Ferd Johnson, Liberal member for Long Lake, Saskatchewan, was nominated for the position of deputy speaker of the House.

SPANISH PLOT IS UNCOVERED

PREMIER WAS TO BE ASSASSINATED AND KING KILLED WHEN ATTENDING HIS FUNERAL

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A new conspiracy to assassinate King Alphonse of Spain and the Spanish Premier, General De Rivera, was discovered last week in Madrid says a Barcelona despatch to the Daily Express. Thirteen anarchists were arrested in a suburb and numerous others were taken in custody throughout the country. One man who was arrested was shot when he tried to escape.

The conspirators, it is stated, planned to shoot the Premier from a closed motor car placed in front of his office and if successful, to kill the king with grenades when he was attending the Premier's funeral.

GRAIN EXPORTS ARE INCREASING

VESSELS AT VANCOUVER NOW ARE LOADING OVER TWO MILLION BUSHELS FOR EUROPE AND ORIENT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—Four Japanese freighters—Taiho Maru, England Maru, Capetown Maru and Kohshun Maru—arrived here last night to load 1,100,000 bushels of wheat. The first three will carry 21,500 tons to the United Kingdom or continent and the fourth will take 8,000 tons to Japan.

Beside this fleet other vessels are now loading 1,300,000 bushels here.

BURY ELECTED IN EDMONTON

FOURTH COUNT SHOWS HIM TO BE WINNER BY MARGIN OF 2,000 IN MAYORALTY CONTEST

EDMONTON, Dec. 15.—A. U. G. Bury, ex-alderman and ex-M.P. for Edmonton East, was declared elected mayor of this city at the conclusion of the fourth count last night. Ald. D. K. Knott, Labor, was second being some two thousand votes behind. Four other candidates were also defeated.

WINNIPEG PATRIARCH DEVISED NOVEL WAY TO PEDDLE LIQUOR

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—Bootleggers, operating in usual, quiet, careful manner, generally side-tracking customers unknown to the "fraternity," are not uncommon in these parts, but a new type of vendor of illicit liquor has now made his appearance.

Police in St. Boniface, Man., recently pounced upon an aged man driving along the streets in a delapitated buggy. Under the seat officers discovered a tank containing several gallons of doubtful home brew.

The veteran admitted that he had been peddling his "wares" from house to house for some time and had realized a fair income. He declared that his price was far below that set by the government liquor commission.

The offender was fined.

PYTHIAN SISTERS ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. F. W. Hart Chosen to Head Organization During Coming Year

Pythian sisters elected officers for the coming year at their last regular meeting as follows:

Past Chief—Mrs. Geo. W. Johnston.
Excellent Chief—Mrs. F. W. Hart.
Excellent Senior—Mrs. T. J. Shenton.
Excellent Junior—Mrs. M. L. Stepp.
Manager—Mrs. M. Ratchford.
Mistress of Finance—Mrs. E. Large.
Mistress of Records and Correspondence—Mrs. C. Hoss.
Protector—Mrs. D. McCullough.
Press Correspondent—Mrs. M. Leek.
Installing Officer—Mrs. M. Leek.

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Already acknowledged	$33.00
P. Peterson	1.00
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COMPANIES DENY CUTTING PRICES

OTTAWA IS ASKED BY TWENTY-THREE VANCOUVER SHIPPING COMPANIES TO MAKE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS

VANCOUVER, December 15.—Twenty-three shipping companies' agents have forwarded the following statement to the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa: "The undermentioned shipping companies are exploiting pilots by engaging them at less than the published scale of fees." The inference is that whatever reduction made by the pilots in scales of fees has been retained by the agents. They also most emphatically state that in no instance have they retained some of the reduction made by the pilots from their published scale of prices.

PRAIRIES STILL ARE VERY COLD

THERMOMETER SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RISING THIS MORNING — WIND INCREASES DIFFICULTY

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—Continuing its sweep through the prairie provinces, the cold wave showed no inclination to moderate this morning with temperatures ranging from 12 below at Calgary to 34 at Edmonton and 36 at Saskatoon. In Manitoba conditions were improved somewhat but the mercury was hovering around the twenty below mark.

Strong northwest winds added to the biting cold bringing increased fire hazards. There is trouble maintaining wire communication and the movement of trains.

CANTONESE ARE NEAR SHANGHAI

HAVE CAPTURED CITY OF SANG CHOW WHICH IS JUST 110 MILES FROM THEIR OBJECTIVE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15.—The city of Sang Chow in Chekiang province is reported to have fallen into the hands of the Cantonese. The city has a population of 800,000 and is 110 miles from Shanghai, the principal objective of the Cantonese drive.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD YUKON HOTEL

Hostelry at Forty-Mile, Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Shulze, was Burned on Sunday

DAWSON, Dec. 15.—The hotel at Forty-Mile, the first mining camp in the Yukon, was destroyed by fire on Sunday according to a report reaching here. It was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Shulze.

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Indian	.04	.06
Premier	1.99	2.00
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Richmond	.02½	.04½

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SNOW GENERAL THIS DISTRICT

MODERATION OF TEMPERATURE IN CENTRAL B.C., ALSO NOTED IN MORNING WEATHER REPORT

Particularly toward the coast, a decided moderation is noted from the recent cold snap in Central British Columbia. Snow was general through the night and thermometer reading went up this morning. In Prince Rupert the precipitation was gradually changing from snow to rain.

The Government Telegraphs reported the following temperature readings this morning:

Prince Rupert—Snow and rain, strong southeast wind, temperature 37.

Terrace—Snowing, strong north wind, temp. 9; 8 inches new snow.

Rosswood—Cloudy, calm, temp. 11; 6 inches new snow.

Alyansh—Cloudy, calm, temp. 10; 10 inches new snow.

Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, temp. 14; 2 inches new snow.

Telegraph Creek—Cloudy, calm, temp 2 below.

Smithers—Cloudy, calm, temp. 4; 4 inches new snow.

Burns Lake—Cloudy, calm, temp. 5; 8 inches new snow.

Whitehorse—Clear, calm, temp. 19 below.

Dawson—Foggy, calm, temp. 40 below.

Selkirk—Temp. 46 below.

YOSERIC LEAVES AND YPRES MARU STARTS LOADING AT ELEVATOR

The Bank Line freighter Yoseric, Capt. Letton, having completed loading a full cargo of grain here, cleared last night at 9 o'clock for the United Kingdom or continent via Panama Canal. The vessel was taken out as far as Triple Island by Capt. Larry Thomson of the Federal Pilots of British Columbia.

The Suzuki freighter Ypres Maru started loading grain last night and should get away toward the end of the week.

COLD WAVE DOWN COAST IS ENDED

Vancouver Gets Its First Snowfall of Season — High Temperature is Rapidly Melting it

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.— Ending with the first snowfall of the season, the cold snap experienced in coast cities during the past three days was definitely broken this morning. The temperature is well above freezing and three inches of snow in Vancouver district is rapidly disappearing.

When there is a resident Canadian minister at Washington, will the United States government reciprocate by appointing a resident U.S. minister at Ottawa. International courtesy would seem to require it.

Dean Inge says that practically nobody now believes in the doctrine of eternal punishment. To compensate for this the Gloomy Dean is trying to make our present life as cheerless as possible.

KETCHIKAN MILL CLOSING DOWN

ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ONE MONTH DURING WHICH TIME CAPACITY WILL BE CREASED

KETCHIKAN, Dec. 15.—The Ketchikan Spruce Mills will close operations next week, the suspension to last until about the first of February by which time they will have made the necessary repairs for a season of larger output next year. At the present time the Ketchikan Spruce Mills are turning out a quantity of halibut and salmon boxes and are cutting cargo for the eastern market. This will be continued until the shut down in December. No large repairs or alterations are anticipated. A new carriage will be built for the head rig and the track will be lined up. The cyclone in the induced draft system of the power plant will be renewed.

This company expects next year to turn out some 800,000 salmon boxes. In starting early in February, which is earlier than usual, it will have an opportunity to cut for the east coast trade on a larger scale.

CONDITION IN EAST NOT GOOD

BUT DEFICIENCY IN LUMBER INDUSTRY THERE SOMEWHAT OFFSET BY IMPROVEMENT IN WEST

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—Frank admission that this year's conditions are unsatisfactory but hope for better things in 1927 marked the report of Claude Villiers, president of the Montreal Lumber Association, presented at the annaul meeting here. "During the past year the lumber trade in Eastern Canada, like it was last year, has been unsatisfactory" said Villiers. "The cut in the East was decreased but this was offset by increased production in the west, particularly in British Columbia, Oregon and Woshington."

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ARMY SLOW

WILL HAVE TO BE GREAT MANY MORE IF RECORD OF PAST YEARS IS TO BE ATTAINED

The Salvation Army is desirous of receiving the names of needy people in city and district so that it may do something for their cheer at the Christmas season.

Contributions seem to be coming in very slowly for the Army's unemployed Christmas dinner fund. There will have to be a great many more received if the record of past years is to be equalled.

The Army acknowledges a donation from Mrs. George McIlmoyle. This brings the so far acknowledged total to $11.05.

Heavy taxes have roused Schleswig against the Danes and Alasce against the French. Apparently their former German masters were more businesslike.

Witnesses Clash in Giving Important Evidence Before Customs Probe in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, December 15.—Evidence of two witnesses before the customs commission yesterday afternoon clashed in important particulars. The second witness of the two was F. R. Anderson, Vancouver solicitor, who declared that certain allegations of Capt. R. G. Lawson, the former witness, were untrue.

Lawson had stated that Anderson brought pressure to bear upon him in order to secure from him an affidavit with regard to a cruise of the liquor ship Trucilla in the spring of 1923. The Trucilla cleared for Topolobampo, Mexico, with a cargo of liquor but was seized when found changing the liquor from cases to sacks at Reef Bay, Tumbo Island, near here, a few days after she sailed. Lawson was asked whether or not he had made a statutory declaration with regard to the cruise of the Trucilla. He admitted that he had but declared it had been made as a result of pressure brought to bear upon him by Anderson.

Anderson later characterized this statement as a lie.

Quadruple Tragedy is Sequel of Drinking in Southern Interior City

NELSON, December 15. — Edward Glenn, former American soldier, Robert Cameron from Scotland; John M. Doyle of Hamilton, Ontario; and Clarence Cook, an American, are dead here as a result of drinking methylated spirits last night. Glenn was found dead in a hotel, Cameron was found suffering intense pain and was rushed to the hospital where he died; Cook, who had been sentenced to sixteen days in jail for being drunk and begging on the street though he appeared well, became ill and was taken to the hospital where he died. Doyle, who had been jailed for being drunk, also succumbed in the hospital last night. The men had been in the city since Sunday having coming recently from the prairies. An inquest will be held today.

FUNERAL OF LATE MISS HAZEL COX WAS HELD TODAY

HAZELTON, Dec. 15. — Many people were present at St. Peter's Anglican Church here this afternoon to pay their last tribute in memory of a beloved little girl and to express their sympathy to mourning parents, brothers and sisters when the funeral took place of Ella, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cox, who died here on Monday. Rev. T. D. Proctor officiated at an impressive service. There were many floral tributes.

Beside her parents, deceased leaves to mourn her loss two sisters—Hazel and Thelma—and three brothers — Bert, Jimmy and Happy.

LETHBRIDGE MAYOR IN PROPHETIC MOOD

Says Baldwin Government Will Fall in England and That Dictator Will Arise

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Dec. 15.—Mayor W. D. L. Hardy, who has been chief magistrate of Lethbridge for 13 years and calls the stars by their first names, is in a prophetic mood.

He predicts the downfall of the Conservative government in Great Britain within six months, and the rise of a second Mussolini there. Who the man will be, he cannot say, but the embryo British dictator is as yet "unknown."

Lloyd George will not come back, Mayor Hardy says, and adds that the Mussolini regime in Italy will collapse during 1927.

WINNIPEG CITY SENDS BYNG GIFT OF DUCKS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15. — Twenty-two Manitoba ducks from the lakes and ponds of Thorpe Hall, the ancestral estate of Baron Byng of Vimy, former governor-general of Canada, were passengers on the same steamer that carried His Royal Highness Prince George, across the Atlantic.

The ducks were the gift of the city of Winnipeg. They were caught when innocent little ducklings around Manitoba's marshy breeding lands and brought to Winnipeg where they disported themselves on the park ponds all summer. Being full grown now and capable of caring for themselves they were shipped to their new owner.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE GETS NEW BUILDING

$105,000 Structure Will be Erected on Campus of Seattle Educational Institution

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—The University of Washington administration announced yesterday that a $105,000 mines building to be erected on the campus had been ordered by a special session of the regents.

SENDING WHEAT HERE

EDMONTON, December 15.—With extensive shipments from the government elevator here to Prince Rupert, it is hoped that the storage situation here will be improved.

KING SPEAKS IN PARLIAMENT

IN PROROGUING SESSION TODAY, MONARCH BY WORD CONFIRMS AUTONOMY OF HIS DOMINIONS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Parliament was prorogued today until February 8 by King George who made reference to the situation in China, the recent coal strike, the Imperial Conference and the coming visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia to inaugurate the new federal capital at Canberra.

"The Chinese situation is being watched by my government with the closest attention," the King stated. For the first time he departed from the formula whereby British monarchs referred to the cabinet as "my ministers." He spoke of "my ministers from the Dominions" thereby confirming the autonomous status of the various commonwealths voiced at the recent Imperial Conference.

WOMAN WRITER FOUND TUESDAY

Mrs. AGATHA CHRISTIE LOCATED IN LONDON INSTITUTION—APPARENTLY DERANGED

HARROGATE, England, Dec. 15. — Agatha Christie, writer of detective stories, who disappeared almost a fortnight ago, was found in a hydropathic institute here yesterday after a search which extended to all parts of England. Surrey Downs in the vicinity of her home were minutely searched by hundreds of men, airplanes and caterpillar tractors. Col. Archibald Christie identified the woman, who arrived at the institution with only a dressing case for baggae and said she was from South Africa, as his wife, the missing novelist.

WOULD RETURN PEACE LANDS

DR. TOLMIE GIVES NOTICE OF MOTION THAT PROPERTY BE RETURNED TO PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Conservative member for Victoria, has given notice of resolution that such portion of the crown lands in the railway belt of the Peace River district in British Columbia that have not been appropriated in furtherance of construction of railways be reconveyed to the province which ceded them to the Dominion at the time of Confederation.

VIC FOLEY BEATS CALIFORNIA MAN

Won Decision over Joe Pimenthal of Los Angeles in Six Round Bout at Seattle

SEATTLE, Dec. 15. — Vic Foley of Vancouver, the featherweight, won a decision over Joe Pimenthal of Los Angeles in a six-round event here last night.