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NAVY FOR INDIA LATEST IMPERIAL SCHEME

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED CUSTOMS IRREGULARITIES BEGINS

Indian Navy to Have Native Officers; Plan Announced by Viceroy

DELHI, Feb. 9.—Creation of a Royal Indian Navy as a combatant force and reconstruction of the Indian mercantile marine, were announced today by Lord Reading, the retiring viceroy.

Under the new plan Indians will be given commissions in the navy which will begin on a small scale and gradually develop.

The new scheme is another step in the nationalist movement which has been going on in India of recent years under which natives are trying to secure a greater share in the government of the country, and the country seeks to become less dependent on Great Britain, economically, industrially and politically.

COAL BUNKERS FOR VANCOUVER

Harbor Commission will Erect
Plant and Handle Coal on
Commission for Producers

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9.—Colonel G. H. Kirkpatrick, chairman of the Vancouver Harbor Board Commission, announced today that coal bunkers would be constructed at North Vancouver at a cost of \$25,000. He said the option was already secured on a suitable property and an order in council authorizing the construction was passed.

The bunkers will be operated under a system whereby vessels purchase their coal direct from the producers, the Harbor Board collecting a commission for handling.

JURY SYSTEM CRITICIZED

Attorney General Manson Comments
on Paucity of Convictions
Following Deaths

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9.—Strong criticism of the jury system coupled with the assertion that as attorney general he was convinced the time had come for a revision of the system, featured the address of Hon. A. M. Manson at the annual dinner of the Vancouver Auto Club here last night. Discussion of what he termed the appalling number of fatal auto accidents and the even more appalling paucity in the number of convictions following the accidents, led the attorney general to make the statement on the jury system.

ASSOCIATED BOARDS TRADE NOT SUCCESS

Will Close up if Conventions Not
Better Attended Says Prince
George Former Mayor

PRINCE GEORGE, Feb. 9.—Ex-Mayor Alward does not think much of the organization of the Associated Boards of Trade. In his report on the last convention he stated that out of about forty boards affiliated only seven were represented at the convention and doubt was expressed at the meeting as to whether the organization should be continued. The attitude was that one more convention would be called and if it was not better attended it would be the last.

Imperial Oil Co.'s tanker Imperial, Capt. Foote, arrived in port at 2 o'clock this morning from Teco and is discharging today at the company's local tanks.

PEACE RIVER PEOPLE SEEK COAST OUTLET

Negotiations Held up Pending
Decision Regarding E. D. &
B. C. Railway

GRAND PRAIRIE, Feb. 9.—At the last meeting of the Grande Prairie Board of Trade, the question of railway connection with the coast was discussed at some length. The question has been held in abeyance pending the decision in regard to control of the Edmonton, Dunvegan & B.C. Railway which is still operated by the C.P.R. although the lease has expired.

It was the feeling of the board that the people of the north country are entitled to know at the forthcoming session of the legislature who is to own or operate the north railways, and it is hoped that whichever railway secures the E. D. and B.C. will be required to give some definite assurance regarding its intention to provide an outlet westward.

RECEPTION PLANNED MR. AND MRS. POOLEY ON ARRIVAL HOME

ESQUIMALT, Feb. 9.—Arrangements for a reception and presentation to R. H. Pooley, M.P.P., and his bride shortly after their return from the East are being made by Conservatives and friends of Esquimalt of which district Mr. Pooley is a native son, being the sitting member in the local House of Parliament, and the possessor of a host of friends, many of whom have already expressed a desire to give the happy couple a hearty welcome on their arrival. There will doubtless be a great gathering to greet them.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.60%	
C. P. R.	157.00	
B.C. Silver	1.65	1.70
Dunsmuir	1.42	1.48
Gladstone	.36 1/2	.38
L. & L.	.13 1/2	.15
Marmot	.05	.07
Premier	2.20	2.25
Porter Idaho	.09 1/2	.12
Silvercrest	.10 1/2	.13



SWEDISH SPEEDSTER POOR THIRD.—Above are shown Glas Thunberg, of Sweden, world's champion outdoor skater, Charlie Gorman, Canadian champion, and Joe Moore, international indoor titleholder, at the start of their recent three-mile race in New York, won by Moore, with the Swedish star a poor third. Thunberg, who is now in St. John, N.B., for the international meet, claims he was handicapped by the short turns.

DOUBLE SERVICE OPENS IN MARCH

Prince George and Prince Charles
Will Maintain Schedule Till
Summer Time — Table
Starts in June

Effective March 22, the double weekly service of Canadian National Coast Steamships will be resumed by the steamers Prince George and Prince Charles. The Prince George will continue the present schedule arriving here on Wednesday mornings, going through to Anxox and Stewart and sailing from here for the south on Friday mornings. The Prince Charles will run on the following schedule:

Leave Vancouver 8 p.m. Thursday.
Arrive Prince Rupert 3 p.m. Saturday.
Leave Prince Rupert 10 p.m. Saturday calling at Anxox and Stewart.
Arrive Prince Rupert 6 a.m. Monday.
Leave Prince Rupert 9 a.m. Monday.
Arrive Vancouver 7 a.m. Wednesday.

The summer service, similar to last year, giving three boats a week between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, two between Vancouver, Stewart and Anxox, and one a week to Alaska, will be inaugurated on June 14 from Vancouver.

NEW SPEED RECORD SEATTLE TO VICTORIA

VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—A new speed record for the trip from Seattle to Victoria was established by Eddie Hubbard, air mail carrier, on his trip to this city with mail from the Sound city for the President Jefferson, before she sailed for the Orient.

Leaving Seattle at 1:20 o'clock with 100 pounds, or ten bags of special mail he arrived here at 1:55 o'clock, completing the trip of eighty miles in thirty-five minutes, which is eight minutes better than his previous record of forty three minutes set two years ago. The plane averaged 150 miles an hour, travelling with the wind.

Hubbard flew at a height of 3,500 feet.

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Two Murderers Pay Penalty for Crimes; Express Sorrow and Both Ask Forgiveness

WINNIPEG, Feb. 9.—John B. Stanton, 28 years of age, convicted of murdering John Penny and Steve Nazar, the nineteen year old farm worker who murdered Louis Landy, a taxicab driver, were hanged this morning at daybreak.

With a firm step both mounted the scaffold confessing faith in God and expressing sorrow and asking forgiveness.

Stanton insisted he had no actual hand in the killing of Penny but admitted being in the house when the crime was committed.

QUADRA CASE IS CLOSED BY COURTS APPEAL REFUSED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The United States circuit court of appeal today denied a re-hearing of the case of the British Columbia steamship Quadra, five of the officers and agents of which were convicted and sentenced for liquor smuggling.

A WEEK YET OTTAWA TALK

House Likely to Adjourn About
Middle of Next Week: Motion
Yet Due

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The House of Commons is not likely to adjourn until the middle of next week when a recess will be taken until March 15. The Sutherland amendment in regard to butter importations will probably reach a vote Thursday and it is considered certain a further amendment calling for a straight vote of non-confidence in the government will be moved, the debate on which will occupy several days.

VICTORIA HOCKEY TEAM VICTORIOUS

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9.—Victoria professional hockey team carried off the honors at the game here last night, beating the locals by a score of 1 to 0.

HEAVY RAINS IN INTERIOR

Milder Weather in Yukon With
Some New Snow: Mild
Weather Everywhere

The daily report of the Dominion Government Telegraphs at eight o'clock this morning shows much warmer weather in the Yukon with some new snow.

It is thawing at almost all interior points and Burns Lake reports 2 1/2 hours of rain at Echo Lake and Iskool while Sheslay reports twelve hours of hard rain here since yesterday morning. Rain and wind is also reported at Smithers. The report says:

Terrace—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 37.
Anxox—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 39.
Hazelton—Part cloudy, calm; temperature, 32.
Telegraph Creek—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 30.
Smithers—Part cloudy, calm; temperature, 44.
Burns Lake—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 40.
Whitehorse—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 35.
Dawson—Clear, south wind; temperature, 17.
Average for Yukon—Cloudy, calm; temperature, 18; some new snow.

Union steamer Camosun, southbound from Stewart and Anxox to Vancouver, is not expected in port from the north before 7 o'clock this evening. The vessel will then sail for Vancouver having among her passengers the following: F. J. Hartness, W. G. Mitchell, J. H. Robertson, William McPherson and J. Muir.

Wants to Know Why Vancouver Omitted from Stevens Charges and Suggests Inquiry That City

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Paul Mercier, Liberal member for Montreal, was unanimously elected chairman of the special committee to investigate irregularities in the customs department.

D. Donaghy of North Vancouver suggested that provision be made for the committee to sit in different parts of the country, among the places mentioned being Huntington, B.C.

Mr. Donaghy said he wondered why Mr. Stevens made no mention that there might be irregularities in Vancouver in the conduct of liquor exports. He thought the committee would not have completed its duties until it had investigated this. Perhaps the committee might go to Vancouver while the House was in recess.

NUMBER OF CHANGES C.N.R. HOTEL MGRS.

Chateau Laurier to be in Charge
of Van Wyck of Royal Alexandra, Edmonton

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Angus Gordon, manager of the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, and one of the best known hotel men in Canada, has been granted leave of absence from his duties, according to an announcement made today by Walter Pratt, general manager of the hotel system of the Canadian National Railway. Mr. Gordon has been in ill health for some weeks and has been ordered a change of climate by his physician. During the absence of Mr. Gordon the management of the Chateau Laurier will be undertaken by Joseph Van Wyck who for a number of years has been manager of the Macdonald hotel in Edmonton.

Mr. Van Wyck has been attached to the hotel department of the Canadian National Railway for the past eight years and he is one of the most popular hotel managers west of the Great Lakes. W. S. Deller, who for the past six years has been the manager of the Manoir Richelieu and Tadoussac Hotels of the Canada Steamship Company will relieve Mr. Van Wyck as manager of the Macdonald. Mr. Deller is expected to assume his new duties about February 12.

ONTARIO GOLD RUSH EQUAL TO KLONDIKE

HAILEYBURY, Ont., Feb. 9.—Prospectors returning from Red Lake gold area say the rush there may attain proportions greater than that to the Yukon in '98. Some gold seekers traveling at night beat their competitors.

MANSON'S VISIT IS NOT CONNECTED LIQUOR TRIAL

VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—Attorney General Manson, who is leaving for Prince Rupert next Friday, denied yesterday that his visit there was connected with the Consolidated Exporters' Corporation trial.

Edgar Phinney, charged with wounding of Albert Sandstrom in a recent fracas at Lokeport, appeared before Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. McLeod yesterday afternoon for preliminary trial and was remanded for eight days. The wounded man is still in the hospital. Milton Gonzales is defending Phinney.

H. S. Wallace, who has been in the city on business for the past week, will return to Vancouver on the Prince Rupert Friday morning.

ANOTHER SHOT AT LIBERALS

Conservative Opposition at Ottawa is Pestering Government with Amendments to Address

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Conservatives in the House of Commons yesterday moved another amendment to the address which, while not specifically mentioning the trade treaty with Australia, obviously had the treaty chiefly in mind.

The amendment expressed regret that resulting from "recent trade agreements made by the present Government" Canadian dairy products were being subjected to most unfair and unwarranted competition. It also expressed regret that the speech from the throne gave no indication of remedial legislation.

The debate is proceeding.

NARROW ESCAPE WITH GAS BOAT

Drove it on the Rocks and then
Salvaged the Engine Before
Leaving for Powell River

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9.—Driven on the rocks with a gas boat while bound from Cameli Harbor for Vancouver, William Scott and Frank Speer narrowly escaped death last Friday off Francois Point, it was learned here.

Battling with the waves the men succeeded in placing the engine high on the rocks in the hope of salvaging it later. Then they made their way ashore and went to Powell River.

SEPARATED TWELVE YEARS THEN UNITED

VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—After twelve years' separation during which Peter Colomy, a Bella Coola logger, served overseas with a Victoria battalion while his wife witnessed the Russian revolution, the couple were happily reunited here Saturday.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BENEATH A TRACTOR

DAWSON, Feb. 9.—William Gollart, 45 years of age, an employee of the Treadwell Yukon Company at their Mayo camp was crushed to death under the company's big tractor. He accidentally fell beneath it when it was in motion.

BRIDGEMAN DIES

REVELSTOKE, Feb. 9.—Oscar Larson, well known C. P. R. bridgeman, is dead as a result of a fall.