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MELODRAMA AT CUSTOMS HEARING

TAYLOR DOUBLES VOTE OF OPPONENTS IN VANCOUVER

Consolidated Secretary Takes Stand but Fails to Make Explanations

Mysterious telegrams, promissory notes and contributions to campaign funds disclosed to commission in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, December 9.— Material for a melodrama developed at Wednesday's sitting of the customs commission. There were mysterious code telegrams for which witnesses absolutely failed to furnish the key. There was talk of liquor running by automobiles across the border with offers of return cargoes of machine guns to be transported to China. There were details of checks and accounts with items of many thousands of dollars labelled for campaign funds. Finally, there was evidence which indicated it was a comparatively easy matter to smuggle goods from the United States into Canada as from Canada into the United States.

W. J. Levin, secretary of the Consolidated Exporters' Corporation, occupied the stand and, while there, Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., counsel for the commission, produced a large number of checks payable to cash and aggregating a considerable sum which the witness said he was unable to explain. There was also a note amounting to $10,000 and payable to bearer produced but examination of Levin failed to elucidate for just what purpose it was used. An item of approximately $33,000 was on the list labelled campaign funds.

If transitu shipments of liquor by the Consolidated Exporters during the past four year had been the subject of duty and sales tax, the amount accruing in revenue to the country would have been in the neighborhood of four million dollars, Mr. Rowell informed the commission in the course of the sitting.

RESOLUTION OF CENSURE FAILS

PREMIER BALDWIN IS COOL AND FIRM IN STORMY SESSION

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The resolution of censure of the government's policy in the coal strike, which was moved by Ramsay McDonald, in the House of Commons yesterday, was defeated by 200 majority. The Liberals abstained from voting although Lloyd George declared that personally he agreed with McDonald's criticism.

Premier Baldwin received a stormy reception from the Laborites with cries of "Mussolini." Baldwin declared he was not to be intimidated by threats and would hold a general election in good time, not, however, until he was ready.

FREAKISH STORM IN CALIFORNIA

CULMINATED IN WIND STORMS LAST NIGHT WHICH WRECKED YACHTS AT SAN PEDRO

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—The former German Crown Prince's yawl "Poinsettia," now the property of Walter Horn of Long Beach, was wrecked at the foot of a breakwater in San Pedro harbor last night when it and twelve other racing yachts were torn from their mooring places by a wind of high velocity which came as the climax of a day of reakish storms throughout Southern California.

MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

AT LEAST SEVEN MEN DEAD IN BLOW-UP AT PENNSYLVANIA MINE

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 9.—At least seven miners were killed early this morning by an explosion in the Francisco mine. At noon two bodies had been recovered. The explosion occurred shortly after fifty-five men on the day shift descended into the mine.

TOTEM POLE CAUSES TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Hyde and Cameron Transfer Cars Collided at Second Avenue and Second Street

The totem pole at the intersection of Second Avenue and Second Street was the cause of a traffic accident today when trucks of Cameron and Hyde Transfers collided this morning. Apparently one of the vehicles was hidden from the driver of the other by the pole. The Cameron transfer truck was turned over and sustained some damage. No one was hurt.

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FOUR YEAR OLD BOY IS BURNED TO DEATH

Little Francis Dobbins Has Tragic Fate at Kelowna While Alone in House

KELOWNA, Dec. 9. — While playing alone in the kitchen of his parents' residence here in his nightdress, Francis Dobbins, aged 4, caught fire from a hot range and he was so seriously burned that he died the next day.

CALIFORNIA HAD SEVERE TEMBLOR

Walls and Chimneys Cracked in Several Building at Calexico

CALEXICO, Cal., Dec. 9.— The sixth and most severe of a series of earthquakes felt here on Wednesday shook the city at 9.50 last night. Walls and chimneys in several buildings cracked but there was no serious damage. The shocks were accompanied by heavy rainstorms.

SURVEY OF BAXTER REVEALS LITTLE DAMAGE

Vessel Which Went Aground in Massett Inlet Inspected at Victoria

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—Survey of the freighter H. W. Baxter made at the Pacific Salvage Company's wharf, revealed that the vessel sustained practically no damage when she grounded in Massett Inlet last week.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.36⅜	
B.C. Silver	1.72	1.75
Consolidated	257.00	
Dunwell	1.03	1.06
Gladstone	.30	.32
Howe Sound	38.50	40.00
Independence	.08	.08½
Indian	.04¼	.05
L. & L.		.07
Premier	1.98	1.99
Silver Crest	.05½	.06¼
Surf Inlet	.02	.02¼
Richmond	.05¼	.06½

As for the new Shah of Persia, he does not need a mussolini, preferring to be his own dictator.

TAYLOR GETS BIG MAJORITY

HAD MARGIN OF OVER 6,000 ABOVE DR. WORTHINGTON IN VANCOUVER ELECTION YESTERDAY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Mayor Louis D. Taylor was re-elected at the civic election here yesterday with a majority of more than six thousand over Ald. G. H. Worthington. Louis Rubinoawitz, merchant, the third candidate, hardly figured in the contest. This will be Mayor Taylor's sixth term as he was mayor in 1910, 1911, 1915, 1925 and 1926.

FINAL COUNT

The final count in the mayoralty contest was as follows:

L. D. Taylor	11,092
Dr. Worthington	4,540
Louis Rubinowitz	201

Taylor's majority, 6,552; plurality, 6,351.

All the sitting aldermen were re-elected, the only new man being R. J. Paul who was elected in Ward Six to succeed Ald. Worthington.

There was the record total vote for mayor of 15,883.

All the money bylaws amounting to over two million dollars were carried with one exception. The bylaw to provide for the purchase of a triangle at English Bay for $55,000 failed of passage.

AMALGAMATION ENDORSED

The voters endorsed the proposed amalgamation with South Vancouver and Point Grey, the county council proposal.

Two new school trustees were elected F. L. Fellows, former city engineer, and A. V. Lofting. Trustee Prescott was defeated.

Thirty years ago Mayor L. D. Taylor arrived in Vancouver with the light of a vision in his eyes. Following the admonition of Horace Greeley, he came west, a young man, with a young man's determination to make his fortune here. His first venture was a year's prospecting in the Harris Lake and Cassiar country. It was probably here that Mr. Taylor, or "L. D.," as he is affectionately called, learned the importance of a full dinner pail.

A year of following the gleam in its fitful flickering decided him against a mining career and he spent the next year in Revelstoke as a freight checker for the C.P.R. With the working man's angle well fixed in his heart and an ever-widening faith in the future of the west, where he saw unlimited possibilities for industrial and commercial expansion, "L. D." returned to Vancouver where he joined the business staff of the Vancouver Daily Province. Here his versatility stood him in good turn for seven years, and an unerring "nose for news," combined with a rare genius for executive administration led him to acquire, in 1908, "The Daily World."

The Tower Building was one of his enterprises at this time.

In 1900 Mr. Taylor served on the License Commission, and on the Liquor Board in 1901 and 1902. His first election as mayor of Vancouver was in 1910, and this was followed by re-election in 1911. In 1912, Mayor Taylor was defeated in the mayorality campaign, only to be re-elected in 1915.

With a record majority, Mr. Taylor was again elected mayor of Vancouver in 1924.

"A full dinner pail" was "L. D.'s" slogan in 1910. Better wages, better living conditions, greater opportunities for the workingman, are his objectives today.

TOLMIE MAY RUN IN NORTH OKANAGAN

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—Will S. F. Tolmie, new leader of the Provincial Conservatives, run in North Okanagan?

A. O. Cochrane, who represented the riding for two years, died last week. The Tory leader was offered the seat of T. G. Coventry, Saanich, but if he could stand for North Okanagan a second by-election would not be required.

Dr. Tolmie is now at Ottawa to attend the session of the House of Commons, so no statement of his intentions can be secured for several days.

BENJAMIN PURNELL (King David) being arrested by Michigan state police. He is head of the "House of David" and is charged with seduction.

Japanese Freighter Seine Maru in Trouble in Pacific Ocean; Storm Reported to be General

TOKIO, December 9.—The Japanese freighter Seine Maru, bound from Vancouver to Yokohama, sent out a distress call today saying she was caught in a storm off Nemuro Hokkaido Island and was in a dangerous condition with her rudder broken. The steamer Wieu Maru is hurrying to her assistance. The Seine Maru carries a crew of thirty.

The storm is general over the Pacific. From the north to the south of Japan several ships have been badly buffetted by the gale. The Japanese gunboat Tone, en route to Shanghai, lost both masts and drifted all night with her wireless disabled. She regained her course the next morning. Sixty fishermen are reported missing along the Hokkaido coast.

ARE EATING HUMAN FLESH

THINGS HAVE COME TO TERRIBLE PASS IN CHINESE CITY

PEKIN, Dec. 9.—The population of Sianfu, capital of Shenzi province, is buying and eating human flesh to ward off starvation as a result of being besieged for months in factional fighting, according to word received here. The streets are strewn with dead and natives are robbed of all food stuffs by the soldiers. Dogs, horses, millet and even fertilizer is being eaten.

ORMISTON IS NOW ARRESTED

RADIO MAN IN McPHERSON CASE BEING BROUGHT TO LOS ANGELES

HARRISBURG, Penn., Dec. 9—Kenneth Ormiston, who is wanted in Los Angeles in connection with the Aimee McPherson case, was arrested in a rooming house here last night. He is to be taken to Chicago this morning and will later go to Los Angeles. The former Angelus Temple radioman has resided here two months and was penniless.

PORT ARTHUR WINS

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Port Arthur, world's amateur champions, defeated the Portland Rosebuds 7 to 2 last night.

The shark 40 yards long, seen by Italian fishermen in the Adriatic, may have belonged to the same family as Jonah's whale.

BOATS SAIL AND ARRIVE

MEIGEN MARU LEFT THIS MORNING FOR UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT—YOSERIC AND YPRES MARU HERE

One grain boat sailed and two arrived today at the port of Prince Rupert.

The Suzuki line steamer Meigen Maru, Capt. Sugiyama, having completed loading 260,385 bushels about midnight, cleared at 7.30 for the United Kingdom or continent. The vessel was taken out by Capt. Larry Thomson as far as Triple Island where she set her course for the Panama Canal. The vessel will probably coal at one of the ports on the Atlantic seaboard before crossing.

This morning at 4 o'clock the Bank line freighter Yoseric of Glasgow arrived in port via Union Bay from Vancouver where she had been unloading raw sugar at the B.C. Sugar Refinery. The vessel went on berth at the elevator at 8 o'clock to commence loading. She will probably get away for the United Kingdom or continent early next week. The Yoseric, which limped into Victoria on November 23 with her fuel supply exhausted after having encountered severe storms while coming from Australia, was brought up the coast by Capt. McNeill of the Federal Pilots of British Columbia.

The Suzuki line freighter Ypres Maru, Capt. Suzuki, arrived in port early this afternoon from the Orient after a stormy trip across the Pacific Ocean, more particularly when nearing this coast. The vessel was met at Triple Island by Capt. Thomson who had gone out on the Meigen Maru. She is going to the dry dock this afternoon for fumigating and lining, after which she will move down to the elevator.

The "K" line freighter Kifuku Maru is due tomorrow afternoon from Japan to load wheat here.

It was announced this morning at railway offices that 193 cars were now under load from the prairies for this port. Thirty-four carloads arrived overnight at the elevator leaving 65 still on the division.

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Furious Storm, Like of Which Unknown in Years, Sweeps Alaska

CORDOVA, December 9. — A tempest yesterday swept the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and neither of the two watchmen of the Pacific American Fisheries Co.'s cannery at Squaw Harbor in the Aleutians have been seen since the storm started on Tuesday.

St. Paul Island reported the highest wind in years in the district known as the seat of hurricanes as violent as those in any part of the world.

Navy radio stations here are informed that the wind at Unga wrecked the cannery and wharf. Spray flew all over the village as the mighty waves smashed up on the beach.

Abnormally high tide resulted in the flooding of the wharf at Dutch Harbor.

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 9.—Officers of the Pacific American Fisheries Co. said yesterday that damage to the plant at Squaw Harbor was not likely as the place was practically landlocked.

TO CLEAN OUT PIRATES' NEST

HONG KONG, Dec. 9. — The Nationalist government at Canton has accepted an offer of British co-operation to clean out pirates' nests on the coast. Canton officials have outlined a plan for accomplishing the task.

PREMIER HAS OPTION IN MARMOT SECTION

Melvin Group Adjoining Porter Idaho Reported to Have Been Taken by Big Company

An event of importance to the Marmot section of the Stewart mining camp occurred this week when the Premier Gold Mining Company took an option on the Melvin group of five claims, adjoining the Porter Idaho group on the west, and owned by Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Stevens, of Hyder, says the Portland Canal News. The terms of the deal are not made public, but it is known that a substantial cash payment was made to hold the ground subject to confirmation of the deal by the head office in New York City.

Seven veins in all have been disclosed, and assays show that the values carried are principally in gold, the ore differing in this respect from most of that found on the north fork of the Marmot, which runs to silver and lead.

MOTORSHIP NORCO IS NOW REPAIRED

Job Finished and Vessel is Resuming Her Regular Service to Ketchikan

The American freighter MS. Norco, ex-Tillamook, damaged recently when she struck a rock near Ketchikan, has been repaired at Seattle and resumed her regular run from Vancouver to Ketchikan on Tuesday.

The service given by the Norco has been made by MS. Bellingham since the Norco was injured. The Bellingham was in Vancouver Monday with 550,000 pounds of frozen halibut and salmon from Ketchikan for the Canadian Fishing Company warehouse there.

CONFESSES THAT HE KILLED MRS. MONKS, WIDOW IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—A man giving the name of James Ford, aged 31, walked into police headquarters today and declared that he killed Mrs. Florence F. Monks, wealthy widow, whose body was found in her Seattle home November 23.

INSURANCE OF FISHING BOATS

MEETING OF VESSEL OWNERS AND UNDERWRITERS WAS HELD LAST NIGHT IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

To consider the proposition of insuring all boats belonging to members of the Association and, if possible, obtain lower rates for protection, there was a well attended meeting last night in the city council chamber of the Canadian Halibut Fishing Vessel Owners' Association. The chair was taken by George W. Nickerson and a discussion lasting about half an hour ensued. Insurance representatives present were W. H. McCallum, Theo. Collart and E. C. Gibbons. No definite plan was reached but another meeting will be held in January when the question will be further explored and tenders for insurance received.

PROSPECTS FOR NORTH SPLENDID

HON. T. D. PATTULLO GIVES OPTIMISTIC IMPRESSIONS ON RETURN TO VICTORIA

VICTORIA, Dec. 9. — "Prospects for Northern British Columbia were never brighter than they are now," said Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, on his return from Prince Rupert yesterday. "Prince Rupert is on the map now as a Canadian grain port. Thirty ships will have loaded there before spring. Not only will the grain business expand but it will develop other trans-Pacific business through that port to the Orient.

"The people in the north are optimistic today over the future. They know they can count on steady, systematic development in the period immediately ahead."

OLD KLONDYKER ENDS HIS LIFE

JOHN GRAY, AGED 73, FOUND DYING IN STREET AFTER THROWING HIMSELF FROM HOTEL WINDOW

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—A Klondyker of the 1927 gold rush, John Gray, ended his life here yesterday and was found dying on the street below the hotel room window from which a rope tied to his bed dangled. In his room was a diary containing these words: "This is my last night in Portland. Gold and silver money is all hoarded up and paper money has taken its place in the old days gone. My name is John Gray. I am still strong and sturdy but they don't want an old man. I am past seventy-three."

KEYSHIP IN GREAT LAKES BLOCKADE IS SET FREE YESTERDAY

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 9.—The steamer General Garretson, considered the "key-ship" in the blockade of 101 downbound grain vessels locked in by the ice jam, was released yesterday.