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FORMIDABLE ARRAY MILITARY STRENGTH OFF TO CHINA

Canada Asked If It Wants to Aid Britain in Dealing with China, Toronto Globe States

Combined army and navy services, ready for defence of Shanghai, total between nineteen and twenty thousand

LONDON, January 26.—The most formidable array of British fighting ships brought together outside home waters since the Great War has assembled at China stations to back up the policy of the British government of protecting life and property.

The combined army and navy forces, which will soon be on land for armed service in China in the event of emergency, approximates from 19,000 to 21,000 men.

Major General John Duncan, who will command the land forces, departed for the Far East yesterday.

TORONTO, Jan. 26.—The Globe this morning published the following staff special from Ottawa: "The departure of British troops for Shanghai was followed by an unofficial message from the Motherland inquiring about the opinion of Canada concerning the trouble in China. It is suggested that the Dominion might be invited to send a small expeditionary force in view of the large number of Canadian missionaries in the Orient and the important Canadian commercial interests which might be threatened by the action of Chinese Nationalists. While no official pronouncement is forthcoming it is stated on good authority that Canada has not yet been asked to participate in British military plans."

SHIPWRECK AND DROWNINGS IN THE BLACK SEA

TWO GREEK STEAMERS LOST WITH CREWS — FISHERMEN CARRIED OUT ON ICE

ODESSA, Jan. 26.—Twelve members of the crew of the Greek steamer Anastasia were drowned when the vessel was wrecked on the shore of Crimea.

The Greek steamer Lazes foundered on the Turkish coast with an unknown loss of life.

At Mariupol, Ukrania, twenty-five fishermen were carried out to sea on floating ice and are believed to have been drowned.

STEWART PASTOR RESIGNING POST

REV. A. W. R. ASHLEY TELLS ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING THAT HE IS LEAVING AT EASTER

STEWART, Jan. 26.—At the annual vestry meeting of St. Mark's Anglican church last week, Rev. A. W. R. Ashley, the pastor of the church for several years announced that, after giving the matter careful consideration, he had decided to offer his resignation, effective after Easter.

Vestry officers for the year were chosen as follows:

Rector's warden, H. G. Marvin.
People's warden, J. O. Lyon.
Secretary-treasurer, P. S. Jaek.
Vestry: H. C. Bennett, J. Morrice, J. Nesbitt, H. D. Rochfort, H. W. M. Polston, A. Russwurm and H. Scovil.

CLOVERDALE SUICIDE WAS TIRED OF LIFE

Employee of Fox Farm Takes His Life by Hanging Himself in Barn

CLOVERDALE, Jan. 26.—"I am tired of life," said a note left by Roger Conroy, aged 65, whose body was found yesterday hanging in a barn on a fox farm near here where he worked.

EARNINGS OF UNITED STATES STEEL LAST YEAR HEAVIEST YET

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. — The United States Steel Corporation last year had total earnings of $199,000,000, the largest on record except during the war period.

A phonograph having records of brass has been invented and the records may be heard 10,000 years from now. Yes, but why?

The difference between free speech and cheap talk sometimes isn't so very much.

CASE TAKEN INTO COURT

VANCOUVER FILES SUPREME COURT WRIT DEMANDING C.N.R. TO FULFIL PROMISES

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26.—Naming as defendants, the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, the Canadian Northern Railway, the Canadian National Railways, and Mackenzie & Mann Co. Ltd., the City of Vancouver has filed a writ in Supreme Court registry seeking "specified performance" of agreements signed in 1913 guaranteeing the completion of various undertakings here at a cost of a million dollars.

KILLED IN BLAST AT GRANBY MINE

Late Guiseppe Podrecca Was Well Known at Nanaimo Where he Once Operated the Crescent Hotel

Guiseppe Podrecca, aged 43, a chuteman employed at the Mine, was fatally injured recently, while blasting a large rock which had been hung up in the loading chute at Anyox. The accident was witnessed by Mike Boich, a Servian, who was helping Podrecca at the time.

Guiseppe Podrecca suffered severe injuries due to the blast, his skull being fractured, in addition to other injuries. The deceased was a native of Italy, and is survived by a brother, Valentino Podrecca of S. Pietral, Natisone, Udine, Italy.

His partner, Mike Boich, suffered minor injuries. A coroner's inquest was held, the jury consisting of H. B. Chapman (foreman) F. R. Strand, J. Munroe, N. McBeth, H. J. Brown, G. Keyes. The verdict brought in was that deceased met his death by shock, caused by premature explosion of powder while at work.

The body was interred at Anyox cemetery. Father Godfrey officiating and C. McAdie funeral director.

The deceased was well known in Nanaimo, where at one time he owned and operated the Crescent Hotel.

The Catholic Women's League will hold a tea and sale of home cooking at the home of Mrs. M. P. McCaffery, Fourth Avenue West on Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6.

CANADA'S WHEAT CROP 406,269,000 BUSHELS

OTTAWA, January 26. — The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued its 1926 crop yesterday afternoon, estimating the wheat yield at 406,269,000 bushels from 22,768,000 acres as against 411,375,000 bushels from 21,972,000 acres in 1925.

LOGGER IS KILLED AT MYRTLE POINT

Franze Forsberg, Finlander, Meets Almost Instant Death When Crushed Between Two Logs

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26.— Crushed between two logs, Franze Forsberg, aged 22, who came to Canada a year ago from Finland, was almost instantly killed at Myrtle Point, near Powell River, where he was employed in a lumber camp, according to word received by the provincial police.

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Conservative and Liberals Join Hands and Defeat Labor in Session's Second Division

VICTORIA, January 26.— The second division of the session in the legislature, occurring within two days of the first, yesterday found the majority of the Conservatives voting with the government for an adjournment of the campaign fund's debate against the wishes of the Labor members and a fragment of the Conservative strength. The division came about when Premier Oliver adjourned the discussion of a resolution introduced by Frank Browne, Burnaby Labor member, calling for an investigation into campaign fund contributions. Browne opposed adjournment and the members called for a vote.

When the question was put, R. H. Pooley, Conservative House leader, and nine of his followers supported the government. The vote was 33 to 10. Explanation was supplied by W. A. Mackenzie, chief Conservative whip, who told the House that an agreement had been reached with the government whips that the Opposition would not oppose adjournment of the debate to Wednesday. Those voting against the adjournment were Neelands, Browne, Labor; Creery and Walkem, Provincials; Uphill, Independent; and Bruhn, Wallinger, Catherwood, Coventry and Peck, Conservatives.

A select committee was named to inquire into the operations of the Workmen's Compensation Act. It consists of A. E. Munn and Mrs. M. E. Smith, Liberals; Joshua Hinchcliffe, Conservative; A. McC. Creery, Provincial; and Thomas Uphill, Independent Labor.

The bill to merge Westminster Hall, Ryerson College and the Congregational College of British Columbia into one new institution, to be known as the Union College, was approved by the private bills committee.

MISS MARY CROSS," Queen of the Banff (Alta.) Winter Carnival. Miss Cross is a granddaughter of the Colonel James McLeod of the R.N.W.M.P., who founded the town of McLeod, Alberta, in 1876

DIRECTORS OF P.G.E. REPORT

RECOMMEND THREE MILLION EXPENDITURE—NOT IN FAVOR OF EXTENSIONS AND WOULD SELL ROAD

VICTORIA, Jan. 26.—Expenditure of $3,000,000 on improvements and replacements on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the next three or four years is recommended by the directors of the line in their first report to the government which was tabled in the legislature yesterday. The report advises against any extensions of the railway this year and recommends that it be sold as soon as possible.

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B.C. Silver	1.58	1.63
Dunwell	1.51	1.55
Glacier	.09½	.10½
Gladstone	.27½	.30
Independence	.11½	.12
Indian	.05½	.06
Marmot	.12	.13
Premier	1.94	1.96
Porter Idaho	.13¼	.15
Silver Crest	.07¼	.08¼
Richmond	.17½	.18½

The man who does his best is a success, whether the world thinks so or not.

VICTORIA HEARS SANKEY MAY NOT GET AN APPEAL

(Special to Daily News)

VICTORIA, Jan. 26. — There are rumors here to the effect that Joseph Sankey, Port Simpson Indian, sentenced to hang on February 16 for the murder of Miss Loretta Chisholm at Port Essington on May 23 last, may not be able to make application to the British Columbia Court of Appeals for a new trial. It is said here, though there is no official information, that Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald, the trial judge at Prince Rupert Assizes in November, has refused an application on which Sankey's appeal would be based.

Large New Paper Mill on This Coast Will Result from Negotiations Closed

VICTORIA, January 26.—Negotiations were completed today between Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, representing the crown, and the Willamette Paper Co. of San Francisco which will result in the development of a Campbell River Falls power scheme at an estimated cost of $15,000,000 within five years including the construction of the first unit of a paper mill turning out two hundred tons of newsprint daily, but which will eventually be increased to one thousand tons per day.

A $5,000,000 British Columbia company will be incorporated this week and it is believed that the scheme will eventually lead to the establishment of a new town of from four to ten thousand people in the central region of Vancouver Island.

Interim Report May Be Given by Probe on Its Pacific Coast Findings

VANCOUVER, January 26.—The royal commission investigating the administration of the department of customs and excise concluded its British Columbia sittings yesterday. Today the commissioners will meet in camera to discuss the evidence presented to them on the Pacific Coast. Possibly, they will make some findings based on it. Tonight the members of the commission will move to Calgary to open a session there on Friday. It is possible that the Pacific Coast hearings may be made the subject of an interim report by the commission to the Governor-General in council.

With a passing reference to contributions to political campaign funds by the Rainier Breweries of British Columbia, Robert Doddes, president of that concern, took the witness stand yesterday and explained four unvouchered payments made by the company by stating that they were campaign fund contributions. One contribution, he said, had been given in connection with the beer and wine plebiscite in New Westminster. The total of all contributions of this company was somewhat under $5,000.

George Wilson, accountant for the Joseph Kennedy Co., was asked to explain the payment of $125 per week over a long period in 1925 and part of 1926 which appeared in the vouchers bearing the initial "M" with nothing else to identify it. He said that it was his impression that it represented contribution to campaign funds.

W. Cruikshank of the C.N.R. city ticket office returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning after having spent his annual vacation visiting at his home in Vancouver.

A. J. Lewthwaite, one of the managing directors of the Pacific Mills, was a passenger for Ocean Falls from Vancouver on the Prince Rupert yesterday.

LLOYD GEORGE IS BOSS AGAIN

WILL BE ABLE TO DIRECT DESTINIES OF BRITISH LIBERALS AS HE PLEASES

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Lloyd George's capture of the Liberal machine means that in future he will be able to direct its destinies as he pleases, owing to the party's acceptance at a meeting of the Liberal administrative committee of his financial offer and his demand for the resignation of Vivian Phillips, chairman.

This is a personal triumph for the former premier, and although he has offered to provide capital to the amount of 300,000 pounds for the next election and an annual income of 40,000 pounds to be paid for the upkeep of Liberal headquarters, he is also considering how to preserve the entire fund so that it may be used to further the party's interests in case anything should happen to himself.

There is some talk around the disappointed followers of Lord Asquith of forming a new separate association but as yet nothing definite has been decided.

Naturally Lloyd George is happy at this turn of events, but he has made it clear he will not relinquish control of the capital of his fund, neither will he say how much this capital amounts to, declaring it to be his own personal property.

BRITISH SHIP REACHES PORT

FREIGHTER INNERTON, ALREADY LINED, WILL START LOADING GRAIN AT ONCE

The British freighter Innerton, Capt. J. L. Nichol, reached port yesterday at 5 o'clock from Cardiff, Wales, via the Panama Canal having sailed on December 15. After passing quarantine, the vessel will move to the elevator dock and immediately proceed loading as she is already lined and ready to receive cargo. The vessel carries lining with her which was placed in position on the trip out. The Innerton is the usual type of vessel used in the carrying of grain. She has a crew of 32 British sailors and has a registered tonnage of 3,241.

The Japanese boat, Seine Maru, now loading at the elevator for Shanghai, will not be ready to sail before Friday.

THE PAS DOG DERBY IS ON

EMIL ST. GODDARD LEADS BY TWELVE MINUTES AND FIVE SECONDS IN FIRST STAGE OF 120 MILE RACE

THE PAS, Jan. 26.—Emil St. Goddord, ace of northern dog team drivers, urged his team of seven huskies over the first firty-mile stage in the 120-miles The Pas dog derby in the excellent time of three hours and thirty-five minutes yesterday to lead his nearest competitor by twelve minutes and five seconds. The gruelling test in forty below zero weather resulted in the elimination of one driver, T. E. Levery, of Prince Albert, who quit after the first lap.

Five drivers are still in the running for the second stage today and the final one to morrow to complete the race. The second yesterday was Earl Brydges, then Leo St. Goddard, H. Olensky and last, Shorty Russick.

PIONEER VANCOUVER TAILOR PASSES AWAY

Thomas Gray, Aged 74, Made Ten Prospecting Trips Into Cariboo and One to Alaska

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26.—Thomas Gray, pioneer tailor of Vancouver, died here at the age of 74. Since coming to the coast in 1886, he made ten prospecting trips to the Cariboo and one to Alaska. His shop was at 321 Davlie Street and he resided at 1043 Barclay.

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