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UNPRECEDENTED SIGHT IN HARBOR

BRITISH PROPOSALS IN CHINESE TROUBLE MADE KNOWN

Four Big Ocean Carriers Here Today Mark Opening of Epoch in History of Prince Rupert

Japanese freighter, heavy with grain, ready to sail—British ship starting to load and fine motor vessel waiting—fourth boat lining

Prince Rupert put on the aspect of a real port this morning. To have four big ocean carriers in the harbor at once presented a scene of activity unprecedented in the history of a place the progress of which has not always kept pace with the hopes of its citizens. It must have been good for the souls of many people who have long kept up their confidence though conditions often seemed hardly to justify it. Today may go down in the annals of the city as one of great import for truly it marks the opening of an epoch, the end of which cannot be foreseen. The opening of grain shipping through this port had already put new heart into all but today's evidence of what it means intensified that spirit.

POLITICAL BODY IDEA IS BEATEN

PROHIBITIONISTS, BY HEAVY VOTE, DECIDED AT CONVENTION NOT TO ORGANIZE IN THAT MANNER

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28.—There will be no separate political organization of British Columbia prohibitionists it was decided by an overwhelming vote at the provincial convention of prohibitionists which is being held here with representatives from all parts of the province. Rev. W. W. Peck, late secretary of the British Columbia Prohibition Association, in a communication, advised against political organization as did also the secretary of the Alberta Prohibition Association and W. D. Hayley, M.L.A., Winnipeg.

BANDIT ROBS OREGON BANK

UNMASKED MAN DID JOB ALONE AND ESCAPED WITH BETWEEN \$10,000 AND \$12,000 AT FLORENCE

EUGENE, Oregon, Jan. 28.—The Florence State Bank at Florence, Oregon, was robbed late yesterday afternoon by a lone unmasked bandit who took between ten and twelve thousand dollars, Miss Harriet Weatherston, the cashier, who was alone in the bank at the time, was looked in a vault after the robber had taken all the money in sight. She was unable to liberate herself until she had been in the vault nearly an hour.

GREY LIBERALS FORM COUNCIL

WEAKENED BRITISH PARTY SUFFERS NEW SPLIT

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Viscount Grey and his Asquithian colleagues who succeeded from David Lloyd George's Liberal organization, have formed a new "Liberal Council." This council will include all Liberals who refuse to acknowledge Lloyd George's leadership.

PRINCE RUPERT ASSIZES
VICTORIA, January 28.—The Supreme Court of Assizes will sit in Prince Rupert on June 15 and at Prince George on June 22.

Legislative Library
Mar. 31/27
Parliament Buildings

AGREEMENT IN LEGISLATURE ON FUND ENQUIRY

ADJOURNMENT ON QUESTION TAKEN TILL MONDAY — TORIES AND GRITS MAY UNITE ON LINE OF ACTION

VICTORIA, Jan. 28.—Peaceful agreement between the two sides of the legislature on the form of the proposed investigation into campaign funds was foreshadowed in the House on Thursday when the debate on the subject was adjourned until Monday on the understanding that it would be definitely disposed of that day.

Indication that the discussion of contributions to the funds of political parties was soon to cease came first from George A. Walkem, Provincial member for Richmond-Point Grey, who said he understood some change in proposals was contemplated.

A franker suggestion of similar nature came from Capt. Ian Mackenzie, Liberal member for Vancouver, who moved adjournment. Both sides, Capt. Mackenzie said, were anxious for an enquiry and differed merely on the form it would take. A unanimous decision on Monday would be a wonderful conclusion to the debate he declared.

The original motion placed before the House and moved by F. A. Browne, Labor member for Burnaby, called for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate campaign fund contributions. The government, through Attorney General A. M. Manson, offered an amendment suggesting, instead, that a House committee examine the evidence adduced before the customs commission and recommend to the legislature the course it should follow. The amendment also commits the government to the opinion that legislation should be passed this session dealing with the collection of campaign funds by political parties, both provincial and federal, in British Columbia.

EXTEND ROAD TO FRANCOIS

FARMERS' INSTITUTE CONVENTION AT VICTORIA HEARS PROPOSAL FOR RAILWAY

VICTORIA, Jan. 28.—The advisory board of the Farmers' Institute of British Columbia in annual convention here decided to gather data on the request of certain institutes in the Francois and Osoya Lake areas of Central British Columbia, for a request in Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, for an eight-mile extension from the C.N.R. to the eastern end of Francois Lake, in order to give access to that area direct.

From Prince George came a request for extension of telephone service east of that city.

An effort will be made to extend the creamery businesses at Vanderhoof and Quesnel, operated under provincial management, in order to handle eggs, as is done by some private creamery ventures.

TY COBB SAYS HE'S COMING BACK. 1927 BE HIS BEST YEAR

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 28.—Ty Cobb announced today that he would return to the baseball diamond this year for what he believed would be his "best year" as he considered himself a free agent. He said that he had not decided where he would play.



PRINCE WILLIAM OF SWEDEN arriving on S.S. France in New York on January 5, with the intention of giving a series of lectures on his travels and hunting expedition in Africa. He travels without royal pomp.

MILL BUILDING AT DUTHIE MINE

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS ALREADY UNDER WAY AT PROMISING HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

With all the bright promise of a greatly increased force at the mine itself, and the prospects of other companies being attracted by the enlarged operations J. F. Duthie has backed up his promise of two months ago and a start was made this week in connection with the establishment of a mill at the Duthie mine says the Interior News.

Some of the machinery for the additions has already arrived and all is activity as teams and trucks work on hauling lumber and other supplies necessary for the building and the increased force to be employed.

J. R. Turner left this week for Seattle where he will consult with Mr. Duthie on the plans for the mill site and other details, and until he returns no details will be available.

During his last visit to Smithers Mr. Duthie expressed his pleasure with the progress and results achieved at the mine and stated that, provided conditions were maintained until 1927 a mill would be installed.

LATEST PROCESS
It is understood that the latest oil flotation process will be installed and that the first crushing unit will have a capacity of fifty tons per day.

Canadian Legion Approves of Fishing Licenses Being Given Japanese Who Did War Service

WINNIPEG, January 28.—Sir Percy Lake of Victoria was re-elected by acclamation yesterday as president of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League. The executive committee for the ensuing year includes Col. F. Albertson of Victoria, British Columbia's representative.

A resolution was passed requesting the Secretary of State to grant certificates of naturalization to all applicants of Japanese extraction who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces while another request was for the amending of the fisheries regulations so that Japanese citizens or other foreigners who served be accorded the same rights as other ex-service men.

CUSTOMS PROBE IS IN CALGARY

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ALBERTA ASKS THAT CONSOLIDATED EXPORTERS BRANCH AT FERNIE BE CLOSED DOWN

CALGARY, Jan. 28.—R. A. Smith, appearing for the attorney general of Alberta, this morning submitted his province's case at the opening of the customs commission's session here. He requested that the commission forward a recommendation to the minister of customs to close down operations of the Fernie branch of the Consolidated Exporters Corporation in British Columbia as being undesirable from the point of view of the Alberta authorities.

New Record in Salmon Pack Was Made on This Coast During Past Season, Official Figures Show

VANCOUVER, January 28.—The salmon pack for British Columbia during 1926 established a new record of 2,605,000 cases as compared with the previous records of 1,747,500 cases in 1924 and 1,720,620 in 1925 according to figures issued by the fisheries department.

The pack in District No. 2 was as follows:

Cases, Rivers Inlet	89,200
Skeena River	407,500
Bella Coola-Kimsquit	75,800
Queen Charlotte Islands	373,800
Smith's Inlet	18,500
Naas River	92,700
Remainder	318,800

Concessions Will Be Called For in Parley with Canton Minister

LONDON, January 28.—Proposals that Charge d'Affaires O'Malley has been authorized to make to Foreign Minister Chen at Hankow are understood to embrace terms for the complete surrender, eventually, of British concessions throughout China. It is not known here whether the proposals have actually been handed to Chen yet but it is expected they will be made public soon.

The British have been most careful in the discussions with Chen to state that identical terms will be made with other Chinese authorities, namely the Pekin government, thus preventing the impression that Britain recognizes the Chinese government as the responsible authority in China.

Japan and other interested powers are being kept in touch with the progress of O'Malley's parley with Chen.

CANADA'S PARTICIPATION
OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—"Tell me where the rumor came from and I will talk to you about it," remarked Premier King last night with reference to the report that Canada was being secretly sounded out on the question of military participation in Chinese affairs. It was at the close of a four hour cabinet meeting at which it was stated sessional business was under discussion but about which Mr. King had no statement to make. He dismissed with a smile questions concerning the possibility of Canada being embroiled in the Chinese affair. "Why should we?" he asked. "I really cannot say anything about it because there is nothing to say. It is a civil war between North and South China and to attempt to drag the Canadian government into it is merely mischief making."

GRAIN LOADING AT VANCOUVER
OVER MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT SHIPPED TO VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD FROM SOUTHERN PORT DURING THIS WEEK
VANCOUVER, Jan. 28.—The following grain boats loaded at this port during the present week:
Kermat, for United Kingdom or continent, 174,265 bushels.
Santos, for Scandinavian ports, 149,383 bushels.
Grootendyk, for Rotterdam, 37,333 bushels; for Antwerp, 37,333 bushels.
Vulcan City, for Hull, 56,000 bushels.
Nevada, for Antwerp, 56,000 bushels.
for Dunkirk, 56,000 bushels; for Havre-Bordeaux, 105,477 bushels.
Silma City, for Avignon, 20,906 bushels; for London, 10,453 bushels; for Liverpool, 10,453 bushels.
Tong King, for Hull, 74,666 bushels; for Danish ports, 149,333 bushels.
Heiyai Maru, for Shanghai, 206,336 bushels.
Kurohima Maru, for Nagoya, 134,333 bushels; for Yokohama, 16,017 bushels.
Norway Maru, for Yokohama, 33,333 bushels; for Nagoya, 33,333 bushels.
City of Victoria, for Yokohama, 56,000 bushels.
Astoria, for Port of Spain, 6,000 bushels.
Rochele, for Buenaventura, 56,000 bushels; for Point Reyes, Puerto Colombia, 12,000 bushels.

MATE OF CHRIS MOELLER GETS SIX MONTHS HARD
VICTORIA, Jan. 28.—Percival Warrington, who pleaded guilty to the charge of theft of liquor from the schooner Chris Moeller of which he was mate during the time last month that the vessel was being held here at the recommendation of the customs commission, was sentenced yesterday to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

FULL MILITARY FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The funeral of the late William G. Hughes will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Presbyterian church, the service being conducted by Rev. H. C. Fraser, assisted by Rev. Archdeacon Rix. The ceremonies will be of a full military nature, deceased having been a veteran of the Great War. The Northern B.C. Regiment and the Canadian Legion are in charge of arrangements and will have a band composed of members of the Boys' Band and the Regimental Band, as well as a firing party furnished by veterans of the war. Interment will take place in Fairview cemetery.

DRUG HAUL IS MADE AT VANCOUVER FROM BIG EMPRESS VESSEL

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28.—Thirty-four cases of opium, valued at \$7,500, were seized aboard the C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia which arrived from the Orient on Monday.

BIG INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION TO CANADA RECORDED

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Immigration to Canada in the calendar year of 1926 amounted to 105,984 as compared with 84,907 for 1925. This is an increase of sixty per cent.
Did he die a natural death? Yes, he was run over in the street.

FUNERAL NOTICE.
Funeral Service for late Comrade William George Hughes will be conducted at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 o'clock. All comrades of the Canadian Legion please attend.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.41%	
Dunwell	1.54	1.56
Glacier	10 1/2	12
Independence	12	12 1/2
Indian	10 1/2	10 1/2
Marmot	11 1/2	13
Porter Idaho	13 1/2	14
Victoria	15	15
Richmond	13 1/2	16
Coast Copper		8.75

Wilhelmshaven, North Sea port once harboring the largest garrison in Germany, has only 70,000 inhabitants left of its pre-war population of 120,000.
When a Chicago murderer is sentenced to hang only the sentence hangs for a year, or so.