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SUPREME COURT UPSETS FUEL TAX

SITUATION IN CHINA IS NOW DESCRIBED AS BEING GRAVE

British Cabinet is in Session to Deal With Latest Developments

Foreign office insists that negotiations are not broken down buts admits military threat has ruined prospects for early peace

LONDON, February 2.—The British cabinet was called into session this afternoon to consider what newspapers term "grave reports from China." The Foreign Office insists that negotiations with the Cantonese at Hankow have not broken down but admits the action is raising the question of whether sending British military forces to Shanghai has ruined prospects of an early signature of the draft agreement providing for settlement of recent incidents at Hankow and Kiukiang in which the British concessions were stormed by anti-foreign mobs.

Owing to the difficulties arising through the fact that a Shanghai foreign settlement would be international in character, it is understood that the British government is considering the advisability of diverting portions of the expeditionary force to Hong Kong and Wei Hai Wei, four hundred miles north of Shanghai, but some troops may also be quartered at warehouses on docks and other premises owned by the British at Shanghai.

FIRE DAMAGE ON C.N.R. WAS LESS

INCREASE FROM 1925 WAS $18,000, FOREST PROTECTION OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES

WINNIPEG, Feb. 2.—A saving of more than $18,000 in damages resulting from fires along the lines of the Canadian National Railways during 1926 as compared with the previous year has been noted by W. A. Kilby, chief of forest protection, for the company. This decrease is attributed by Mr. Kilby to improved efficiency and to the campaign of education which has been systematically conducted among the employees of the company during the past year. On the western region including lines in British Columbia, where fire hazards were great during the spring, 9,000 acres were burned over with an approximate monetary loss of $41,650 as compared with 24,285 acres and $61,896 in 1925. More than 4,000 miles of fire guards were constructed on the western region in 1926 and every precaution was maintained to prevent the ignition of fire by sparks from locomotives.

OLD TIMER OF CITY IS DEAD

ERICKSON, AGED 58, PASSED AWAY IN HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT

The death occurred last evening in the Prince Rupert General Hospital of Erickson, a pioneer of the city and native of Sweden. Deceased, who was in his fifty-eighth year, had been in failing health for some time. He was employed by the city until a short time ago, and was recently removed from his residence to the hospital.

Deceased Mr. Erickson is survived by widow and three children and to them will go out the sympathy of the entire community at this time. Funeral arrangements, which are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers, will be announced later.

DO NOT HANG BOOTLEGGERS

CHICAGO WAITER INSISTS THAT HE WON'T DIE EVEN IF HE DID KILL HIS SWEETHEART

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—A waiter named Michelette, who earned $40 a month and then became a bootlegger with receipts of almost $100,000 in eight months, making $5,000 in December alone, is held in the county jail charged with shooting Marie Perry, his sweetheart, after a quarrel. The man exhibited records showing that he had expended $50,000 on the girl during the past six months and that she had then jilted him. The girl's condition is critical but Michelette firmly insists that he would not be hanged should she die "because I am a bootlegger and whoever heard of a bootlegger being hanged in Chicago?"

LOG CARRIER DRUMROCK IS AGAIN IN TROUBLE

VICTORIA, Feb. 2.—The log carrying barge Drumrock is aground at Takush Harbor in Smith's Inlet off Queen Charlotte Sound. The steamer Salvage King left here early this morning to render assistance.

SANKEY'S EXECUTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED

February 16 Had Been Set as Date—Conviction Appealed

(Vancouver Province)

Execution on February 16 in Okalla jail of Joseph Sankey, Indian, sentenced to death for the murder of Miss Loretta Chisholm, school teacher, at Port Essington on May 23, has been postponed until after Sankey's appeal has been heard by the Court of Appeal.

Notice of appeal has been given to the March sitting in Vancouver of the appelant tribunal, although the crown was anxious to have the case heard at the present session in Victoria.

Sankey's counsel, J. E. Bird, contends that a certificate by the registrar of the court that an appeal is pending automatically stays the execution. Notice of the appeal has been served on Sheriff H. P. Martin, who would supervise the hanging.

THESE CHILDREN WERE LUCKIER WHEN FIRE VISITED THEIR HOME

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—In this city four small children were burned to death last week, the parents having left them alone while on a visit to friends. The father, did indeed return; but finding all sleeping he went away again. Fifteen minutes afterwards he was childless.

A more fortunate fate was that of four small children carried from a burning house a few days later, by two garagemen who noticed smoke issueing from it.

Significant is the paragraph in the news item which follows: "The fire started in a clothes closet, where one of the children is reported to have dropped a lighted paper. The mother was out of the house at the time of the blaze, returning just as the children were carried out."

C.N.R. EARNINGS

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ended January 21, 1927, were $4,623,943.00, as compared with $4,355,868.22 for the same week of 1926, an increase of $268,074.78 or six per cent.

AN EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPH just received from Russia which records what may prove to be one of the world's greatest ethnological mysteries. For the last three years P. K. Koslov, a Russian scientist, has been exploring in Mongolia and Thibet, in regions never before penetrated by white men. A dwindling tribe, known as the Orotchi, were found, with whom the party spent a considerable time. They bore an amazing facial resemblance to the North American Indians, and many of their customs and their ornaments were found to be almost exactly similar to those of some of the Missouri Mississippi Valley Indians. This is a family of the Gimyt Dorgje tribe.

ABOLITION OF STAMP TAX

AND REMOVAL OF INCOME TAX URGED UPON OTTAWA GOVERNMENT

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—A Retail Merchants' Association delegation waited upon the Minister of Finance yesterday recommending the removal of stamp taxes on notes, drafts, and checks and the abolition of the income tax" because it cannot be equitably applied, only 230,000 people paying last year." The government was also asked to assist in the endeavor to stabilize prices "in the interests of a general distribution of business," Mr. Robb promises consideration to the various matters.

COL. ANDERSON DEAD AT OTTAWA

WAS CHIEF ENGINEER FOR DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES AND COMMANDED BISLEY TEAM IN 1904

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Lieut.-Col. William Patrick Anderson, C.M.G., commandant of the Canadian Bisley team in 1904 and prominent Dominion official, having been for several years chief engineer for the Department of Marine and Fisheries, is dead here at the age of 75 years.

Deceased was born at Levis, Quebec, on September 4, 1851, and was educated at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and Manitoba University. He entered the civil service of Canada as assistant engineer in 1874 and was appointed chief engineer and general superintendent of lighthouses in 1891. He was a member of the geographic board of Canada, of the Canadian Lighthouse Board, and a charter member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers of which he was president in 1904. As lieutenant colonel commanding the 43rd regiment in 1868 he served during the Fenian raids and was awarded a medal and two clasps. He was a member of the Canadian Bisley team in 1895 and commanded the team in 1904. He founded and edited the Canadian Militia Gazette from 1885 to 1887 and was a member of the Ottawa School Board for many years. In 1913 he was awarded the C.M.G.

The late Col. Anderson, whose wife was Dorothea Susannah Small, daughter of Henry Beaumont Small of Bermuda, is survived by four sons and one daughter. He made his residence at 64 Cooper Street.

Leader of Opposition Takes Exception to Premier's Old Age Pension Bill---Premature

VICTORIA, February 2.—When Premier Oliver's old age pension bill was up for its second reading in the legislature yesterday afternoon, it was subjected to criticism by R. H. Pooley, Conservative house leader. The bill proposes to bring into effect by proclamation a provincial measure based on a Dominion Act which the Ottawa government proposes to introduce into federal parliament. Mr. Pooley criticized the introduction of a measure which he said was intended to cover legislation to be introduced in the federal house but which had not yet been brought in. He said that the premier had condemned any proposition to investigate campaign funds until the evidence was before the House yet he had intrduced this bill to approve legislation that had not yet been even submitted to the House at Ottawa. Mr. Pooley advocated a conference between various governments concerned, those of the Dominion and the different provinces, to arrive at a just basis in connection with old age pensions legislation. He asked the premier to withdraw the bill and submit a resolution asking the Dominion government to call the conference as suggested.

Attorney General Manson's bill to govern duties of sales agents for products of the soil with a view to eliminating difficulties experienced by fruit men of the province was given its second reading.

Science has found something smaller than the atom, but mentions no names.

CAN'T REGISTER AS CANADIANS

LABOR MEMBER COMPLAINS IN LEGISLATURE AT LOSS OF REAL NATIONALITY IN RECORDS

VICTORIA, Feb. 2.—Canadian children cannot be registered as Canadians when they are born, Frank Browne, Labor, Burnaby, protested in the Legislature when a bill to amend legislation on the registration of births, marriages and deaths was under consideration.

Mr. Browne urged that Canadians be registered as Canadians on birth records, instead of being classed according to the ancestry of their parents.

Attorney-General Manson explained that he had considered this point himself but on looking into the actual methods in use for registration had come to the conclusion that the registration of Canadians was impractical. The Federal Government, he said, wanted to trace the blood movements of its citizens and insisted on a record of their parents' nationality, so as to trace the mixture of races in Canada. On this account it was necessary to maintain the present registration system.

The new legislation makes only minor changes in the form of registering births and effects no change in policy, Premier Oliver stated, as the bill was given second reading.

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COMING OVER TO VICTORIA

WASHINGTON LEGISLATORS WILL CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY IN B.C. OASIS

OLYMPIA, Feb. 2. — Washington state legislators plan to celebrate the birthday of the father of the nation, George Washington, under the British flag. It has been decided to extend the week-end adjournment from February 19 to February 22 and journey to Victoria where they paid such a successful Thanksgiving Day visit in 1925 to the legislators of British Columbia.

WILL OPERATE MORE ALASKA CANNERIES '27

Pacific American Fisheries Company Makes Announcement of Plans

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 2.—The Pacific American Fisheries announced that this year canneries will be operated by the company at Port Moller, Ikatan, King Cove, Squaw Harbor, Excursion Inlet, Annette Island and Gambier Bay.

Last year the company operated here and at Bering River and Unikak. The Pacific American Fisheries spent $1,044,000 in wages last year. Fifteen hundred men were employed at the peak of the season.

Attorney General May Take Case to Highest Tribunal for Decision

OTTAWA, February 2.—The British Columbia fuel oil tax was declared invalid in a judgment handed down in the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday dismissing with costs the appeal of Attorney General Manson against the Canadian Pacific Railway for an accounting and to recover money allegedly due the province as taxes under the Act.

VANCOUVER, February 2.—The fuel oil tax case will be carried to the Privy Council, it is understood, owing to the large amounts involved. The government anticipated a revenue of $400,000 annually from this source and, it is possible the gasoline tax might be subjected to a similar attack depriving the government of an additional $500,000 annually, it is felt that the Attorney General will refer the case to the highest tribunal.

INFLUENZA DEATH TOLL IN ENGLAND FOR WEEK IS 720

LONDON, Feb. 2.—There has been a big jump in the influenza death toll. Seven hundred and twenty people died in London and other big cities of England during the week ending January 29 as compared with 470 during the previous week. Of the total, 492 were in London.

FISHERMEN URGE DUTY-FREE ROPE

But in Canadian Duty on Small Electric Plants Asked

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—There will be two public sittings of the Tariff Advisory Board of Canada in February. In addition to the meeting which began yesterday with the tariff on boots and shoes the principal matter of discussion, the board has announced it will hold public hearings February 22, 23 and 24.

Two new references are on the list. One asks that the duty be wiped out on rope over one and one-half inches thick used in lobster or net fishing. Another reference from the Delco Light Company asks that small electric light and power plants imported for other farm purposes.

A reference, back for a second hearing, requests a seasonal tariff on certain fruits and vegetables during the period the Canadian crop is available.

LONDON VISITOR TO VICTORIA IS KILLED

William Baynes Ropkins Was Struck Down by Automobile Near Entrance to Crystal Gardens Last Night

VICTORIA, Feb. 2. — William Baynes Hopkins of London, England, a visitor in the city, was struck down by an automobile last night near the entrance to the Crystal Gardens and died later in a local hospital. With his wife, he arrived in Victoria three weeks ago from New Zealand.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS ASKING APPROPRIATION FOR CANADIAN CONSUL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Plans to send regular United States diplomatic representatives to Canada and the Irish Free State have so far progressed that the State Department has a request for appropriation for this purpose now before the budget bureau.

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Premier	1.92	1.96
Porter Idaho	.14	.15
Silver Crest	.06½	.07½
Richmond	.14¼	.16

BROTHER OF J. K. GORDON PASSES AWAY

DR. GEORGE B. GORDON OF PHILADELPHIA WAS KNOWN IN TERRACE AND PRINCE RUPERT

TERRACE, Feb. 2. — J. K. Gordon received word on Monday night of the death of his brother, Dr. George B. Gordon of Philadelphia. The message merely said he had been killed in an accident with particulars to follow.

Dr. Gordon will be remembered by many both here and in Prince Rupert, as he lectured in both places during the war on "Our Empire." He has also visited with his brother and sister here since that time.

Dr. Gordon was Director of the University Museum of Philadelphia, his special work being the preserving and restoring of old art treasures, and in these interests spent some time in Egypt several years ago investigating old tombs.

Within quite recent years Dr. Gordon wrote a book "Rambles in Old London," which received very favorable comment and has had a large circulation.

While in this district, Dr. Gordon made a study of the Kitselas totem poles and later wrote a very interesting history of the Kitselas Indians.

Besides his brother here, Dr. Gordon leaves three sisters, Mrs. H. E. Smith of Terrace and the Misses Ada and Margaret Gordon of Portland, Oregon. Another brother, MacLaren Gordon was killed overseas.

FAMOUS OLD HORSE DEAD

OLD TAY BRIDGE WAS EXERCISING FOR GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE IN WHICH HE WAS SECOND TWICE

LONDON, Feb. 2. — Old Tay Bridge, veteran steeplechaser, beloved of the English news and sporting public, dropped dead while exercising at Weyhill in preparation for another of his many efforts to win the Grand National at Aintree. Thirteen years old, he twice ran second in the Grand National and once, while leading but three fences from home, fell to lose the race.

BIG POW-WOW IN VANCOUVER

WILL BE STAGED ON DIAMOND JUBILEE OF CONFEDERATION NEXT JULY

VANCOUVER, Feb. 2.—All the Indian tribes of British Columbia will be represented at a war dance to be staged as the feature event of a great pow-wow to be held here in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Confdration on July 1 next according to plans outlined yesterday at the City Hall by Andy Paul, secretary of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia.

American skippers can't marry passengers. One by one they eliminate the hazards of ocean travel.