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BRITAIN SENDS BIG FORCE TO CHINA GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED BY GOOD MARGIN IN DIVISION

Peck's Non-Confidence Amendment Defeated at Victoria 18 to 25

VICTORIA, January 25.—On the first motion of the session, the government was sustained yesterday afternoon by a majority of seven when the Conservative amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, moved by Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., member for the Islands, was rejected by a vote of 18 to 25. Half an hour after the vote had been taken on the amendment, the House concluded more than two weeks' debate on the speech from the throne itself by passing the address in reply without division.

The amendment had expressed regret that the government had not announced its intention to hold an investigation into campaign fund allegations and amounted to a motion of lack of confidence in the government. Creery and Walken, Provincials, voted with the Opposition as did Nelands and Brown. Labor, Stoddart, Provincial, voted with the government as well as Burde, Independent, and Uphill. Labor, Hayward was ill and unable to be present. Lister was paired with Sloan who is absent from the city.

ALASKA HAVING WINTER FLOODS

ONE OF MAGNITUDE NEVER BEFORE RECORDED—TAZLINA AND COPPER RIVER DISTRICTS AFFECTED

BRIDGE WASHED OUT WATER HAS RISEN TO WITHIN THREE FEET OF HIGHWAY AND LAND IS MENACED WITH FLOODS

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 25.—Winter floods of greater magnitude than have ever before been reported in the interior of Alaska have swept the Tazlina and Copper River districts north of Cordova.

To the rising waters of the Tazlina River is attributed the breaking of an ice jam in Tazlina Lake which destroyed a five hundred foot bridge on the Richardson highway, sixty miles north of Chitina. The water in Copper and Tazlina Rivers has risen to within three feet of the highway at Copper Centre, forty-four miles from the bridge and more than one hundred miles below the lake. Unseasonably warm weather during the last two weeks has melted much snow in both districts.

As both districts are sparsely populated, no loss of life is expected.

The destroyed bridge was one of the largest spans on Alaska's principal highway.

PAPERS DID NOT GET DONATIONS

PAYMENTS MADE TO SUN AND PROVINCE BY CONSOLIDATED EXPORTERS WERE FOR ADVERTISING IN SPECIAL EDITIONS

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.—Evidence adduced at yesterday's session of the customs probe showed that the Vancouver Sun and Province did not receive "donations" from the Consolidated Exporters Corporation but merely received money in payment for advertising carried in special editions of those papers.

W. C. Russell, advertising manager of the Province, appeared on the stand this morning and emphatically denied that the province had received a single dollar from the British Columbia liquor interests without giving advertising space to the full value. Over a period of five years, the paper had received but two sums, totalling \$260 for advertising in special editions.

MURDER CHARGE AGAINST DOCTOR

SEATTLE DENTIST IS CHARGED WITH KILLING FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD PATIENT, LETITIA WHITEHALL

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—Formal charges of murder were filed today against Dr. C. G. Dobbis, dentist, in connection with the slaying last November of Letitia Whitehall, his fourteen-year-old dental patient. The girl's body, bearing signs of a struggle, was found in a slough across the lake from Seattle.

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RED FLAG PARADERS IN CALGARY PINCHED
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CALGARY, Jan. 25.—Following a parade of unemployed behind a red flag, seventeen of them were jailed on Monday for getting meals in restaurants and then refusing to pay. They expressed themselves as being happy to be in jail out of the cold.
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INNERTON DUE HERE EARLY IN MORNING

British Freighter, Coming to Load Grain, Will be off Triple Island at Midnight Tonight

Coming to the Empire Shipping Co. to load a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom, the British freighter Innerton will arrive early tomorrow morning from England. The vessel at noon today reported herself as due at 12.30 tonight off Triple Islands whence Capt. Larry Thomson of the Federal Pilots of British Columbia left this afternoon to pick her up.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.
DIGBY ISLAND—Rain, strong south-east wind; barometer, 29.78; temperature, 44; sea rough; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Anyox, bound from James Island to Granby, 122 miles from Granby.
BULL HARBOR—Overcast, fresh south-east wind; barometer, 29.92; temperature, 43; sea moderate; 11.35 p.m. spoke steamer Prince John, anchored off Alert Bay, northbound; 6 p.m. spoke steamer Alameda, bound from Sitka to Juneau, 65 miles from Sitka; midnight spoke steamer Victoria leaving Wrangell for Juneau.
DEAD TREE POINT—Barometer, 29.42; temperature, 35.
Noon
DIGBY ISLAND—Rain, strong south-east wind; barometer, 29.84; temperature, 44; sea rough.
BULL HARBOR—Overcast, fresh south-east wind; barometer, 29.28; temperature, 43; sea moderate; 11 a.m. spoke steamer Prince John, bound from Allison Harbor to Jedway, 10 miles from Pine Island.
DEAD TREE POINT—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, 40.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.39 1/2	
B.C. Silver	1.57	1.65
Dunwell	1.49	1.50
Glacier	.11	.12
Gladstone	.27 1/2	.29 1/2
Granby	31.00	33.00
Howe Sound	38.00	40.00
Independence	.11 1/4	.13
Indian	.05 1/2	.06
Marmot	.12 1/2	.14
Premier	1.98	2.00
Porter Idaho	.14	.14 1/2
Victoria		.10
Richmond	.12 1/2	.13



VINCENT LOPEZ, noted orchestra leader, celebrated his 29th birthday at the Casa Lopez, by playing Adam Carroll's 1926 prize modern American musical composition entitled "My United States." The piece portrays the early pioneer history of the States. Attentive listeners are 96-year-old Ezra Meeker, blazer of the Oregon trail, and Chief White Horse Eagle, famous 105-year-old Indian scout.

Three Infantry Brigades with Heavy Equipment Are Leaving Under Major General Duncan

Shanghai defence force composition announced by British War Office—English and Indian infantry besides soldiers and sailors from Malta

LONDON, January 25.—All doubts as to the magnitude of British preparations to deal with possible events in China were cleared last night when the War Office announced the composition of the "Shanghai Defence Force" which will defend the British concession in Shanghai. Major General John Duncan will be in command and he sails for China forthwith. His new forces consist of about twelve thousand men including the Thirteenth and Fourteenth British infantry brigades and the Twentieth Indian infantry brigade with artillery, armored cars and other equipment.

The battalions of British forces in the Far East. Effective on the spot, it is estimated that 16,000 men will be available for the defence of British interests.

Missionary Back from China Thinks Britain, States and Japan May Yet Produce Order

VICTORIA, January 25.—Among former residents of the British concession of Hankow who arrived here yesterday afternoon aboard the Empress of Asia was Rev. J. S. Helps and family who are proceeding to Boston to take up their future residence.

"How will it all end?" said Helps, who conducted a printing establishment at Hankow in connection with his missionary duties, when asked for his opinion regarding the Chinese disturbances. "That I cannot say. I have lived in Hankow for twenty-five years and have had enough of it. I believe, however, if Great Britain, United States and Japan stand together, they will be able to make China see that its best interest does not lie with the Soviet."

Mr. Helps said that the Soviet influence was first openly displayed at Christmas time and resulted in the destruction of property of the Christian churches.

Clay Porter, manager of the Porter-Idaho Mining Co. on the Marmot River, was an arrival from Stewart on the Cardena this morning and is registered at the Hotel Prince Rupert.

Both Conservative and Liberal Agents Admit to Probe Receipt of Contributions for Campaign

VANCOUVER, January 25.—Campaign fund contributions again absorbed the attention of the royal commission investigating the customs during Monday. Thomas H. Kirk, Conservative, and W. T. McArthur, Liberal, appeared before the commission and admitted receiving contributions on behalf of their respective parties from the Vancouver Breweries. The amount received by Kirk, according to vouchers produced by N. W. Rowell, K.C., commission counsel, was \$5,100. That which went to McArthur, on behalf of the Liberal campaign funds in the 1925 election, was approximately \$3,000.

Both witnesses stated that they had turned the funds over to the parties which they represented.

Henry Reifel, president of the Vancouver Breweries, expressed the opinion that "something over \$100,000" would cover the contributions to campaign funds. He explained that the money had been divided between the Conservatives and the Moderation League. There were no strings to the contributions, he said. Witness declared that no payments had been made to any government official as far as he was aware. He had received no promises when the money was handed out.

"What did you give it for?" asked Rowell.

"I don't know," replied Reifel.

Rowell pointed out that the payments were under the head of "assurance and protection" in reply to which Reifel said he was "sick and tired" of hearing about "assurance and protection." There would be no more payments of that kind, he declared.

SUGGESTS USE OF CHINESE IN THIS PROVINCE

MCGILL PROFESSOR WOULD HAVE THEM DO SPADE-WORK IN DEVELOPMENT OF WEST

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The suggestion that what he called "spade-work" in the development of British Columbia's resources be done by "contract" labor from China was made by Prof. W. W. Gofforth of McGill University's department of political science. He said in an address: "British Columbia is the least developed of the provinces. There is much spade work that needs to be done in the building of roads and the opening of the province for settlement and I suggest that indentured labor be brought from China to do this work under contract in not less than three and not more than five years."

Prof. Gofforth said that wages could be fixed at twenty-five cents a day and the men returned to China on the completion of the contract.

LONG JOURNEY THROUGH ICY WATERS OF ALASKA

RUBY, Alaska, Jan. 25.—A two thousand mile journey by dog team, railroad and steamship through frigid Alaska faced Senator John Dunn of Ruby when he left here yesterday for Juneau to attend the territorial legislature which opens its biennial session on March 1.

FAIRBANKS TO HAVE ANNUAL DOG DERBY

More Than a Dozen Teams Will be Entered in Sixty-five Mile Race Taking Place Next Month

RUBY, Alaska, Jan. 25.—Driving a team of fifteen malamutes of wolf blood, George Nollner is enroute to Fairbanks where he will compete in the sixty-five mile dog derby on February 22. The journey to Fairbanks will take about ten days. More than a dozen teams from interior Alaska towns will be entered in the race.

JOINT ENGAGEMENT OF ATTRACTIONS IS SUGGESTED TO FAIR

At the meeting of the Exhibition Association last night, a letter was read from L. B. Warner, secretary of the Bulkley Valley Fair Association, suggesting joint engagement of outside attractions to play the fairs both here and there on the basis of division of cost. The letter suggested that greater interest could be stimulated by such means in the fairs at both places which could probably get together with advantage.

FOURTEEN OF CREW OF SPANISH SHIP LOST OFF PORTUGAL

CIGON, Spain, Jan. 25.—Fourteen members of the crew of the Spanish steamer Retuerto were drowned when the ship foundered off the Portuguese coast in spite of the efforts of watchers on shore to render aid. Five were saved.

FIRE DAMAGED BUILDING SHIP

FLAMES SWEEP DAVIS SHIPBUILDING YARD YESTERDAY AND CAUSED INJURY TO PARTLY COMPLETED BOAT—LOSS \$250,000

QUEBEC, Jan. 25.—Fire swept the partially completed steamer St. Laurent at the Davis Shipbuilding and Repair Co.'s yards at Lauzon, Quebec, yesterday, causing damage estimated at \$250,000. It is said that it will now be impossible for the builders to deliver the ship to the Canada Steamship Line on June 1. The vessel is to replace the steamer Mount Royal of the company's Montreal-Quebec service which was burned last fall with a loss of three lives.

EARTHQUAKE IN SCOTLAND

SHOCK EXTENDED IN ZONE FROM SHETLAND ISLANDS TO PIT-LOCHRY — ABERDEEN AND PETERHEAD SHAKEN

EDINBURGH, Jan. 25.—Many Scottish towns and villages, in a zone extending from the Shetland Islands and the Orkneys to Pitlochry felt the effects of an earthquake on Monday. Both Aberdeen and Peterhead were shaken.

BANK BANDIT HANGED TODAY

WILFRID BONNIN PAID PENALTY FOR KILLING ON WINNIEG GALLOWS THIS MORNING

WINNIEG, Jan. 25.—Wilfrid Bonnin, 24-year-old slayer of Maurice Garvie, during the hold-up of the Royal Bank last May, paid the penalty for his crime on the gallows this morning. He met death bravely, "with ill will to no one."