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PREMIER BALDWIN TALKS OF PEACE

WEATHER IN OLD COUNTRY IS COLDEST IN MANY YEARS

Weakening Britain Would Not Advance Cause of Peaces Says Premier Baldwin to Pacifists

Premier says weight of British Empire adds to strength of treaties and country would be prey to hostile forces

LONDON, December 21—"The effectiveness of the Locarno Treaty depends very largely on the knowledge of all parties that in the event of an unprovoked attack the mighty weight of Great Britain would be thrown into the scale against the aggressor," Premier Baldwin said, in replying to 125,000 people who, in a peace letter, declared they would refuse to support any government resorting to arms.

The Premier added: "To deprive the country of that weight, treaties would be deprived of nearly all their value. Once more in Eastern Europe would spring up that fear and unrest, that uneasy dread which the treaties have done so much to allay.

"You cannot strengthen the League of Nations by weakening the British Empire. England, totally disarmed and an easy prey to hostile forces—can you think of anything more likely to excite cupidity and hostile intention. We should sink to the level of a fifth class power. Our colonies would be stripped from us and our commerce would decline. I share your longing for peace but I have yet to learn that the cause of peace would be served by rendering Britain impotent."

RANGERS LEAD IN U.S. HOCKEY

Joliat Has Scored Eleven Goals This Season so Far, Heading League

TORONTO, Dec. 21. — The Rangers resumed the leadership of the American section of the hockey league by one point when they defeated Pittsburg last evening by a score of two goals to nil.

Toronto tied the New York Americans for third place in the Canadian section by defeating the Americans five goals to two.

The game between Boston and Ottawa played at Boston last night was an even affair but the home team had slightly the best of it, scoring one goal.

Auriel Joliat for the Canadiens leads the scorers with eleven goals and three assists. Morenz, a team mate of Joliat, comes next, while Frank Boucher of the New York Rangers is third.

Last night's scores were:

Ottawa 0, Boston 1.

New York Americans 2, Toronto 5.

Pittsburg 0, New York Rangers 2.

ELEVEN ESCAPE COPRA VESSEL

Steamer Niagara Picked up Men From Burning Ship Bound to San Francisco

HONOLULU, Dec. 21.—Eleven of the members of the crew of the motor schooner Doris Crane were rescued from the burning vessel by the liner Niagara due from Vancouver tomorrow. One man, A. Gilbert, an Islander, perished.

The vessel was bound from Fanning Island for San Francisco with a cargo of copra which is highly inflammable.

OPENS IN BUSINESS SELLING POTATOES BUT SOON CLOSES UP

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—W. H. Hammond of Ashcroft, who started a retail potato business yesterday on Powell Street, decided to close after operating less than a day until he had proper qualifications for a license.

PRINCE OF WALES ELIMINATED TODAY IN SQUASH RACKET

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Prince of Wales was eliminated in the semi-final round of the Royal Navey squash racket championships by Commander R. A. I. Mackenzie 9-3, 9-7, 9-3. The Prince failed to maintain the form shown previously.

LOGGER IS ARRESTED CHARGED WITH MURDER FOLLOWING SUICIDE

MERRITT, Dec. 21.—Jack Ellison, a logger living in a lonely cabin five miles from here, was arrested yesterday in connection with the death of the prospector "Lucky" Todd, more properly Emmett Todd.

The arrest followed the suicide of Angelo Serbinoff, one of the proprietors of the rooming house in which Todd died.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE TO BE DISCUSSED BY TRADES COUNCIL

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Sir Alfred Mond's invitation to the council of the Trades Union Congress to take part in a conference for discussion of industrial peace, has been accepted.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Big Missouri	.27	.29½
Coast Copper	21.00	21.50
Cork Province	.10	.10½
Dunwell	.19	.23
George Copper	1.75	2.50
Gladstone	.14	.16
Independence	.08	.08⅛
Indian	.05½	.07
Leadsmith	.04⅝	.05¼
Lucky Jim	.25½	.27½
Marmot Metals	.06	.10
Premier	2.30	2.32
Porter Idaho	.36	.38
Richmond	.13½	.14
Silvercrest	.05¼	.06
Silversmith	.20	.24
Surf Inlet		.00¾
Sunloch	.75	.77
Toric	4.00	5.25

GRAIN VESSELS ARE BUSY HERE

Sydland Here From Rotterdam and Newport News is First Swedish Vessel for Port

AINDERBY SAILED

Ohio Maru Coaled Here and Will Begin Loading at Elevator Today

The British freighter Ainderoy, Prince Rupert's fifth grain ship of the season, sailed at 9 o'clock last night for the United Kingdom or Continent with a full cargo of grain loaded from the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator. Piloted by Capt. Gus Foellmer, the vessel is going via Union Bay where she will bunker coal.

The sixth boat of the season, the British freighter Sheaf Mount, is still loading at the elevator and it is expected she will get away within a day or so.

The seventh boat, the Japanese freighter Ohio Maru, completed lining early this afternoon and moved away from the ocean dock to Philpott & Evitt's wharf where she will take on some ninety tons of coal for her bunkers. She will then move to the elevator to start loading a full cargo for the United Kingdom or Continent.

The eighth boat of the season, the Swedish freighter Sydland, arrived in port at 2.30 yesterday afternoon from Newport News, Virginia, and moved into the ocean dock early this afternoon to start lining. It will be late in the week before the vessel goes on berth at the elevator.

The Sydland comes here from Rotterdam, Holland, which port she left on October 14. Through stress of weather, she called at Newport News, sailing rfom there on November 23 for Prince Rupert via the Panama Canal.

Prince Rupert's largest grain ship to date and first vessel of Swedish registry, the Sydland, is commanded by Capt. A. N. Larsen and carries a crew of 37 men. The captain has with him on the voyage his daughter, whose home is in Gothenberg, Sweden. The Sydland is said to be the finest appointed grain ship that has yet visited Prince Rupert.

The Sydland was piloted to Prince Rupert by Capt. Percy Shadforth of the Federal Pilots of British Columbia whom she picked up off Victoria. The vessel came up via the outside passage around Vancouver Island, through Hecate Straits, Beaver Passage, and Ogden Channel.

TO SAIL TOMORROW

It was announced at the elevator this afternoon that the Sheaf Mount will be ready to sail tomorrow morning for the United Kingdom or Continent with a full cargo.

Railway trouble now being cleared up, steady movement of grain from the prairies to the local elevator has been resumed. There are sixty-five carloads in the yards today waiting to be unloaded.

BOSTON HOCKEY CLUB SELLS STAR PLAYER TO THE TORONTO CLUB

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Boston Hockey Club today announced the sale of "Sailor" Herberts, star centre ice man, to Toronto. The reported price is $15,000.

SENATOR APPOINTED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—N. K. Laflamme, K.C., M.P. for Drummond, Athabaska since 1921, has been appointed to the Senate from Quebec.

NO SIGN OF LIFE

BOSTON, Dec. 21.— No signs of life were found in submarine S-4 when diving operations were resumed today.

Winter Holds Britain and Rest of Europe in Her Grip While Gales Lash the Shores

LONDON, December 21.—Winter still holds Great Britain and continental Europe in her grip. Snow and rough winds have heaped up casualties by land and sea. In one of the fiercest gales to whip the British coast, the small schooner Pearl sank off the head of Kinsale in Cork County and the crew of five perished.

In the north of England and Scotland the roads were blocked with snow.

It is cold in Germany and the cold is growing more intense. Breslau experienced a temperature of 20 degrees below zero, the coldest on record since 1799.

In Belgium seven people are reported dead from cold, the weather being the bitterest in fifty years.

In Jugo Slavia the cold weather caused the death of twenty railroad workers at one place and seventeen soldiers at another.

In England, the oldest inhabitant in Monmouthshire, 130 years of age, Rev. C. A. Wood, died from injuries received when falling on a frozen pathway. He served his scattered country parish for 75 years.

Huge Airship is Being Built in England for Establishing a Service Across Atlantic Ocean

LONDON, December 21.—The most wonderful skeleton in the world—the metal framework of the airship R 100—has been shown at Howden, in Yorkshire, says the London Daily Mail. The Mail says:

The R 100 is to be finished in April. It will carry 100 passengers, 35 of a crew, and 10 tons of mail or other freight. You will be able to travel in her from London to New York or Montreal in 48 hours for a fare of £100. An all-in first-class liner fare is about £125. These are among the claims made for R 100 by Commander C. D. Burney, M.P., the managing director of the Airship Guarantee Company, Limited, who are building her to the order of the air ministry.

"This ship," said Commander Burney, "is entirely for commercial purposes—useless in war time—and she will be made as a commercial production job. Her total cost will be £450,000." (approximately $2,000,000).

The dining room, with its 5-ply wooden floor will be 36 feet by 20 feet. It will seat 50 people, or, cleared, provide dancing space for an equal number. The music will be provided by wireless. There will also be 36 bunks in two and four-berth cabins and two promenades on this floor. The floor above is a lounge, from the centre of which you look over a balcony into the dining room. Surrounding this lounge are 60 more berths. Below the dining room are the kitchen quarters, connected by service elevators.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

TORONTO, ec. 21. — S. J. Moore of Toronto, director of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was today elected president succeeding the late G. S. Campbell. J. M. McLeod, general manager, was elected director and vice-president, while Hector McInnes of Halifax, a director, was also chosen vice-president.

EDDY BUSINESS TO BE UNDER BRITISH CONTROL

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The match business of the E. B. Eddy Company Ltd. at Hull, Quebec, is to be taken over by a new company under the presidency of George W. Paton of London, England, chairman and managing director of Bryant & May, the British match manufacturers.

WHITE PASS MOVES OFFICES TO COAST

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—Removal of the head office of the White Pass and Ykon Railway from Chicago to Vancouver, B.C. and Seattle will become effective on January 1, was announced by the general manager and new president. Increased mining activity and tourist business necessitate the change.

COAST COPPER TAKES A JUMP

Rises Today From $19 to $31 and None Offering Less Than $35

VICTORIA, Dec. 2.—Coast copper closing at $19 yesterday climbed eleven dollars today, closing at $30 bid at noon and none offered below $35.

Buying orders flooded in from Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

Two weeks ago this stock was selling at from $13 to $15.

LATEST REPORT

After noon when offerings came in from Vancouver Coast Copper eased off closing finally for the day at $25 to $30, a gain of more than six dollars above yesterday's close.

MRS. CLAPPERTON PASSES TO REST

Death Occurred in Prince Rupert General Hospital of Well Known Local Lady

Death came as a happy release at the Prince Rupert General Hospital about 10:30 this morning to Mrs. Alex Clapperton who has suffered with forttitude and patience for several months from a serious illness, lapsing into coma during the past few days which indicated that the end was not far removed.

The late Mrs. Clapperton, who has resided in Prince Rupert for many years, came originally from Edinburgh, Scotland. Besides her sorrowing widower, she leaves to mourn her loss two sons John Clapperton of Prince George and William Clapperton at home in this city. To the family will be extended general sympathy of the community for, like the deceased, they are all well known.

Funeral services will take place on aSturday afternoon under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society. Arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

Petition Circulated Asking Peace Railway or Northern Province

People Being Asked to Sign Request to Dominion Government for Immediate Construction of Line With Prince Rupert Outlet

A petition, asking that a railway be built from Peace River to the Canadian National Railway at once or else that authority be given to form a new province out of the northern part of British Columbia and the Peace River section of Alberta, is about to be circulated. It has been drawn up by Theo. Collare and endorsed by the president of the board of trade and is accompanied by a lengthy memorandum setting forth the urgent need of the railway and the desirability of making the outlet at Prince Rupert. The petition reads as follows:

To the Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King.

To the Honourable Members of the Dominion Government,

To the Honourable Members of Parliament of Canada.

Gentlemen—

We, the undersigned, citizens of Prince Rupert, B.C., humbly petition the Dominion Government and the members of parliament of Canada, to take action at the coming session of parliament, to provide the necessary and long promised railway outlet for the Peace River country to the Pacific coast.

This outlet to connect with the Canadian National Railway at Vanderhoof, or at some point further west, giving outlet to the coast at the already established port of Prince Rupert, where all facilities are provided for the handling of grain and of shipping of every description.

The attached memorandum will give the honorable members all information and data tending to prove that a northern outlet is the most economical and the most feasible as to gradient and mileage and also that the farmers of the Peace River country would get the cheapest rates as against any other port on the Pacific coast.

Failing the above, to grant us the privilege of being organized into a separate province as outlined by Mr. Charles W. Frederick, former mayor of Peace River, as follows:

The northern boundary would be the 60th parallel of latitude extending eastward along the present northern boundary of British Columbia and Alberta to the 114th degree of longitude (the 5th meridian) thence south to the southern boundary of township 6 (the 18th line) thence westward to the 116th degree of longitude; thence south to the 54th parallel of latitude, and thence west of that line to the Pacific, including islands and portions of island north of the 54th parallel and within Canadian waters.

LLOYD GEORGE OFF TO SOUTH AMERICA ON HOLIDAY JAUNT

TITBURY, England, Dec. 21.—Lloyd George, Dame Margaret and Miss Megan sailed today on the liner Avalona for Rio Janeiro on a holiday trip mainly on account of Dame Margaret's health. She is suffering from chest trouble.

FRAUDULENT DISPOSAL CHARGE IS DISMISSED

Magistrate Asserts That Charge Against A. J. Richmond Should Never Have Come to Court

Declaring that if there was any case at all it should never have reached police court but instead have been handel as a civil action, Magistrate McClymont in city police court this morning threw out a charge of fraudulent disposal of four ermine pelts laid by C. C. Smith against A. J. Richmond.

Evidence for the defence indicated that Mr. Richmond had received the pelts and had forwarded them, together with others, to a Vancouver firm for tanning. The pelts never returned from Vancouver but Mr. Richmond replaced them with others.

W. O. Fulton appeared on behalf of the defendant.

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FISHERMEN AT VANCOUVER ARE AGAINST PLAN

Strong Opposition to Proposed Scheme for Conserving the Fisheries on Coast

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—The proposed fishing areas with the restriction of canning to the areas in which the fish are caught and limitation of gear was strongly opposed by the salmon fishing industry as reflected at a meeting held here Tuesday with W. A. Found, director of fisheries at Ottawa.

A vote taken showed 68 opposed to the first proposal, against 36 favoring it, while for the last proposal 77 opposed and 24 favored.

Mr. Found in addressing the gathering urged co-operation between the fishermen and canners to permit "economic conduct of the industry." He told the conference that the department was determined that at all costs the fishery must be saved. If conditions continue as at present they must be prepared for much more stringent regulations.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 21.—Fishermen on all parts of the coast in the Fraser River district are unanimous in their opposition to the three proposals of the department of marine and fisheries for the protection of the salmon industry.

ALLEGED RUM RUNNER TAKEN

Has to Appear Before Immigration Board on Charge of Illegal Entry

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Joe Parente, wanted in San Francisco under indictment as a rum runner and much sought after., was arrested in North Vancouver yesterday afternoon and released under a bond of $5,000 to come before the immigration board Thursday to answer a charge of entering the country illegally.

FOUR DROWNED ON WAY TO A FISHING CAMP

PRINCE ALBERT, Dec. 21.—A fishing party of four, two brothers named Tabor, Mrs. Tabor, a bride of three months and R. Dahl of Fenton, Sask., were drowned in the Montreal River while journeying to a fishing camp at Lac de Ronge. They left here six weeks ago and have not been heard from since.

KILLED ON AIRCRAFT CARRIER AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31.—James R. Ailsworth, aviation chief carpenter's mate, was killed and four others seriously injured in an explosion aboard the aircraft carrier Langley yesterday.

PRICE OF WHEAT.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—The price of wheat today is $1.46½.