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SITUATION AT SHANGHAI IS SERIOUS

CONSERVATIVES LAUNCH ANOTHER PROVINCIAL SCANDAL

Cantonese Find Willing Ally in Central Labor Union which Orders Workers Go On Strike

Industry disrupted almost immediately; planned that men shall stay out till prize city changes hands; general confusion

SHANGHAI, February 19.—The victorious Cantonese armies, advancing on Shanghai, after having routed the defending soldiers at Sangchow, found a willing ally in this war on the prize city today when the Central Labor Union called upon all workers to strike until the enemy Chinese troops, now in possession of Shanghai had evacuated, and the British troops landed there had withdrawn to their ships. The strike order was carried into effect almost as soon as it was issued and added to the general confusion of the situation. The Celestials left their posts in the post office, on tramways and as drivers of busses. To render conditions even more acute, the existing strike of cotton mill workers has spread to other establishments and, as a result, the native banks were reluctant to open their doors today.

In order to cope with any eventualities arising out of the strike, the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, comprising 1,600 residents of the international settlement, was called out today.

SITUATION SERIOUS

It is estimated that 40,000 workers answered the strike call, employees of the post office, tramways, busses, waterworks and seamen answering immediately. The steamer Empress of Russia was forced to sail for Vancouver without her mail from here. Pickets, armed with clubs, surrounded the post office which was immediately closed until Monday in order to avoid bloodshed.

C.G.M.M. TO HAVE FIVE NEW SHIPS

ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE SPECIAL SERVICE BETWEEN CANADA AND WEST INDIES UNDER TRADE AGREEMENT

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—The Canadian Government Merchant Marine, it is understood, have decided to build, instead of purchasing, the additional ships required to give the special service between Canada and the British West Indies provided for in the trade treaty effected some time ago.

It was learned at Ottawa that five ships will be built, and that tenders will be called for immediately for their construction. Three, it is understood, will be constructed in Canada and two in the United Kingdom. The approximate cost of each vessel is estimated, roughly, at $500,000. These ships will not be ready for service until some time in 1928.

The agreement provides for a fortnightly passenger and freight service throughout the year from Canadian ports to ports in the eastern group of islands and an adequate service, details of which have already been published, to the islands in the western group.

The vessels engaged in the principal service will be of five or six thousand tons gross. They are to be specially designed for the West Indies service, and must be equipped with modern refrigeration plants for the requirements of the extensive fruit trade which is expected to develop. It is believed this refrigeration equipment will come from Britain.

The new vessels will be capable of fourteen knots an hour.

SPECIAL RATES FRESH FRUITS

C.P.R. OFFICIAL DISCUSSES APPLICATION IN GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE RAILWAY COMMISSION

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Resuming evidence at the freight rates hearing here yesterday before the Board of Railway Commissioners, George Stephen, assistant freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, testified that, while application had been made for rate reductions on fresh fruits and vegetables from British Columbia to points in Eastern and Western Canada, it should not be based on the grounds of the present special commodity rates which were unreasonable nor should they be equalized with other competitive shipping points but, rather, the rate reduction should be made to assist the growers. This would establish a dangerous precedent for, if it were granted in his case, it might be demanded by other industries.

RUPERT PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA

MANY WOULD LIKE TO RETURN SAYS JAMES McNULTY WHO VISITED GOLDEN STATE

James McNulty, who returned to the city last evening, met several former Rupert people in California during his sojourn there for the winter. Business was apparently fair in the South although there seemed to be a slight falling off in the building program which has been very extensive in the southern state for the past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. McNulty took the boat trip up the coast to Seattle and reported a very smooth trip for the time of year. They had already arrived in Vancouver before the heavy storm swept the southern coast recently with such a heavy loss of property.

Mr. McNulty, who left Rupert on December 3, reports that many of the former Rupert people would welcome an opportunity to again visit the wide open spaces of the north with an occasional opportunity at fishing and hunting.

Altogether the winter's holiday was very enjoyable for Mr. and Mrs. McNulty who are pleased to be home again and find attractions in Rupert which the sunny south does not offer.

Minister is Accused by Seattle Fugitive with Taking Rake-off

TORY "BOLT FROM BLUE," INVOLVING SEVERAL PROMINENT LIBERALS, WAS PREMEDITATED, PREMIER OLIVER DECLARES — WILL BE INVESTIGATED

VICTORIA, February 19.—Charges relating to an alleged deal whereby commissions of five shillings per case were to be obtained in connection with the purchase of liquor for the British Columbia government were made in the Legislature on Friday afternoon by H. Despard Twigg, Conservative member for Victoria. As a result of these allegations, demand for a royal commission of enquiry armed with power to travel abroad was made.

The basis of the charges came in the form of a sworn statement by John A. Gauthier, late of Vancouver but now residing in Seattle, which was read by Twigg. In his declaration, Gauthier mentioned the name of Hon. Dr. W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works, as the man who had aided him in securing orders for liquor from the provincial government and with whom, he alleged, he was to split the commissions. The statement further alleged that, upon representations being made by Hon. Dr. Sutherland to Ottawa, Senator Hewitt Bostock supplied Gauthier with certain credentials which were used on a tour of the Old Country to purchase liquor. It was further alleged that Hon. J. A. Buckham, speaker of the Legislature, was responsible for introducing Gauthier to Attorney General Manson in connection with the proposed purchasing trip.

After considerable discussion, Premier Oliver expressed his conviction that the Opposition had had this matter in contemplation for some time. He was, however, prepared to give it the fullest investigation. It was decided to leave the whole question of a resolution for a royal commission of enquiry over until Monday.

NORTH GRAIN PAST RECORDS ARE EXEEDED

TOTAL ON E.D. & B.C. TO DATE IS IN EXCESS OF 1925-26 SHIPMENTS

EDMONTON, Feb. 19.—All records in the history of the line are being exceeded this season's E.D. & B.C. grain shipments, figures compiled at the Dunvegan office show. The total to date — 28,576 bushels—is greater than the total for the entire season, 1925-26, during which 3,426,887 bushels of grain was shipped, and exceeds by a considerable margin figures for the previous year.

Up to the same time last year, season shipments of grain had reached a total of 2,529,691 bushels, while at the corresponding date in 1925 the total was 2,670,684 bushels.

This season's total comprises shipments of 3,212,059 bushels of wheat and 1,517 bushels of other grain. Some 1,450 bushels of wheat and 136,617 bushels of other grain is held in store. Shipments of 141,132 bushels are booked for the last week.

DUNWELL MILL STARTS RUNNING

Final Equipment Arrives at Stewart and Plant is Now in Operation.

VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—The ore started running through the mill at the Dunwell mine on Wednesday morning. The mill started handling 100 tons of ore a day. The last of the equipment, consisting of some control switches, arrived at Stewart early in the week.

James Stewart, Dunwell director, announced that machinery has been bought and is now on the way to be installed at the Silverado. Development work will be under way there within two weeks, now that the Dunwell has started operations, he said.

JIM MALONEY WINS BATTLE

IS EXTRA WEIGHT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFEAT OF JACK DELANEY IN NEW YORK BOUT LAST NIGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Jim Maloney of Boston, won a decision over Jack Delaney, light heavyweight champion, last night in Rickard's heavyweight series to find a challenger for Gene Tunney's crown next September. Maloney had an advantage in weight of 11 pounds which visibly told on his opponent.

Russian Bolsheviki and Turkish Republicans are still trying to create an Asiatic League of Nations. But progress is slow. The Soviet, too patently wants to be the big "boss."

NO OPPOSITION TO OLD AGE PENSIONS THO' BILL IS SAME

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—There was no opposition to old age pensions when the question was discussed in the House of Commons for several hours on Friday. The debate was in committee of the whole on the resolution to introduce the measure. The resolution was adopted and the bill based upon it was given its first reading. The measure is exactly the same as that which was left stranded by dissolution last year.

BORDEN AND GOUIN TO HEAD COMMITTEE

Will Likely Have Charge of Plans for Canada's Diamond Jubilee

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—To make the necessary arrangements for the celebration on a national scale of the diamond jubilee of the Dominion, Premier King has announced that a national committee will be appointed and that legislation to authorize it will be enacted at the present session. It is reported here that the two chairmen in view are Sir Robert Borden and Sir Lomer Gouin. The lieutenant governors of all the provinces will be ex-officio members of the organization. The purpose is to have a celebration in keeping with the importance of the jubilee to be observed.

Some plans are already being drafted by an inter-departmental committee and an appropriation of $150,000 has been passed by the House of Commons.

WEATHER REPORT.

Prince Rupert. — Part cloudy, light southeast wind; temperature 44.
Rosswood.—Snow, calm, temp. 28.
Aiyansh.—Snow, calm, temp. 21.
Alice Arm.—Snow, mild, temp. 29.
Anyox.—Rain, calm, temp. 26.
Stewart—.—Snow, calm, temp. 29.
Terrace.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 32.
Hazelton.—Snow, calm, temp. 20.
Telegraph Creek.—Calm, temp. 6.
Smithers.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 20.
Burns Lake.—Part cloudy, calm, temperature 21.
Whitehorse.—Clear, south wind, zero.
Dawson.—Cloudy, calm, 10 below.
Minimum 22 below at Stewart River

FIFTH ROUND ENGLISH CUP

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The fifth round of the English Cup ties resulted as follows:
Wolverhampton 1, Hull 0.
Chelsea 2, Burnley 1.
Arsenal 2, Liverpool 0.
Bolton 0, Cardiff 2.
Southampton 2, Newcastle 1.
Millwall 3, Middlesboro 2.
Reading 1, Brentford 0.
South Shields 2, Swansea 2.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I.
Aston Villa 2, Manchester United 0.
Everton 1, Blackburn Rovers 0.
Leicester City 2, Huddersfield 4.
Wednesday 4, Sunderland 1.
Tottenham 1, Bury 0.
West Ham 1, West Bromwich 2.
Derby County 1, Leeds United 0.
Division II.
Barnsley 4, Clapton 2.
Fulham 0, Grimsby 5.
Manchester City 1, Notts Forest 1.
Oldham Athletic 1, Blackpool 3.
Preston 4, Darlington 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Airdrieonians 5, Queen's Park 0.
Hearts 1, Kilmarnock 1.
Motherwell 2, Hibernians 1.
St. Johnston's 4, Morton 0.
Other games played in Cup ties.

FIRST HERRING FROM LOCAL WATERS WILL BE HERE SHORTLY

It is expected that one of the four boats now out prospecting will arrive tomorrow or Monday with herring bait from local waters. Thursday herring were located between Lawyer and Kinnehan Island but were at that time too deep for the seines. The boats now prospecting are the Azurite, Bethune, Fredella and Zanardi.

EDWARD JOHNSON, whom John McCormack declares is the world's greatest tenor, disclaiming the title for himself, like a generous-hearted Irishman. Johnson, the Canadian singer, has been in London recently, and McCormack called him the best all-around operatic tenor in the world.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.70	1.80
Dunwell	1.47	1.51
Howe Sound	39.00	41.00
Independence	.10½	.11
Indian	.07¾	.08
Marmot	.11	.13
Premier	2.17	2.20
Silver Crest	.06½	.07½
Richmond	.14	.15
Coast Copper	7.00	7.75

RAZOR HACKED BODIES FOUND

POLICE ARE WORKING ON THEORY THAT UTICA, NEW YORK, MAN KILLED HIMSELF AND FAMILY

UTICA, NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Police, investigating the deaths of Guy Taylor, aged 35, a welder, his wife and five children whose razor-hacked bodies were found in their little house where they were last seen alive a week ago, are working on the theory that he killed his family while they slept and then committed suicide.

THIRD ROUND SCOTTISH CUP

GLASGOW, Feb. 19.—The third round of the Scottish Cup ties resulted as follows:
East Fife 2, Dunfermline 0.
Dundee 2, Celtic 4.
Rangers 4, Hamilton 0.
Falkirk 3, Midannandale 0.
Buckie 0, Boness 3.
Dundee United-Montrose postponed.
Alloa 0, Arthurlie 0.
Clyde 0, Partick Thistle 1.

Alaska Inn-Keeper Makes Clean Breast of Robbery; Second Woman is Involved

FAIRBANKS, February 19.—Relating how he and two women looted a government mail sled of more than $33,000 at an isolated Alaskan road house, William Schermeyer, the government's staff witness, testified for more than six hours in the Federal Court on Friday against Nellie Bates, better known as "Black Bear" who stands charged with the robbery. Schermeyer is under indictment with Mrs. Bates in the charge but the government has indicated that he will probably not be brought to trial owing to the fact that he turned state's evidence. His mention of the second woman was the first intimation that any one, other than he and Mrs. Bates, was involved in the robbery.

Schermeyer said that, on the night of December 30, 1922, "Black Bear" arrived at his road house as a passenger on the mail sled which was driven by William Duffey. Late in the evening, while the other guests were inside the road house drinking and playing cards, Schermeyer, "Black Bear" and the other woman, whose identity was not disclosed, made their way to the rear of the inn where the dogs and the sled had been left. They removed the pouches containing the $33,000 from the sled and hid it near the dog kennels which adjoined the road house. The next morning, after the driver had discovered his loss, the loot was moved to a new cache on a nearby trail. After burning the pouches on the trail, Schermeyer traversed the snow covered ground several times with a dog team and obliterated the ashes.

Two hours later, the seventy year old innkeeper told the jury that the spoils were divided and he left for the United States. After being trailed into Mexico and back to Los Angeles, he was arrested in the California city and confessed, implicating "Black Bear."

A speed of over 4 miles a minute was attained by an Italian monoplane the other day. The aviator must have been trying to keep up with Mussolini.

BRITISH GUNBOAT IN ACTION IN CHINA AS RESULT SHIP SEIZURE

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19.—After a British steamer had been commandeered by Chinese military forces on the Upper Yangtse River, a British gungoat went into action according to a private telegram received here yesterday.

ADMIRAL STORY IS COMING NEXT WEEK

OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF SEA CADETS FOR CANADA WILL INSPECT LOCAL CORPS

Admiral W. O. Story of Ottawa, officer in charge of the Sea Cadets for the Dominion of Canada, will arrive in Prince Rupert next week from Vancouver to inspect the newly organized local corps. From here, Admiral Story, who is on a regular inspection trip, will proceed East.

The local corps is having its first parade today at Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve headquarters.

WIRELESS REPORT.
8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Part cloudy, light southeast wind; barometer 29.10; temperature 44; sea smooth; 10:45 p.m. out Catala, bound for Skeena River; 8 a.m. in Princess Beatrice; 8 a.m. spoke tug Pacific Monarch, in Portland Inlet towing barge Bingaman, southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer 29.10; temperature 38.

BULL HARBOR.—Rain, light southeast wind; barometer 29.08; temperature, 38; sea rough; 8 a.m. spoke tug St. Faith, in Takush Harbor, weatherbound.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND.—Overcast, fresh S.E. wind; barometer 28.99; temperature 45; sea smooth; 9.30 a.m. out Catala southbound; 11 a.m. out Princess Beatrice southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer 29.10; temperature 39.

BULL HARBOR.—Rain, strong southeast wind; barometer 29.12; temperature 40; sea rough; 12.10 p.m. spoke steamer Prince Rupert, abeam Alert Bay, southbound.

CHARGES VANISH INTO THIN AIR

ALLEGATIONS OF MISSING MONEY AT MERVILLE DENIED BY WITNESSSES BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE

VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—Allegations that $167,000 had "disappeared and was unaccounted for" in the Merville, Vancouver Island soldier settlement scheme were categorically denied today by several witnesses called before the select committee investigating the charges including Thomas Menzies, former Independent member for Comox, and now superintendent for neglected children, and Col. W. S. Latta, chairman of the Land Settlement Board.

Menzies, who was previously credited with having instigated the charge, denied ever having made an accusation of this nature. When he was shown a memorandum containing the charge and said to have been initialled by him, he declared that he had not written it and that the initials were not his.

Latta, who had charge of the scheme, testified that not a single dollar had been unaccounted for which statement was corroborated by H. M. Wright, assistant comptroller-general and Charles Sonley, accountant of the Land Settlement Board.

NEW FREIGHTER FOR THIS COAST

PURCHASE OF BRITISH STEAMER ARDGARVEL ANNOUNCED BY MANAGER OF UNION S.S. CO.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19.—Harold Brown, general manager of the Union Steamships Ltd., announced yesterday that the steamer Ardgarvel, 834 tons gross, had been purchased in Liverpool to replace the steamer Chilliwack in the British Columbia coast freight service of the company. The vessel, which is of steel construction, is being fitted out to burn oil and is expected to sail for Vancouver on March 15. Capt. J. A. Findlay, master of the steamer Camosun, and Chief Engineer Logan of the Cardena are now in England and will bring the vessel out.

The old steamer Chilliwack has been dismantled and scrapped at North Vancouver.

MASSEY MEETS U.S. PRESIDENT

COOLIDGE PROMISES CO-OPERATION OF HIS ADMINISTRATION UNDER NEW DIPLOMATIC CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—After a brief address, Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian Minister to the United States, yesterday presented his credentials to President Calvin Coolidge at the White House. Replying, the president promised the co-operation of his administration in maintaining friendly relations between Canada and United States under the new diplomatic conditions.