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RAILWAY TO PRINCE GEORGE URGED

MORE CHARGES ARE MADE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Worst Disaster in Wales' Recent History Mars Celebration of St. David's Day; 52 Miners Dead

Explosion this morning entombed men in gas filled coal working; rescue operations fraught with danger; pathetic scenes

NEWPORT, Wales, March 1.—Fifty-two miners are believed to be dead as a result of an explosion this morning which entombed them in the gas-filled workings of a marine colliery near here. Fifty-two of the bodies were recovered this afternoon and hope is abandoned of reaching the thirty others trapped a mile and a half from the main shaft. At the time of the explosion, 135 men were mining, rescue squads bringing out eighty alive. The disaster is the worst in the history of Wales in recent years, occurred on National Day—St. David's Day—and the whole country is plunged in gloom.

The task of the rescuers was most difficult, owing to poisonous fumes and many who descended were overcome and taken to hospitals. The gas became so bad at noon that rescue work was abandoned to permit of ventilation. One hundred women and children, whose bread-winners were entombed, gathered about the pithead and there were pathetic scenes as they rushed forward to identify each man rescued.

MANSON PEEVES DOCTOR WRINCH

PROPOSAL OF ATTORNEY GENERAL THROWN OUT BY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

LET FARMERS SHOOT DEER

VICTORIA, March 1.—The agricultural committee of the legislature decided yesterday to oppose the proposal of Attorney General Manson that farmers be allowed to kill pheasants on the condition that they be left lying on the ground or be handed over to the nearest charitable institution. It was decided to recommend that farmers be authorized to shoot deer found destroying crops without notifying the game wardens.

The committee pointed out that the proposal of the attorney general was in direct contradiction of its earlier recommendation. Dr. H. C. Wrinch, M.L.A. for Skeena, said: "It's just a step in the dark for the committee. We might just as well not report at all."

DOYLE ACQUIRES MORE TUGBOATS

ADDS OVER INTERNATIONAL AND DOMINION FLEET AT EXPENDITURE OF $200,000

VANCOUVER, March 1.—Expenditure of $200,000 is involved in a transaction announced yesterday by which the Pacific (Coyle) Towing Co. will operate in future six tugs, the entire fleet of the International Towing Co.

The two largest vessels of the International fleet are the tugs Imbrecaria and Canada.

FRISCO "RUM KING" INDICTED

VINCENT QUARTARO CHARGED WITH CONCEALING HIS INCOME FROM UNITED STATES TAXATION

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—A federal grand jury has indicted Vincent Quartaro, alleged "Rum King" here, charging him with concealing more than $50,000 of his 1923 income and nearly $50,000 of his 1924 income from United States taxation. Quartaro is alleged to be the fiscal agent here for the Consolidated Exporters Corporation, a Canadian concern and one of the defendants in the Quadra rum running case.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Customs and excise collections at the port of Prince Rupert for the month of February amounted to $3,360.10.

Feminism won't be completely triumphant until the gentlemen retire after dinner to avoid the rough stuff.

NEWFOUNDLAND GIVEN LABRADOR PENINSULA

LONDON, March 1. — Newfoundland's claim to the ownership of territory in Labor peninsula in substate was sustained with two minor reservations in a decision handed down today by the Privy Council. Definition of the boundary between Canada and Newfoundland is now asked.

MANITOBA LIQUOR BOARD MAN QUITS

Because Allegation is Made That Firm of Which he is Head Manufactured Bogus Booze Labels

WINNIPEG, March 1.—W. J. Bulman, one of the three members of the Manitoba Liquor Control Board, yesterday tendered his resignation which was accepted. Explaining that the firm of which he was president had been stated to have manufactured bogus liquor labels, Mr. Bulman said that he deemed it wise to retire in order to avoid embarrassing the Bracken government. He added that the alleged contracts had been entered into without his knowledge.

MINISTER EXPLAINS VEGETABLE PURCHASE

Dispatch, Price and Quality Were Considerations in Buying Stock for Use of Troops in China

OTTAWA, March 1. — Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, stated in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that considerations of dispatch, price and quality had entered into the recent purchase of British Columbia vegetables grown by Chinese for shipment to China for the use of British troops.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.41⅛	
B.C. Silver	1.67	1.75
Dunwell	1.45	1.47
Glacier	.10	.11
Indian	.06¾	.07½
Independence	.10	.12
Marmot	.10	.12½
Premier	2.25	2.28
Porter Idaho	.13	.14
Silver Crest	.07¼	.07¾
Richmond	.13½	.15
Coast Copper	7.00	7.25

HALIBUT BIDS HIGHER TODAY

ALL BUT 2,000 POUNDS OF TODAY'S 152,000 AT EXCHANGE WAS AMERICAN—BEST PRICE WAS 18.4c AND 10c

Halibut fares marketed through the Fish Exchange this morning totalled 152,000 pounds of which only two thousand pounds was Canadian. Timely conditions prevailing, the highest prices here since the season opened were paid, the top bid being 18.4c and 10c.

The arrivals and sales were as follows:

AMERICAN

Tordenskjold, 3,000 pounds, to the Atlin Fisheries, 18.2c and 10c.

June, 11,000 pounds, and Argo, 6,000 pounds, to Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 18c and 10c.

Roald Amundsen, 19,000 pounds, to Atlin Fisheries, 18.4c and 10c.

Baltic, 15,000 pounds, to Canadian Fish & Storage Co., 18.4c and 10c.

Resolute, 55,000 pounds, to Pacific Fisheries, 17.6c and 9c.

Paragon, 41,000 pounds, to Booth Fisheries, 17.6c and 9c.

CANADIAN

Cape Spear, 2,000 pounds, to Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 16c and 8c.

DISMISSAL IN DOPE HEARING

THREE CHINAMEN AND DOMINIC MARINO FREED IN NARCOTIC CASE AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, March 1. — Three Chinamen and Dominic Marino, an Italian, four of the six defendants in a narcotic trial which has occupied the time of the city police court off and on for the past four months, were cleared of the charge of smuggling drugs due to lack of corroborative evidence, Magistrate Henry C. Shaw decided.

Prima facie cases were made out against Frank Marino and Dominic Cristofi who were remanded for one week to permit counsel to prepare their defence.

CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP MATTER OF JULY CELEBRATION

Before the council adjourned last night Mayor Newton advised the aldermen that he had received letters from the Canadian Club of Vancouver and from the Women's Canadian Club in Prince Rupert concerning the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Dominion on July 1. In speaking of the matter the mayor said he merely mentioned these letters so that the members of the city council could consider the question for a week before the matter came up at the next meeting.

PROVINCIAL LAND OFFICIAL SENT UP FOR TRIAL BY JURY

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 1. — Charles Latham, cashier in the provincial land office, was yesterday committed to stand trial on a charge of stealing government funds. He elected for jury trial in May and was released on $15,000 bail.

All are raw material as freshmen, and some never become anything more than rah-rah material.

Political timber is like any other. It depends on the sap for its growth.



RUTH HIATT, who is the "Mrs. Jimmy Smith" of comedy. Her latest surprise is a giraffe skin coat, designed for her by Willard H. George and made from a select African skin. The fur has a fine silky appearance, the noticeable difference being in the shade of the brown spots which are more reddish or cocoa-colored than those of the jungle cat.

Neither Party Has Courage or Policy with Regard to Pacific Great Eastern, Perry Declares

VICTORIA, March 1.—H. G. Perry, Liberal member for Fort George, speaking on the government's loan bill in the Legislature yesterday, made an appeal for the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George. In doing so, he said that he realized the country and government was not prepared to back up such a move but, he argued, that it would be good business for the government to do it. In this connection he said that, while he was ready to praise the business men of the province who had taken positions as directors of the railway, he did not approve of the methods they pursued. He said that the government must take full responsibility for the undertaking. It must do so. He also felt that the government was lacking in political courage in not proceeding with the line to Prince George and in the fact of not taking a stand as to any policy with respect to the matter. In this connection, he felt, the Conservatives were just as lacking in policy as the government—neither more or less.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Prince Rupert.—Clear, calm; temperature, 34.

Whitehorse.—Calm, clear, temp. 5.

Dawson.—Calm, clear, temp. 4.

Selkirk.—Zero.

It's hard to pick the "logical contender" for Tunney. Nobody knows who would draw the largest crowd.

Western Railway Rates Subject of Complaint in Budget Debate; Saskatoon Man Criticizes Board

OTTAWA, March 1.—Into the discussion of the merits of high tariffs, low tariffs and stable tariffs, which featured the budget debate in the House of Commons today, there were interjected complaints that the Board of Railway Commissioners had not yet forced the railway companies to put into effect reduced grain rates in the West. The complaints were lodged by A. M. Young, Saskatoon Liberal member, who recalled that some twenty months ago the government had ordered these reductions which were not yet in force. He thought that the Railway Board was getting too much like a court and that was the very thing the people of Canada did not want. He also thought that half of the board should represent the West as it had as much railway mileage as the East had.

The easier a man's job is the more time he has to get disgusted with it.

Conservatives Unearth Another Liquor Charge for Cabinet Ministers

FRANK CARLOW'S AFFIDAVIT ALLEGES LIQUOR DEAL, ALSO LAND SALE, FOR BENEFIT OF LIBERAL FUND

VICTORIA, March 1.—Described on one side of the House as "another libel" and on the other as "a matter of urgent public importance," new allegations against cabinet ministers in connection with the purchase of liquor were brought up in the Legislature on Monday by the Opposition. The charges were contained in an affidavit purported to have been made by Frank Carlow of Victoria on which H. Despard Twigg, Conservative member for Victoria, based a resolution asking that Carlow's statement be investigated by the royal commission now inquiring into campaign funds.

The affidavit stated that, for the specific purpose of applying the commissions to Liberal organization work, Carlow, a party worker, acquired an agency for the sale of liquor to the government and that, in pursuance of the scheme, he received commissions of two thousand cases of liquor and used them for party purposes. The document further says that, with the same object in view, Carlow secured from the provincial government for L. G. Thomas of Vancouver a foreshore lease of land at English Bay, Vancouver, for which Thomas was to pay $5,000 into party funds.

The affidavit was not permitted to be read in the House. As Mr. Twigg proceeded he attempted to read the affidavit but Attorney General Manson insisted that he conform to the rules and file his motion asking for an investigation with the Speaker who would decide whether or not it was sufficiently important to go before the Legislature. Speaker Buckham upheld this view and ruled Mr. Twigg out of order when the latter failed to send his motion up to the chair. The Opposition appealed the decision but the House sustained the Speaker on a division of 25 to 15, V. W. Odlum, Liberal, Vancouver, and G. A. Walkem, Provincial, Point Grey, voting with the Opposition.

NOTTINGHAM MINERS BELIEVED DROWNED

NOTTINGHAM, England, March 1.—Sixteen miners are believed to have been drowned when a staging upon which they were working in the shaft of the Bilshorpe Colliery collapsed this morning. Volumes of water poured into the shaft through the breaking of a pipe and earth from the sides fell in.

APRIL CHARTER TO LOAD GRAIN CARGO AT LOCAL ELEVATOR

The charter of another "K" line freighter to the Wheat Pool for April loading at the Prince Rupert elevator is announced. The vessel, the name of which is not known yet, will deliver a full cargo to the United Kingdom or continent.

WIRELESS REPORT.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.62; temperature, 34; sea smooth.

BULL HARBOR.—Rain, light south east wind; barometer, 29.70; temperature,38; sea moderate.

DEAD TREE POINT—Barometer 29.40; temperature, 39.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.81; temperature, 49; sea smooth.

BULL HARBOR.—Rain, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.72; temperature 40; moderate swell.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer 29.44; temperature 45.

The Japanese department of Communications has issued a warning that broadcasting of political speeches is prohibited.

When a boy abroad begins to show signs of being a lefthander the folks start mapping out his diplomatic career.

BRIBE QUERY ADJOURNMENT

OPENING OF HEARING BEFORE MR. JUSTICE MURPHY IS POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK

VANCOUVER, March 1.—Shortly after it opened its hearings yesterday, the commission of one in the person of Mr. Justice Denis Murphy, which will inquire into the charges of bribery of Liquor Board officials, adjourned until next Monday.

J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., and C. W. Craig, K.C., counsel for the liquor houses of the province, applied for the adjournment on the ground that notice of the opening yesterday was too short to allow for proper preparation for the examination of witnesses. Pitcairn Hogg, commission counsel, consented.

LAND EXCHANGE IS NOT YET MADE

CITY COUNCIL HEAR FROM MINISTER OF LANDS RE COW BAY PROPERTY

Hon. T. D. Pattullo advised the city council in a letter which was read at the meeting last night that the exchange of property with the Canadian National on the waterfront in the vicinity of Cow Bay had not been completed yet. The city council thought it advisable that the Minister be again advised of the action of the city council in the matter, and copies of resolutions passed by the council, which have already been forwarded, will be again be mailed by the city clerk.

ALASKA CANNERY TO MAKE POWER

PROJECT PLANNED FOR PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND NOT FAR FROM KETCHIKAN

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The Alaskan Consolidated Canneries of Seattle yesterday asked the federal power commission for a license to construct a power plant on Chomley Creek in the Tongass National Forest, Prince of Wales Island. The project includes a dam with a capacity to hold 160,000 cubic feet of water and a wood pipe line 3,500 feet long. The power will be utilized for canning purposes.

U.S. SEIZES CHINESE GUNS

NO REASON GIVEN NAVY DEPARTMENT FOR ACTION REPORTED FROM HANKOW

WASHINGTON, March 1.— Seizure by the United States minesweeper Pidgeon at Hankow of the arms of one hundred Chinese soldiers who debarked there from a vessel was reported today to the Navy Department. No reason for the seizure was given.