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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Contract is Let For Destroyers to Replace Those Now Loaned by Britain to This Country Announced

Southampton Firm in England Will Do Work for \$3,350,000 in Competition With Fifteen Other Concerns

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Canada's naval force at present is limited to two destroyers, the Champlain and Vancouver, and a number of mine sweepers. Two new destroyers of the Amazon type will replace the obsolete Patriot and Patrician in Canada's naval forces in 1931. At present the destroyers Vancouver and Champlain, loaned by the British admiralty, are temporarily replacing the obsolete craft.

The contract for the new war vessels was given to Thornycroft, Southampton, England, it was announced last night, at the price of \$3,350,000. Fifteen shipbuilding firms concerns submitted tenders, one of them Canadian, the others British.

Destroyers of the "Amazon" class are of the latest types designed with four 4.7-inch guns, two anti-aircraft guns, two triple 21-inch torpedo tubes. The vessels are 350 feet long with a speed of 36 knots and will carry a complement of 150 men.

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GOVERNMENT SUPPRESSES B. C. BULLETIN

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—Following the publication of the current issue of the British Columbia bulletin, Hon. W. C. Shelly announced that the government had decided to discontinue it because it carried articles of decided political complexion and in praise of cabinet ministers. "The government will not allow public money to be spent to advertise it or for partizan political purposes," the minister said.

AFGHAN KING WINNING OUT

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The legation here announced this afternoon that the rebels of that country had been driven from the heights near Kabul and all the roads leading to King Amanullah's capital had been cleared. Communication also reported that communications had been established between the capital and the British legation, which is situated about two miles from the city limits. The general position of the government forces has become very strong.

BITUMINOUS SAND

Bituminous sand—commonly, though incorrectly, referred to as "tar sand"—consists chiefly of silica and sand cemented together by a soft bitumen. The only occurrence of commercial importance in Canada is along the Athabaska River and certain of its tributaries near McMurray, Alta.

Fiercest Gale of Season Does Minor Damage in City but not Anything of very Serious Nature

Damage of a minor nature was done around town last night in the most severe gale that has been experienced here so far this year. Fifty feet of sidewalk on First Avenue from Second Street to the Bayview Hotel was lifted by the gale at midnight and blown right across the street. A stretch of sidewalk on Fifth Avenue near Annunciation School was also lifted across the street. A small garage on Second Street across from the B. C. Undertakers was lifted off its foundation and deposited on the muskeg below. C. O. Rowe's tin shop at Cow Bay was shifted off its foundations. Around town lumber piles were blown helter-skelter, while a car was overturned and a few plate glass windows were blown in in downtown shops.

Along the waterfront, the mosquito fleet weathered the gale without any serious mishap, although a close watch had to be kept on the many boats. One of the most spectacular items of damage was the turning over and depositing on the side of the railway track one of the 32,000-gallon tanks at the Union Oil Co.'s station. The tank was only partly full, but there was enough crude oil in it to make quite a mess in the vicinity.

Portions of the roof were blown off Steen's tin shop and the B. C. Fur Co.'s store. W. Rothwell's

"TIGER OF FRANCE" MOURNS BELOVED SISTER



The photo shows M. Georges Clemenceau as he appeared at the funeral of his sister Mme. Jacquet, on the outskirts of Paris. The "Tiger of France" wept unashamedly as the casket containing all that was mortal of his beloved sister was lowered into the grave.

WOMAN TRAPPER WAS MARRIED RECENTLY

EDMONTON, Dec. 22.—A romance of the trap lines culminated here recently when Miss Jean Campbell of Mahaska became the bride of Roy James Turner of the same place. Miss Campbell is a well known young trapper, having caught her first animal when she was only seven years old, and once when charged by a moose, she killed the animal. Mr. Turner is also a trapper. This trapper girl will not give up her unique calling after marriage. During the winter Mr. and Mrs. Turner plan to operate a trap line.

DEPARTMENTS KNOWN BY COLOR OF SMOCK

WINDSOR, Dec. 22.—The young women employed in the city hall here have unanimously adopted the idea of the smock for workaday wear and furthermore each department has chosen a color scheme to which every girl in the department adheres. In the assessment office, for example, all the smocks are of rose-pink shade; in the city clerk's department the girls wear smocks of apple green; in the tax collector's department the smocks are sky-blue and smocks of deep rich rose brighten the office of the city treasurer.

WOMEN APPEALED TO WITH VIEW TO HAVE A PEACE CONSCIENCE

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The following letter addressed to the women's organizations of Toronto has just been received. It says: Premier Baldwin has appealed to women. The Paris peace pact means every woman in every civilized country in the world must work without ceasing to bring the common conscience of mankind up to the level of the obligations of the treaty. In response to this appeal a number of women's organizations are planning to hold a mass meeting here in the near future. Miss Ruth Morgan, who went from the United States to ask the British women to join with the American women in working for the signing of the Paris peace pact, is coming to ask the Canadian women to join with the women of the world to work for international good will.

LIQUOR CHECKS FOR NEW YEAR

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—The municipalities of B. C. which were worrying lately about the receipt of their annual check of Government Liquor profits for Christmas, will get their usual checks before the end of the year, stated the Finance Department.

Power Agreement to be Drawn by Outside Firm Solicitors For The City

The city council had a special meeting last night to consider a proposed agreement between the city and the Power Corporation of Canada for the taking over of the local hydro-electric plant and franchise. Various important points to be inserted in the agreement were discussed and the city solicitor was instructed to draft an agreement for the further consideration of the council at its regular meeting next Friday night. It was decided to send the city solicitor to Vancouver to retain counsel, preferably E. C. Mayers, to revise the said agreement. If possible, an opinion will also be obtained from the corporation of the Ontario Hydro-Electric.

FISHING BOAT NOT REPORTED

Schooner Cascade Carrying Seven Men Left Cordova December 15

JUNEAU, Dec. 22.—The fishing schooner Cascade, carrying seven men, is not reported. She sailed from Cordova on December 15 and was scheduled to call at Juneau and Ketchikan en route to Seattle. Stormy weather may have driven her to shelter.

BRITISH GIRLS DID WELL IN CANADA, BUT A FEW FAILED

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Ten thousand British girls emigrated to Canada last year, 5000 of them settling in Toronto. From the Scottish highlands, the moors of the borders, the cities and rural districts of England, these selected girls arrived here to become part of Canada's social fabric. The careers of these girls form a fascinating study of the city's life and with a very small percentage of failure. Eighty per cent of the girls, according to record, have done at least 50 per cent better than they did in the old country; seven per cent are earning a living but doubtfully recommended in terms of the word success; and 13 per cent have fallen by the wayside.

NEW ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS

W. K. Gwyer of Penticton to Succeed Guy R. Balloch Here

W. K. Gwyer, who has been on location work in the Penticton district during the past year, has been appointed district engineer for the provincial department of public works here in succession to Guy R. Balloch, who will report to headquarters in Victoria next month for transfer. Mr. Balloch, who was formerly in superintendency of the construction of the Kaien Island highway and for the past nine months has been district engineer, has been an efficient and popular official and many will regret that he is being moved from here.

SIX ISLANDS ARE DISCOVERED

HATTON, N.D., Dec. 22.—The discovery of six new islands while making a 1200-mile flight in the south pole region was reported yesterday by Lieut. Carl Ben Eielson, in a radiogram to his father here.

CANADA'S DAIRY PRODUCTS The total value of all products of the dairy factories in Canada in 1926 was \$133,353,076.

KING MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—King George had a fairly restful night with no noticeable alteration of his condition and there was no disposition among the public to regard it other than satisfactory under the circumstances. The King's physicians by their recent statements have satisfied the popular mind that His Majesty's case has taken more favorable a turn and that he has been making real if slight progress.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—It was stated at Buckingham Palace unofficially this morning that the King passed another fair night and that there was little change in his condition.

FUNERAL TODAY

Rev. W. F. Price Officiated at Obsequies For Late Daniel Lyons

The funeral of the late Daniel Lyons, well known prospector, whose death occurred this week in the Prince Rupert General Hospital, took place quietly this afternoon from the chapel of the B. C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery. Rev. W. F. Price of First Baptist Church officiated.

DEMAND FOR PULPSTONES

There is a demand for good pulpstones and over half a million dollars worth are used annually in Canadian pulp mills. The 1926 Canadian pulpstone production is the highest on record, but only about 10 per cent of the stones used in Canadian mills are produced in Canada.

DAILY MAIL ASKED IN ALBERTA DISTRICT

RED DEER, Alta., Dec. 22.—The Red Deer Board of Trade is to take definite action to establish a daily mail service to the country west of here, changing the present tri-weekly service west of Red Deer by the C.P.R. and C.N.R. to a daily schedule or the railways to change to the alternate days.

This was decided at the regular monthly meeting of the board.

HEAD OFFICE ALASKA LINE FOR CHICAGO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Offices of the Alaska Railway, owned and operated by the government, will be moved to Chicago on January 15 because of the large portion of traffic that originates in the middle west.

URGE TOLLS FOREIGN SHIPS

Efforts to Have Vessels Engaged in Lake Traffic Pay Canal Fees

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Word comes to Ottawa that another effort will be made at the coming session of the Dominion parliament to have a toll levied on foreign ships using Canadian canals. This would not however include ships of the United States. The effort will be made by shipping interests in Canada carrying freight on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River and will be aimed chiefly at Norwegian and Danish ships, a number of which ply on the Great Lakes every summer.

While the 1928 figures are not yet available it is stated in 1927 there were 15 Norse and Danish ships operating along the lakes and that they made 85 trips between various lake ports. By loading in Canada and unloading in the United States or vice versa they did not contravene the coasting laws. It is thought the ships and trips increased this year.

The arguments which will be advanced by marine interests is that Norway and Denmark do nothing to reciprocate. Canada built the canals at great expense and the steamship companies pay their share in general taxes for upkeep and operation of the canals and also have to pay income taxes, all of which the foreign boats escape. Under these advantages, it is claimed, the boats from the continent of Europe, built where they can be produced much more cheaply than in Canada, enter the Great Lakes in the spring, compete with the local ships and go to some ocean route when winter sets in. It will be argued they pay lower wages than the Canadian or United States ships.

PENSION COMMISSIONER

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Col. John Thompson has been reappointed chairman of the Board of Pension Commissioners. His ten year term had expired.

Miss Astrid Olson and her little sister Alice, of Oonah River left today for Cedarvale where they will spend the holidays.