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## Premier MacLean's Tolmie Policy Complete Endorsement His Own

VICTORIA, June 27. — Dr. Tolmie gives a complete endorsement of Liberal policy in his manifesto, declared Premier MacLean in an address here. Four-fifths of that manifesto is approval of the present government and there is nothing new or outstanding or important in the other fifth. Commenting further on the Conservative platform the Prime Minister said:

"I have seen a good many political platforms, and I have always found in the platform of an opposition party some new policy. I am going to ask you what there is of outstanding policy in this Conservative platform."

## POLICE PROBE FINAL STAGE

McINNES ATTACKS COMMISSIONER FLETCHER IN HIS ARGUMENT YESTERDAY

VANCOUVER, June 28.—W. W. B. McInnes, counsel for Inspector Jackson and Detective McGregor of the police force, opened his argument before commissioner Lennie at yesterday afternoon's session of the police inquiry. He expressed disappointment that all the evidence which could have been produced had not been submitted to the inquiry. He asked why Police Commissioner Fletcher and Barbutt had not been called as the inquiry covered the police commission. "There was a very good reason why Fletcher was not called. Like so many other moral up-lifters he was afraid of being hoist with his own petard. He knew the weaknesses in his record and that it did not give with his pretensions as a private prosecutor."

## JOHNNY RISKO GETS DECISION

NEWSPAPERMEN THINK IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A DRAW, DIFFERENCE IN WEIGHT

BROOKLYN, June 28.—Johnny Risko of Cleveland won the judge's decision over George Godfrey, a negro, last night in a ten round bout before an audience of 20,000 fight fans.

To newspapermen at the ringside it seemed that Risko should have gained no more than a draw. Godfrey's weight was 235 pounds and Risko tipped the scales at 190½ pounds.

## MAN IS KILLED DOWN THE COAST

POLICE RECEIVE MESSAGE FROM CUSTOMS OFFICER AT BUTEDALE

Joseph N. McPhee, customs officer at Butedale, wireless provincial police headquarters here today that a man named Edwin Lindsath had been killed in the woods two miles south of Ledsing Point in Whale Channel. The message suggested that J. Lindsath, Ambrose Avenue, Prince Rupert, was a relation of the man who was killed. There were no further details. Police believe that the name may have been "Lindsath" not "Ledsath."

## INTREPID FLYER IS REPORTED TO BE DYING

SEWARD, June 28.—It is reported here that Russell Merrill, the pilot who was lost for nine days without food when the two planes bearing him for the expedition were forced down between the Edificott Mountains and Point Barrow, lying at Datsbue as a result of his hardships.

## TWENTY INJURED IN WYOMING TORNAO

CASPER, Wyo., June 27. — Twenty people were injured and damage estimated at half a million dollars was caused by a tornado which swept the southeastern section of the Salt Creek oil field 40 miles north of here late yesterday.

## HOOVER RESIGNING AS CABINET MEMBER

WASHINGTON, June 28. — Herbert Hoover will resign the portfolio of Secretary of Commerce within a few weeks in order to conduct his campaign for the presidency.

## HELEN WILLS SUCCESSFUL

LADY CHAMPION STILL HOLDS POSITION AT WIMBLEDON BEATING TWO OPPONENTS AT TENNIS

MANY GAMES TODAY

WIMBLEDON, June 28.—Helen Wills easily beat back the first challenge to her in the world's singles tennis title at Wimbledon yesterday when she defeated Miss Elsie Godtsack, hard court champion of England, 6-2, 6-1.

Mrs. Molla Mallory of U.S. was beaten by an English girl, Miss L. Bickerton 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

In the men's doubles Tilden and Hunter won from English youngsters and Hennessey and Lott of U.S. defeated Dent and Gentin of France.

Helen Wills, defending her championship won the second match defeating Miss Gally, England.

H. W. Austin, England, defeated young Wilbur Ceen, U.S.

Pierre Landry, France, beat Sidney Wood, U.S.

Ronald Boyd, Argentine, beat Schroppe, Ireland.

Pat Crawford, Australia, beat J. C. Goory, England.

Caron de Morspugo, Italy beat Matejka, Austria.

Ermytrude Harvey, England, beat Miss Muirford, England.

## NOT WORRIED PUBLIC DEBT

SINKING FUND BEING PROVIDED TO PROVIDE FOR TAKING IT UP AT MATURITY

KASLO, June 28.—Premier MacLean, speaking at a banquet tendered to Captain Leary, Liberal nominee for the Kaslo-Siskau riding, stated that no Conservative government in any province of Canada had enacted definite social legislation. He had no apology to make for money spent on road building and was not worried about the public debt, he stated. The burden of debt was always relative to wealth. Sufficient money was placed in the sinking fund to wipe out all debts at maturity.

## FIRE RAVAGES HYDER TODAY

BLAZE STILL GOING THIS AFTERNOON AND LOSS PLACED AT \$100,000

Citizens of Hyder, Alaska, were engaged this afternoon in fighting a \$100,000 fire which was raging through the business section, according to word received by the Government Telegraphs from the operator at Stewart. A brief message received at 2 p.m. stated that eight buildings had already been wiped out, the loss including a store and its stock valued at \$60,000. Up to the time of going to press no further details had been received.

## GOVERNMENT WINS IN BY-ELECTIONS

Premier Ferguson of Ontario Sustained by Good Majorities

TORONTO, June 28.—The Ferguson government candidates were victorious in three by-elections yesterday. South Bruce being taken from the Progressives, where Foster Moffat defeated M. A. McCallum by a large majority.

William Morrison, Conservative, defeated Currie Gardiner, Liberal, in East Hamilton, and an Independent Conservative, John Hodgson.

In North Renfrew E. A. Dunlop, Conservative, defeated Paul Martin, Liberal.

The majority in each case was substantial.

## MODERN BLUEBEARD

MARSEILLES, June 28.—The police are searching for Jerome Pait, Modern Bluebeard, who entangled women with capital on the promise of marriage then strangled them with haywire. Five women disappeared after going to his villa.

## LANDS AT AZORES

HORTA, AZORES, June 28.—The Britisher, Frank Courtney, finished the first lap of his flight from Lisbon to Halifax, by arriving here today.

## Rivard Broke Down in Witness Box This Morning As He Recited How William Ritchie Was Killed

Taking the witness stand in his own defence at the Supreme Court Assizes this morning before Mr. Justice Gregory and, breaking down when he described the moment of William Ritchie's death at Stewart early last New Year's morning, Henry Rivard, the accused, in telling his own story of the tragedy, admitted that it was a bullet from the gun in his hand which killed Ritchie but declared that it had been entirely an accident. Rivard swore that he was afraid the drunken party which was fighting in his house would knock over the stove and burn the place down. He was also afraid that he himself would come to accident. There-fore, he had gone to a room and obtained the gun, intending merely to "bluff" them out with it. He denied that he had ever had any intention of actually shooting.

Following an altercation with Paddy O'Donnell, whom Rivard evidently considered the most troublesome of the party, accused stated that he was standing at the banner of the second floor, O'Donnell having by this time left the place though he feared he might return, and as he wheeled around to put the gun away, the weapon struck the railing and discharged. Then he saw Ritchie throw up his arms and drop backward to the floor. Horrified, accused testified, he then dropped the gun and, with both hands raised to his head, staggered to a chair. He had had no intention of shooting anybody, accused swore, much less Ritchie with whom he had been friendly. Rivard was broken down as he sobbed this story out in examination by his counsel, Gordon Wismer of Vancouver.

Accused, who was subjected to a stiff cross-examination by A. M. Johnson, K.C., and was also closely questioned on certain points by the judge, was the last witness in the case. Court adjourned for the lunch hour after which addresses of counsel and the charge of the judge were to be delivered. The case will probably go to the jury late this afternoon.

## ONLY HAZY RECOLLECTION

The first witness on the reassembly of the court this morning was Sam McMurchie. He was one of the party which had visited Rivard's and, having been drinking all day, was intoxicated. He gave details of the melee in accused's place, stating that Rivard seemed "kind of angry." Under cross-examination, McMurchie stated that he only had a hazy recollection of what had taken place.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

Mr. Johnson examined Rivard in detail as to the shells he had in his store. Accused said he had only one broken box of 30-30 shells. He had ordered O'Donnell out because he was always "butting in on my customers." Rivard said he never struck him but had offered to do so. He did not know anything about O'Donnell's statement about the sugar. Accused denied that he ever jumped the lever of the gun or touched the trigger. He could not account for the click witnesses had said they heard. Accused reiterated on several occasions that it was all an accident. He was only bluffing and did not mean to shoot. Accused said that he had had no opportunity to send for the police or for a doctor after Ritchie had been shot. There was nobody left in the place. He could not say if the gun was cocked and he did not know how it had gone off when it struck the railing. Nor could accused recollect what he had told Poterton, he was so excited. He did not remember saying that he had gone for a pair of water and found Ritchie's body when he came back. Whatever Poterton said would be right, accused said. He did not know why he had not told Poterton the details when he first came in.

## DEMOCRATS FOR PROHIBITION

HOUSTON, June 28.—The Democratic resolutions subcommittee adopted a plank declaring the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and criticising the Republican government of failing to enforce it effectively. The resolution is understood to have the approval of Al. Smith. A slight modification in the party's farm relief platform was also adopted.

## ACCUSED ON STAND

Rivard, on taking the stand, stated that he was born at Three Rivers, Quebec in 1862. He had come to B.C. in 1911 and followed the occupation of a cook. He went to Stewart in 1919 and worked in a cigar store, later getting a cigar store of his own, as well as the second hand shop. Accused described the details of his premises, lighting, etc. The rifle belonged to him. He had bought it from Oway McPadden. He had taken it upstairs, where he sometimes traded in winter owing to there being no heat in the store, to show it to Eli Watlund who wished to buy a rifle. He had put the cartridges in the gun at that time. Watlund, however, did not buy it and it was left upstairs.

## ACCUSED TOLD OF THE PARTY WHICH CAME TO HIS PLACE NEW YEAR'S EVE AND THE

subsequent brawl. He had told O'Donnell on different occasions to stay out of his place. It was Paddy who started the quarrel with other members of the party and accused told them to get out. In the scuffle, they moved the stove in which there was a good fire. When told to get out, O'Donnell came toward accused who backed away. Finally after they had been told several times to get out, accused went to his bedroom and got the gun in order to "scare them out." By the time he came back, O'Donnell was half way down the stairs. Accused said he was excited and holding the gun over the rail Paddy said, "You will be sorry if you shoot." Finally O'Donnell went out and accused put the gun back in his room. He went back however, and got it when Paddy came back in again. Ed Ladel said, "For God's Sake, don't shoot!" Accused said: "No, if you will go down and take him out." Paddy had been taunting accused, saying he was "too yellow to shoot," etc. Paddy went out and came back and went out again. He waited for a minute or so and, when he saw O'Donnell was not coming back, he wheeled around to put the gun away and it hit the railing and went off. "Then I saw Ritchie put both hands up and fall backward," said accused, "crawling down at this juncture. "With both hands to my head, I staggered back to my bedroom, dropping the gun on the floor. I sat down on a chair for a while and then I heard a noise. I saw McLeod put his hand under Ritchie's head. Casey was also there. I asked if Ritchie was dead and one of them said "Yes, he is shot through the heart." Then I said, "Boys, you are the cause of this accident." Poterton came subsequently and took him to jail, accused said.

## Number of Independents Were Nominated Yesterday Including W. H. Moulton, Atlin Constituency

VANCOUVER, June 28.—Yesterday 116 candidates were nominated with no acclamations. By parties there are Liberals 45, Conservatives 48, Labor 9, Independents 9, Independent Conservatives 3, Independent Liberals 2.

The Liberals did not nominate in Fernie, Cowichan-Newcastle and South Okanagan, making way for Labor candidates in two of these constituencies. In Nanaimo there were four candidates, Jack Place being substituted for Bruce and Pritchard dropped out.

At Atlin W. H. Moulton entered as an Independent and Walter Inward at Victoria as an Independent; also Mrs. J. C. McGregor and Captain R. P. M. Mathieson as Independent Conservatives. G. C. Peiton of Vancouver is an Independent.

## TRAIN WRECK PROVES FATAL

Twenty-two Bodies Recovered at Darlington, England, and 50 are Injured

DARLINGTON, Eng., June 28.—Twenty-two bodies were recovered from the wreck of the passenger excursion train which yesterday collided with freight cars. Fifty people were injured. Most of the victims were women and children. Thirty of the injured are in a serious condition.

## HALF WAY MARK FOR BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

NEW YORK, June 28.—Yesterday's games brought no surprises. The Yankees clubbed the Athletics and the Giants did the same to the Phillies, while the Red Sox won from Washington.

The teams were changing over for the inter-sectional warfare which will bring the season to its halfway mark on July 4.

National League  
Philadelphia 8, New York 11.  
American League  
Washington 1-4, Boston 4-11.  
New York 7, Philadelphia 4.  
Coast League  
Los Angeles 0, San Francisco 2.  
Missions 6, Hollywood 7.  
Oakland 1, Seattle 5.  
Sacramento 7, Portland 5.

## FORMS GERMAN CABINET

BERLIN, June 28.—Herman Mueller, Socialist, has succeeded in forming a cabinet satisfactory to President Von Hindenburg.

## BAPTIST PRESIDENT

TORONTO, June 28.—John McNeill, Toronto pastor was unanimously elected president of the Baptist World Alliance for the next five years.

## STOCK QUOTATIONS

Noon Closing Prices Today on Vancouver Exchange (Courtesy of S. D. Johnson Co., Ltd.)

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.30	1.50
Dayview	.07½	.07½
Big Missouri	.58	.59
Coast Copper	40.00	
Cork Province	.30	.30½
George Copper	2.65	3.00
Glasiar	.15	.18
Gladstone	.02½	
Golconda	.75	.76
Independence	.15	.18
Indian	.05	.06½
Kootenay Florence	.26½	.27
L. & L.	.09½	.10
Lakeview	.08	.10
Lucky Jim	.39	.40
Marmot Metals	.09½	.10
National Silver	.17½	
Pend Oreille	13.75	14.00
Premier	2.28	2.30
Porter Idaho	.58	.60
Richmond	.05	.05½
Rufus Argenta	.20½	.22
Ruth Hope	.47	.49
Silver Crest	.09	.09½
Silverado	.60	.70
Silversmith	.13½	
Sunloch	2.25	2.75
Terminus	.13	
Toric	3.00	3.40
Whitewater	2.38	2.40
Woodbine	.82	.83
Georgia River	.97	.99
Grandview	.35	.35½
Duthie	1.15	1.18
Marmot Gold	.09½	.10
Slocan King	.07	.08
Topley Richfield	.53	
Noranda	41.90	41.75

WINNIEPEG WHEAT

	High	Low	Close
July wheat	135½	134½	135½
October wheat	137½	136½	137½

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, June 28.—Wheat was quoted here today at 142½.

## TENNIS GAMES AT WIMBLEDON

ENGLAND MADE POOR SHOWING YESTERDAY IN SINGLES AND DOUBLES

WIMBLEDON, June 28.—In yesterday's championship tennis the following games were played:

Hennessey and Lott (American) beat Daniel and Gentin (England).

Elizabeth Ryan, former American, defeated Mrs. Bridge, England.

Elen Jacobs California, beat Joan Kilday, England.

Miss Anderson, American, beat Miss Hardie, England.

Miss Boyd, Australian, beat Mrs. Terry, England.

Eileen Bennett, England, beat Mrs. Barron, England.

Tilden and Hunter, American, beat Avory and Higgins, England.

## LABOR AGAINST HIGH PENSIONS

VOTE TO REDUCE AMOUNT TO BE PAID RETIRING SPEAKER WHITELY

LONDON, June 28.—The vote of the customary pension to the retiring speaker of the House of Commons of \$20,000 annually was passed in the House of Commons for Speaker Whitley who recently resigned after the Labor party had tried to reduce the amount to \$4,000.

Labor Leader Clynes said he objected not to Whitley but to the principle of high pensions.

## KING JAMES DIVERTED TO VANCOUVER INSTEAD OF LOADING AT RUPERT

The British motorship King James, which it was expected would be the final grain ship of the season here, has been diverted to Vancouver for loading. Meantime, no word has been received at the elevator as to what ship will be here and when to clean out the plant for the season.

## C.N.R. FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED SASKATCHEWAN

UNITY, Sask., June 28.—Charles Bradshaw of Edmonton was instantly killed and six other men injured, while possibly other bodies may be buried in debris, when a C.N.R. freight train was derailed near Yonker yesterday. Thirty-five cars were derailed but the engine and several cars passed the spot in safety. A faulty rail is held responsible.

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