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REPORT MADE ON VANCOUVER POLICE

FIERCE STORM RAGES IN WESTERN ALASKA SEVERAL DAYS

Open Policy of Mayor Taylor is Blamed for Police Condition in Vancouver by the Commissioner

Says Is Forced to Conclusion that Neither Mayor nor Police Received Protection Money From Chinese of Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 24.—"It should be stated here that the Vancouver police force has recently been demoralized for many reasons, chief of which appears to be the fact that the mayor of the city (Louis D. Taylor) was elected by a majority of 8,000 votes on a policy which has been termed an open policy," R. S. Lennie, the commissioner who investigated the charges against the city police force, stated in his report to the city council today. The commission did not make any recommendations, pointing out that the responsibility for action rested on the city council.

A summary of the evidence shows that in addition to the mayor's so-called open policy, which seems to be at the root of the trouble, there are many other reasons contributing to the demoralization and inefficiency of the force," he stated.

In connection with charges that members of the force had received bribes from gamblers, the commissioner states:

"I am forced to the conclusion that whatever disposition may have been made of any so called protection money as among Chinamen themselves, none of it ever reached any member of the police force or the mayor of the city.

Referring to charges of Frank Casisa, admitted operator of disorderly houses, that he had made regular payments to Detective Sergeant McLaughlin and Detective McGregor for protection, the commissioner found the charges unsupportable.

Commissioner Lennie recommended that the Board of Police Commissioners should consist of a judge of the supreme court, the police magistrate of the city and at least two outstanding citizens. As an alternative he recommended that the commission be elected.

Vancouver Board of Trade Members Here Today Making Annual Goodwill Excursion

Over one hundred prominent Vancouver business and professional men are due in the city in the course of the annual excursion of the Vancouver Board of Trade, designed to aid in the development of trade and mutual good feelings between the southern centre and provincial points. The party will arrive in the city late this afternoon aboard the C. P. R. steamer Princess Alice, Capt. Thomas Cliff, chartered especially for the occasion, and will be here until midnight when the group will proceed to Anyox, Alice Arm and Stewart. Powell River, Ocean Falls and other coast points have

BABCOCK URGES CONSERVATION

SAYS FINDING SALMON IN UPPER FRASER LIKE NEEDLE IN HAYSTACK

VICTORIA, Aug. 24.—To find salmon spawning in the upper reaches of the Fraser River is like hunting for a needle in a haystack, says the annual report of the provincial fisheries department prepared by John P. Babcock, deputy commissioner of fisheries.

Reports on the halibut situation in northern British Columbia are likewise pessimistic and the necessity of measures to conserve the halibut as urged by the international commission is stressed.

COUNSELLOR APPOINTED

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—Announcement was made today of the appointment of Jean Desy, K.C., as counsellor to the Canadian legation at Paris, he had been counsellor to the department of external affairs since 1925.

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PREMIER KING IS HONORED

SENDS TELEGRAM OF WELCOME TO SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN ON BEHALF OF CANADA

PLYMOUTH, Aug. 24.—Premier MacKenzie King and Secretary Kellogg arrived here last night on the Ile de France and were accorded a civic welcome by the mayor and other dignitaries who boarded the ship.

The Canadian premier said he would visit England before returning home. He said he hoped to see both Premier Baldwin and Mr. Amery.

In a telegram to Sir Austin Chamberlain who is shortly to visit Canada and the United States for his health, Mr. King assured him a hearty welcome on his arrival in the Dominion. The Premier's telegram also expressed to Sir Austin on behalf of the Canadian people and personally his deep regrets that the foreign secretary's illness prevented him from being present to sign the act of treaty. "This feeling of regret will be felt in all parts of the Empire," he said.

When asked to comment on the arrangements recently concluded for sending miners to the Canadian harvest fields, the premier said: "We want immigrants and we prefer British stock. If British immigrants want to work we are always ready to accommodate them."

SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL SWAM CHANNEL IN FIFTEEN HOURS

DOVER, Aug. 24.—Miss Laddie Shary, 17 years of age of London, swam the English Channel today from Cape Gris Nez to Dover in 15 hours, 5 minutes.

POSSIBLE FAKE MESSAGE FROM LOST AVIATORS

AMATEUR GETS WHAT HE THINKS IS REAL CALL BUT OTHERS DOUBT ITS AUTHENTICITY

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—A wireless message signed "Rockford Flyers" was received in Chicago today by R. J. Harris, an amateur operator. The message said the plane was down on a small island fifty miles off Newfoundland owing to oil feed failure Sunday morning.

"Flyers safe. Only way you can get to us is by ship," said the message. It further said that food supply was running low and the wireless set was being operated by power from a generator. An effort to arrange a later hour for conversation was answered in this way: "We are very tired and need sleep badly. Will call you tomorrow night."

Harris said he was very confident the message was bona fide but other amateurs pointed to several discrepancies. They pointed out that neither Hassel nor Cramer had more than a sketchy knowledge of wireless and Cramer, the better of the two, could compose a sentence with the key with great difficulty. Harris said, on the other hand, the signals came through as from the hand of a veteran operator.

One amateur asked where power could have been supplied by generator as the plane used batteries. The message too, was not on the wave length used by the flyers.

BISHOP BANGOR DEAD

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Right Rev. Daniel Davies, Bishop of Bangor since 1925, died today aged 85. He lived all his life in Wales.



PRETTY TRIO INC CLASS BY THEMSELVES: They are Georgette, Leontine and Emile Bernard, the only triplets who were among those present at this year's baby show in Paris

Second Message Purporting to Come From the Two Lost Aviators North of Newfoundland and Asking for Help

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 24.—Authoritative reports from South Greenland yesterday that Bert Hassel and Parker Cramer were sighted Sunday over the village of Fiskenaeset have stirred the utmost optimism among experts that the United States airmen will be found safe.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Eric Palmer, a Brooklyn amateur radio operator this afternoon reported that he had just been in communication with a station reporting as the missing plane "Greater Rockford."

The message read: "Hello, old man; we are on an island 50 miles north of Newfoundland and using a wind generator for power. Talked last night with 9CDJ Chicago. Please send help."

MURDER CHARGE AS RESULT OF SUICIDE PACT

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Aug. 24.—Robert Childs, the 20 year old son of Alderman Fred Childs, was arrested last night on a charge of murder following the verdict of a coroner's jury which held him responsible for the death of Miss Gertrude Yelland, his sweetheart, in an alleged suicide pact Monday.

HUGE CLUSTER OF FLOWERS ON SWEET PEA AT TERRACE

TERRACE, Aug. 23.—A. A. tree has a sweet pea stalk on which are eleven distinct and full sized blooms all in a cluster at the top of the vine. The flowers are white and the vine is growing in a verandah box.

VISCOUNT'S GRAVE OPEN

GLEN EAGLES, Aug. 24.—The grave of Viscount Haldane was found opened this morning with indications of an attempt to pry open the coffin. Lying asleep beside the grave was a man who stopped the funeral procession of the former minister yesterday. He was awakened by the cemetery attendant, the man "declaring he had spiritualist leanings and had an appointment with the Viscount. He asserted yesterday and today that the Viscount was not dead.

MAHOOD BUYS BABINE MINE

Property Owned by James Cronin Passes to Portland Canal Operator

VANCOUVER, Aug. 24.—The Babine Bonanza mining properties, formerly owned by James Cronin of Spokane, located about 25 miles from Smithers, have been purchased by Grant Mahood, well known Portland Canal mining man, who states that he will commence development of the properties at once.

PILCHARD CATCH IS LARGE ONE

VICTORIA, Aug. 24.—The pilchard plants, including one operated by Prince Rupert people are having a very successful year on the west coast of the Island. Large quantities of oil and fish meal is being produced and up to the present the returns are well ahead of last season.

Seward Threatened with Disaster as Result of Fierce Storm in Alaska

City Plunged into Darkness and Water Supply Partly Cut Off—Places on Alaska Railway Report Damage.

SEWARD, Alaska, Aug. 24.—After three nights of continued rain which reached a climax Wednesday, Seward is again threatened with disaster by the raging waters of Lowell Creek in the greatest flood since 1917, where houses were washed down stream. Third Avenue bridge has collapsed breaking the power flume and plunging the city into darkness besides cutting off part of the city's water supply.

Fourth Street bridge was threatened yesterday and with it the remaining water supply mains.

Thousands of feet of lumber of the Warrack Construction Co. of Seattle with which they had begun the building of the \$100,000 flood control flume, was carried down stream and piled up with mud and rock on the tracks of the Alaska Railroad.

The storm was still raging yesterday bringing reports from outlying districts as far away as Moose pass or the widespread damage and the weakening of the railroad and highway bridges.

BRIDGE AT HAGWILGET IS TO BE CLOSED

VICTORIA, Aug. 24.—Hagwilget bridge over the Bulkley River close to New Hazelton, which has been condemned by the engineer of the Department of Public Works, will be closed to traffic. It was decided at a meeting of the executive council yesterday.

Verdict of Inquest is That Ernest Maynard Was Shot in Back by an Unknown Person

Mystery still Surrounds Affair in Which Well Known Man Lost His Life at Adenbrook Island Lighthouse

Mystery still surrounds the killing late last week of Ernest Maynard, keeper of the light at lonely Adenbrook Island, about two hundred miles down the coast from here. What seemed, according to first reports, to have been a case of suicide is shown by later information to have been clearly a matter of foul play. Shot in the back of the head, the unfortunate man's body was found face down on the small wharf of the light station. Indicating that the killing had taken place at night, there was a lantern in the dead man's hand and the body was only partially clothed. The theory advanced is that

Maynard must have been called out from the light-house in the dead of night by some alarm and shot by some assailant. Identification of whom may prove to be a very difficult matter. There was no weapon near the deceased, the nearest being two guns in the light-house quarters. Peculiarly enough, the doors of the lighthouse, itself were locked.

Discovery of the tragedy was made by two fishermen who, operating nearby, perceived the light to be burning in broad daylight and proceeded to investigate. Going on the small island from the rear, they first attempted to enter the lighthouse and found it locked up, there being no response to their calls. Then they went down on the wharf to make the shocking discovery of the dead man's body.

A pioneer of the city and the north, the late Mr. Maynard for several years after the War, in which he served, was the keeper of Lucy Island lighthouse. Only a few months ago he was moved to Adenbrook. For several years before the War, he was janitor of the City Hall and was well acquainted in the city. Many friends were shocked to learn of his untimely demise.

The tragedy is still under police investigation with Inspector William Spiller in charge.

That Maynard had been shot in the back and killed by a person or persons unknown was the verdict of an inquest held at Ocean Falls into the tragedy. Interment has taken place at Ocean Falls.

A soft-nosed bullet entered Maynard's head which was virtually shattered.

Inspector William Spiller, returning to the city this afternoon after making an investigation of the tragedy, said that he had no statement to make in regard to the matter.

So long as commerce is carried by the sea, the only safeguard is an adequate navy," he declared, "just as is insurance or the village policeman."

MAKE CHANGES IN EDUCATION

HON. JOSHUA HINCHCLIFFE SAYS VARIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE SLOWLY

VICTORIA, Aug. 24.—Changes in the educational system of B. C. can only be made very slowly and as occasion demands, the new minister of education, Joshua Hinchcliffe, said today. The department of education was one in which radical changes could not be suddenly made, he emphasized.

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ADMIRAL ASKS IMPERIAL NAVY

SAYS WILL BE REQUIRED JUST AS LONG AS COMMERCE CARRIED BY SEA

VANCOUVER, Aug. 24.—Declaring it was a matter of business and not sentiment, Vice-Admiral Sir Cyril Fuller, commander in chief of the North American and West Indies squadron, made an eloquent appeal for support for an "adequate imperial navy" at the Canadian Club luncheon given in his honor yesterday.

"So long as commerce is carried by the sea, the only safeguard is an adequate navy," he declared, "just as is insurance or the village policeman."

P. G. E. PROBLEM FOR CABINET

VICTORIA, Aug. 24.—A thorough investigation will be made into the affairs of the P. G. E. and its possibilities after which it will be decided whether or no the line will be sold. Should it be decided to retain the railway, a scheme will be mapped out whereby it may be made as useful as possible to the province. That is the present view of Hon. S. P. Tolmie as stated here. He declares that this problem will be on of the first tackled by the Government after it has set its house in order.