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BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENED TODAY

AIVAZOFFS TO BUILD THEATRE ON LOTS WITHOUT LANE

British Parliament Opened Today by King George Who Reads Speech Outlining Policy of the Government

Proposed arbitration treaty with United States being studied sympathetically: Chinese situation improved but still disturbed

LONDON, February 7.—King George, in the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament today, said the government was sympathetically studying a new draft of a treaty of arbitration with the United States. He said the relations with foreign powers continued friendly and it was the constant effort of the government in co-operation with the League of Nations to secure the settlement of international differences.

Improvement of the Chinese situation enabled them to make a reduction in the naval and military forces in the Far East but industrial disturbances in that country still caused anxiety. The condition of some of the principal industries caused uneasiness but there were encouraging signs of progressive improvement. Inquiries were being made into the burden of local taxes on industry and agriculture with a view to alleviating them.

URGES BUILD P.G.E. LINE PEACE RIVER

Member for Cariboo Would Have Members of Legislature Get Behind Own Railway

OTHER MEMBERS SPEAK
Fewer Highways and More Byways Advocated by Member for Kamloops Yesterday

VICTORIA, Feb. 7.—Exhorting the members to forget politics and get behind the P.G.E. extension with the Peace River as the objective, A. E. Mun, Liberal member for Lilacet, told the Legislature it should wait no longer but take action at once. If a satisfactory deal could be made with the C.N.R. or C.P.R. well and good but otherwise we should show our faith in our own railway by linking it up at both ends without further delay. Analyzing the business that could be secured from the Peace River, he contended that it would be sound policy to extend the road to Prince George and thence into the Peace.

Active Government steps to encourage the development of small mining properties was urged by N. A. Wallinger, Conservative member for Cranbrook, who asserted that properties discovered in recent years could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. He advised that mining lectures could be arranged in High Schools to implant the spirit of the prospector in more young men. Claiming that many small properties could not be developed on a large enough scale to ship carload lots required by the smelters, he suggested that the Government arrange to buy ore in small lots.

Encouragement of land settlement by tax exemption to settlers for ten years and other measures were advocated by J. R. Colley, Liberal for Kamloops. He advocated the assessment of all land for school purposes. Rural libraries and health insurance were also supported by Mr. Colley as aids to pioneering. Less attention to highways and more attention to byways was suggested as the construction of community roads was essential to expansion.

PRAYER BOOK IS APPROVED

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The House of Clergy of the Church Assembly today approved the revised prayer book on a vote of 247 to 35. The House of Bishops approved the book 35 to 5.

HAIG BURIED IN SCOTLAND

Carl Bore Coffin to Dryburgh Abbey and Another Was Loaded With Flowers

EDINBURGH, Feb. 7.—Earl Haig was today buried among his ancestors at Dryburgh Abbey with the simple rites of a Scottish laird. Despite stormy weather crowds gathered along the route from St. Giles' Cathedral where the body had lain in state to Waverley station.

At St. Boswell's an ordinary farm cart waited to carry the coffin over five miles to the abbey. Another cart, loaded with wreaths, lumbered in the wake of the coffin.

Instead of great soldiers, as in London, plain country folk carried the coffin to its last resting place in a few feet from the grave of Sir Walter Scott.

RIPPLE ROCK REMOVAL ADVOCATED VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Feb. 7.—The removal of Ripple Rock, Seymour Narrows, was recommended by a joint committee of the Vancouver Merchants' Exchange and Vancouver Board of Trade. The committee asks that recommendations be made to the government to have the work, costing approximately \$350,000, carried out.

NEW SAWMILL OPENS SOON

Georgetown Cutting Plant Closes End of This Week and Machinery to be Moved

The old sawmill of the Big Bay Lumber Co. at Georgetown will be closed up at the end of this week, stated George McAtee, manager of the company, this morning. The planing mill at Georgetown, however, will probably be in operation for another six weeks to cut up dry lumber on hand for canneries.

Meanwhile work continues on the company's new site at Seal Cove in the city where it is expected the sawmill will be running next month. The personnel of the Georgetown mill and some of the machinery therein will be moved to the new plant in the city.

Judge Gives Reason for Report Recommending Return of Railway and Peace River Lands to Province

OTTAWA, February 7.—The interim report of Mr. Justice Martin of Saskatchewan, the special commissioner appointed by the federal government to inquire into the claims of B.C. to the Railway Belt of British Columbia and the Peace River Block, filed yesterday recommending the return to British Columbia of the lands in question, says:

"The province has no legal claim to the lands in question. I am, however, firmly convinced that in order to do full justice to the status it was necessary to look behind the terms of union and consider the question in the light of conditions existing at the time and in the light of what has already happened with the passing of years.

"It is doubtful whether necessary support could have been secured for building the railway if the province had not agreed to convey the lands. The railway has proved to be the greatest unifying factor in the history of the country. Without it Canada of today would not have been possible. No other province had contributed land for the purpose and justice required that British Columbia be placed in the same position as other provinces with re-



AN ALPINIST PARTY in Emerald Pass Yoho National Park stops to view Mounts Pollinger, Collie and Isolation Peak

AIVAZOFFS WILL PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THEATRE ON PROPERTY ALREADY ACQUIRED

"The project will be proceeded with on the 100 by 50 foot space of property already held by us," stated Misak Aivazoff this morning in the matter of his Third Avenue theatre plans, following the meeting of the city council last night at which negotiations for lane space to the rear were terminated. The excavation necessary to the basement for the building will be proceeded with and plans for the structure will be prepared immediately.

Mr. Aivazoff felt, however, that a mistake had been made in failing to meet his application for additional lane space. Such lack of co-operation would not be a good advertisement for the city.

Mr. Aivazoff will return tonight on the Camosun to Vancouver. It is likely that he or his associate in the theatre venture will be back in the city in the near future.

Committed for Trial Charge of Murdering Father Peace Country

POUCE COUPE, February 7.—Lee Packer, 25 years of age, was committed for trial yesterday on a charge of murdering his father, W. A. Packer, north of Rollo, B.C.

Testimony given at the trial was to the effect that the elder Packer early Saturday morning after nagging his wife all night ordered her to go to bed or get out. She went out, followed by her youngest daughter. Packer followed, ordering her back. Then he knocked her down and when she got up took hold of her.

The daughter attempted to protect her mother, calling at the same time to her brother.

Lee must have grabbed a shot gun as he was leaving the house in response to the call and fired from a distance of sixty feet.

The father collapsed saying "I'm shot. He killed me."

Accused and his mother supported him into the house, where he died. The testimony showed that the father was a man of violent temper and the whole family lived in fear of him when his "tempers" were on.

The family came from Nevada about a year ago.

AUSTRIA ANGRY OVER ARREST

VIENNA, Feb. 7.—There is intense indignation in Austria over an incident yesterday in which Hungarian gendarmes with fixed bayonets invaded an Austrian coal mine at Ritzong and arrested a Hungarian emigrant coal miner, Paul Rath.

The Austrian government has demanded an apology and the return of the prisoner from Hungary.

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Aivazoff Withdraws Request for Part of Lane for Theatre Site When City Council Quibbled

Long Argument in Which Mayor and Aldermen and Solicitors Took Part Precedes Decision to Withdraw Application

Negotiations between Misak Aivazoff, builder of a new theatre on Third Avenue, and the city council for an extension of the building site ten feet into the lane at the rear came to a rather unexpected termination at the meeting of the council last night when Mr. Aivazoff, after hearing the mayor and aldermen debate upon the matter for an hour or more, suddenly threw up the sponge and declared that he would trouble the council no further and that the space of 100 by 50 feet already held by him would suffice for his needs. Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Aivazoff had withdrawn his application for twenty-five feet of additional depth in the lane and it was during the discussion of his application for the ten feet that the impasse came, relieving the council at least of coming to a final decision on the matter which did not give promise of being unanimous although it was possible that it might have been favorable to Mr. Aivazoff's application. Discussion of the question brought an expected number of spectators to the chamber, the audience being one of the largest that has honored the deliberations of the council with its attendance in many years.

The question was opened for discussion on the receipt of a report from the Board of Works recommending that, for reasons set forth in detail by the city engineer in an appended report, the original bylaw providing for the conveyance of ten feet of lane to Mr. Aivazoff be not passed. The report of the engineer gave data and estimates on the costs of sewer, transmission line, reading room, etc., removal and lane grading costs that would be involved in the alternate applications of Mr. Aivazoff for ten and twenty-five feet of lane space.

Speaking to the report, Ald. Greer announced that it had been decided by the Board of Works that it would not be feasible to allow a bend being made in the lane. It was preferable that the sewer, if it was to be moved, should be run straight through. This would necessitate the straightening out of the whole lane. The cost of moving the sewer on the ten foot basis would be \$2,000; on the twenty-five plan, it would be \$2,400. Ald. Greer stated that he did not have the figures which would be involved in moving the power line.

City Solicitor Jones pointed out that, in dealing with the question, the council had two alternatives: 1, to make the exchange of property on one side of the lane for that on the other as originally planned, or, second, to have the present lane abandoned by order-in-council and a new one set. All the owners of property in the block would have to be dealt with. It was an extraordinary power that the council had the privilege of exercising and the proceedings must be along set lines. The city, itself, did not have the power to change the whole lane.

MONARCHS WON COAST HOCKEY

Will Now Meet Champions of Kootenay in Provincial Playdowns

VANCOUVER, Feb. 7.—The Monarchs won the coast senior amateur hockey championship, last night defeating Victoria 7 goals to two and took the series by 9 goals to 4 thus earning the right to meet the Kootenay champions in the provincial playdowns.

The ex-King George Juniors defeated Victoria six to three, winning the round ten to six in order to enter the provincial series.

CONSERVATIVE CHOSEN AT WEST BRISTOL ELECTION

LONDON, Feb. 7.—C. T. Culverwell, Conservative, was elected at the by-election in West Bristol over Lady Annesley, Labor, and William Bary, Liberal. The seat was Conservative before.

PRINCE RUPERT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in the Metropole Hall, Third Ave., on Tuesday, February 7, at 8 p.m.

GEORGE W. JOHNSTONE, Secretary.

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