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ALASKA BOUNDARY QUESTION IS UP

HON. WILLIAM SLOAN URGES GO SLOW MINE SPECULATION

Kergin Moves to Secure Revision of Boundary in the Panhandle of Alaska

Legislature Asked to Declare That it Would be in Interests of United States and Canada to Have Change Made

VICTORIA, January 25.—Dissatisfaction that has been rest- less but voiceless in northern British Columbia for many years in respect to the Alaskan boundary line crystallized into a definite movement for readjustment of the border last night when H. F. Kergin, Liberal member for Atlin, filed a notice of motion asking the Canadian government to open negotiations with the United States with the object of acquiring the Alaska panhandle which is a barrier detrimental to the northern half of the province of B.C.

The motion asks the Legislature to place itself on record as of the opinion that the government should open negotiations with Washington, having in view a readjustment of the boundary. Such a readjustment would be in the interests of both Canada and the United States, the motion declares.

SLOAN URGES INVESTIGATE WHEN BUYING

Sees Danger in Stock Trading Without Knowledge of Properties Involved

IMPULSE IS NOT SAFE Money is Forthcoming to Develop Many Non-Producing Mines This Year

VICTORIA, Jan. 25.—In a statement made today Hon. William Sloan said he hoped the trading in mining stocks would not be carried too far. He urges investors to investigate the mineral properties rather than investing in impulse. "We must avoid a reaction that would hurt the continued progress of the industry," he said.

Mr. Sloan then added: "It is clear that outside attention is being directed as never before to the economic possibilities of the mineral wealth of British Columbia and other sections of the Northwest. This follows two years of record metal production and is not as surprising as it might seem to those who have had no direct concern in the industry. At least it would appear that the mining prospects are to have the funds needed to prove or disprove their merits.

"Last year saw more mining development, both led and placer, than in any year for a decade. This year will see the outstrip 1927 and besides a number of new producers will be found on the shipping list."

HICKMAN GOES TRIAL TODAY

Possibility of His Being Declared Insane by Jury—Otherwise Will be Convicted

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—William E. Hickman went on trial today for the murder of Marian Parker. The jury will decide whether he is sane and if sane he will be sentenced to execution or life imprisonment. If insane, he will be confined to an institution with possibility of release if later it is shown that he is again sane, according to the interpretation given to new California law by some lawyers.

HEAVY SELLING DOWNS PRICES

Last Hour on New York Exchange Saw Downward Movement With Raising Call Money

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—There was heavy selling during the last hour of the exchange was open today after a brisk rally in public utilities and a few specialties had superceded a weak opening. Following the raising of the call money rate to four per cent, such stocks as United States Steel, General Motors and Montgomery Ward were in the forefront in the downward movement.



ALPINISTS TRAVERSING A GLACIER TONGUE on the way to Mount President in Yoho National Park, B.C. Mounts Barometer and Balfour in the distance.

Provincial Public Accounts Show Slight Deficit but Capital Paid Out of Revenue and Expense Large

Loss of Oil Tax and Payment of Large Sum for Fire Protection Was Drain on Finances: Sinking Fund Intact

VICTORIA, January 25.—The public accounts tabled yesterday in the Legislature by Premier MacLean state that the revenues for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1927, were \$472,000 more than was anticipated but unexpected expenditures resulted in a deficit of \$260,000. The reasons given for the deficit were the disbursement of \$275,000 for forest protection in excess of the average requirements for the previous years as a result of heavy losses in 1926; a large unexpected increase per capita grants to additional hospitals, and payment of \$3,000,000 capital expenditure out of revenue.

The report also refers to loss to the provincial revenues of \$345,000 owing to the Privy Council pronouncing the fuel oil tax ultra vires and the reduction of taxation by \$525,000. The sum of \$2,185,000 was set aside toward a sinking fund for redeeming debts at maturity. The sinking fund now stands at \$16,400,000.

BLUE FOX TAKEN BY TRAPPER ON TUGWELL ISLAND
John Leighton, Metlakatla native, trapping Sunday on the Indian Reserve of Tugwell Island, captured a blue fox. The animal was quite savage and attempted to bite its captor so it was necessary to kill it. The theory is that the fox probably made its way down the coast from Alaska and crossed Metlakatla Bar to Tugwell Island. The natural aversion of the fox for the water eliminates to some extent the possibility of the animal having swam from the nearby Kinaban Island fur farm.

20 YEARS FOR EDMONTON MAN

Attempted to Murder Policeman by Shooting at Him When Surprised

EDMONTON, Jan. 25.—Joseph Laineck was found guilty by a jury in the criminal court of the attempted murder of Constable Adams of the city police force and Mr. Justice Tweedie sentenced him to the penitentiary for 20 years.

Laineck shot and wounded Adams when the latter surprised him in an attempt to rob a store.

LIQUOR SALES SHOW INCREASE

Annual Report Submitted to Legislature Give Figures on Transactions

VICTORIA, Jan. 25.—The liquor board's annual report filed in the Legislature yesterday shows total liquor sales from Government stores for the year ending March 31 last totalling \$13,805,009. In the following six months the sales increased proportionately to \$7,156,869.

The figures include the amounts paid by the licensees for their beer but do not record the profits of beer parlors.

Record for Loading Grain Vessel Homer City Which Is to Sail This Evening

A quick job of loading the vessel having been made at the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator, the British freighter Homer City, twelfth grain ship of the season for this port, will sail this evening or tomorrow morning with a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom or Continent. The vessel has been in port only three days so the elevator has thus made its best record to date in the loading of a ship.

About fifty carloads of grain have arrived here from the prairies during the past twenty-four hours and railway offices this morning reported 350 cars on the division west of Jasper Park bound here.

Up to late this morning, no word was available as to other charters for Prince Rupert although there will probably be at least one boat arrive within the next few days.

Hon. R. B. Bennett Attends First Political Banquet Since Being Chosen Leader of Conservatives

OTTAWA, January 25.—"Canada's great position is not attributable to any foresight or prescience or vision of those who govern," declared Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative chieftain, last night at the first political banquet he has attended since assuming the reins of leadership. The occasion was the banquet in his honor given by the Conservative Association here.

"The great position the country now occupies arises from foundations laid by and the vision of men long years before. Those foundations were laid in toil with faith and hope in the morrow."

The development of the natural resources for the benefit of Canadians, protection of the water powers, an adequate immigration policy and development of trade were advocated by Mr. Bennett.

Topley Richfield Mine Financed Says Taylor Just Back From South

Development Will be Pushed Until Property is on a Producing Basis Declares Discoverer and Managing Director

Reporting complete success in efforts to provide further finances for the development and operation of the famous Topley-Richfield mine at Topley, of which he was the discoverer and is now the managing director, Frank H. Taylor of Smithers arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, on his return to the interior. The Topley-Richfield has been working about twenty men all winter and, despite cold weather and other handicaps, operations have been carried steadily on. With plenty of funds available, development work on the immense ore body will now be pushed until the mine is placed on a producing basis which should not be long. That the Topley-Richfield is shaping up like a second Hillinger, is the statement of Mr. Taylor.

"We have done 800 feet of underground work exploring an area 100 feet deep, 100 feet wide and 250 feet long and we have yet to find the walls of the ore body," said Mr. Taylor. "We have been always in mineralized formation, some of it very low grade, of course, but all of it showing enough mineral to be classed as ore.

"We have installed a compressor plant and have a pump that keeps our workings free of water. Our gold values are increasing as we drift on the 100 foot level.

TURNBULL REPORTS
"Prof. J. M. Turnbull of the University of B.C. has examined our property and advises the expenditure of a further \$25,000 to \$50,000 in preliminary exploration work. He finds an average of \$13.21 in ore broken from three workings and that might be regarded as representative of what the ore, as at present located, would yield to a mill. Prof. Turnbull has reported that the existence of a large ore body is indicated.

"Our work is rather puzzling. The surface is practically covered by glacial drift, making surface tracing of the veins difficult and in fact almost impossible. We have not yet managed to learn, from underground work, how the ore body trends. We shall continue drifting for a time and if we do not find the walls that way a diamond drill will be put to work.

TO SINK ON ORE
"It is my intention to go down on the ore another 100 feet or more in the near future."

TRIBUTES TO JOHN OLIVER

Legislature Puts Aside all Other Business to Pay Respects to Late Premier

VICTORIA, Jan. 25.—Premier MacLean and R. H. Pooley paid eloquent tributes to the late Premier Oliver in their speeches in the Legislature yesterday afternoon. Throwing aside all other business after the opening of the Legislature the House paused to pay a final tribute to the memory of the late statesman. On motion of Premier MacLean seconded by R. H. Pooley, leader of the opposition, the House by a standing vote placed on record "its deep sorrow and sense of loss in the death of the late Prime Minister who had for many years devoted his great gifts to the service of the province and whose high personal character won the respect of all who knew him."

TO INVESTIGATE IF AMERICAN NAVAL OIL SOLD TO BRITISH FIRM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Wilbur has ordered an investigation to determine whether oil from the naval reserve in California is being sold to the Royal Dutch Shell Company, a British concern, by the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company.

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CANADIENS IN WINNING GAME

Smother Chicago Ten Goals to Nothing Last Night; Rough Play at Boston

TORONTO, Jan. 25.—Meeting Chicago at Montreal, the Canadiens piled up the largest score of the season, blanking the Hawks ten goals to nothing. The Frenchmen smothered Nugie Lahman, the veteran Chicago goalie, under an avalanche of shots. As far as Lahman was concerned it was just one puck after another.

In the American section Boston and Pittsburgh tangled for the third time this season in a scoreless draw featured by rough play, no less than sixteen penalties being handed out.

Spurring near the close of the game, Ottawa defeated the New York Americans, winning their first game in two weeks. Scores were:

Chicago 0, Canadiens 10.
Ottawa 2, New York Americans 0.
Pittsburg 0, Boston 0.

BOOTLEG KING NOT AVAILABLE

Lawyer Refuses to Produce Him to Give Evidence on Immigration

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.—C. S. Arnold, counsel for Joe Parente of San Francisco, alleged bootleg king, refused to produce his client yesterday afternoon before the immigration board inquiry investigating entry into Canada. Arnold claimed that La Parente's arrest was illegal as an order from the department of immigration at Ottawa is required which was not forthcoming until ten days after the arrest. The board adjourned, the chairman refusing to make a statement. In the meantime Parente is at liberty on bail.

STOCK TRADING SLACKENED OFF

Still Active But Not Like Previous Day and With Fewer Fluctuations

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.—Tuesday's trading on the stock exchange was active but steadier than for the previous day. Narrow fluctuations with easing tendencies and recessions at the close were apparent. The transactions were in smaller lots. The total sales for the day were 971,027 shares valued at \$372,903.

MAY ATTEMPT FLOAT NORTHWESTERN AT WEEK END IT IS ANNOUNCED

VICTORIA, Jan. 25.—Salvage work on the steamer Northwestern which went ashore some weeks ago at Cape Mudge, is so far advanced that an attempt to float the vessel may be made at this week end.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.—The price of Number 1 Northern wheat this morning here was \$1.48 a bushel.

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