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ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE TASCHEREAU CONTRACT TO BUILD SEINERS SECURED FOR DRY DOCK

EDITORIAL

LOCAL ELEVATOR FIASCO

Great interest has been aroused locally by the campaign just started in connection with the shipment of grain from the port of Prince Rupert. This year there have been eight vessels loaded here, as against 27 last year. Apparently no efforts are made to bring ships to this port and the Pool, having its own elevator at Vancouver, prefers to ship through that port, meanwhile the elevator which the government built in order to encourage the development of Prince Rupert as a grain shipping port is idle.

Considerable criticism is heard here as to the management of the Alberta Wheat Pool. It is said that in chartering ships no effort is made to have them come to Prince Rupert. In fact, the extra charge of nine-pence a ton is rather encouraged than otherwise. Even vessels coming here from the Orient make that extra charge, though it is admitted by them and by all concerned that it is cheaper to come to Prince Rupert.

The roundabout manner in which charters are secured is one of the matters of criticism. If a vessel is required, the Calgary office wires the agents at Vancouver. That office wires their agents at San Francisco and the San Francisco agents wire other agents in London. The whole system tends to wastefulness and Prince Rupert suffers as well as the farmers whose grain is being handled.

It is suggested, and we think the plan a good one, that Prince Rupert people should unite in a general aggressive campaign to have things set right here. The Board of Trade, city council and the local political organizations should all use their united efforts and no stone be left unturned to bring about a change.

Prince Rupert has nothing to lose by antagonizing the Pool, for it has received nothing. This year's business has been almost a complete fiasco.

WILL CONFER ON B. C. LANDS

VICTORIA, Feb. 28.—It is expected that a conference on the details of the transfer of railway lands in B. C. and the Peace River block from the federal government to the province will be held here early next month.

Premier Tolmie received word from Ottawa that the officials of the federal government leave Ottawa at the end of the first week in March for Victoria to prepare a way for the transfer of lands.

Attempt Made to Wreck Office of Premier Taschereau of Quebec With Stick of Dynamite and Fuse

Premier Stepped On Fuse When He Entered Room Last Night; Explosion Would Have Destroyed Building; Reward Offered

QUEBEC, Feb. 28.—A reward of \$3000 has been offered by the government of Quebec for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who placed a stick of dynamite in Premier Taschereau's office. The stick was found by the premier Tuesday night and the fuse extinguished before it exploded. The piece of dynamite was nine inches long and was capable of blowing up the entire wing of the legislative buildings.

When the premier entered the room and turned on the light he noticed the dynamite. He walked across the room and stamped on the fuse. He is not clear whether this put out the fuse or whether it had been blown out by the draft when he opened the door.

The premier's room can be reached only by a special key. People around the legislature recall seeing a light in the premier's suite at 10 p.m. The premier made the discovery at 10:30.

Pawson Addresses Gyro Club on Utility Corporations and Their Place in Communities

"If our offer to take over the local public utilities is accepted, it will be much to our interest that Prince Rupert should be developed to a position where we will be able to realize a fair return on our investment," declared H. E. Pawson, commercial manager for the Power Corporation of Canada, when briefly referring to the local power negotiations in an address before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday on "The Relation of Public Utilities to the Community." Mr. Pawson stated that, as matters stood at present, the Power Corporation would be taking over a utility which cost \$220,000 per year, including interest on an investment of \$2,000,000 and running costs, to operate and from which there was a revenue at this time of only \$125,000 a year. It would be the object of the company to wipe out this difference of some \$1,000,000 and to put the utility in a position where it would be making a fair return. Mr. Pawson pointed out that the local utility would be a separate entity in itself independent of assistance to or from any other. He expressed confidence that the agreement would be accepted by the ratepayers tomorrow. The

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WILL RETAIN POST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—James W. Davis, secretary of labor, will retain that post in the Hoover cabinet.

Vote on Power Bylaw Friday

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT—

...On Friday, March 1, a bylaw for the ratification of the sale of the Hydro-Electric Plant to the Power Co. of Canada will be submitted to you for your endorsement. The Agreement between the City and the Company has been carefully considered by all the members of the City Council, who have given a great deal of their time to the matter since negotiations were commenced several months ago.

One of the ablest lawyers in the Province was consulted and he has pronounced the agreement legal in every respect. To make sure that the City was fully protected and that nothing was overlooked a draft of the Agreement was sent to the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario. The commission endorsed the Agreement. Under these circumstances the City Council and myself feel that it is to your interest to vote for the bylaw.

Respectfully

S. P. McMORDIE,
Mayor.

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MUCH MONEY FOR CAMPAIGN

All Parties Got Cash From Winnipeg Electric Is Evidence Given at Inquiry

CONSERVATIVES MOST

Money Was Paid to Hon. Robert Rogers and John T. Haig by a resident of Company

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—Corroboration of the statement that \$700 was contributed by the Winnipeg Electric Company to the Conservatives, the Bracken government and the Liberal campaign funds was given yesterday by Edward Anderson, K.C., president of the company, before a royal commission investigating the charges of Lieut.-Col. E. G. Taylor against the Bracken government.

Mr. Anderson testified that he had given \$2000 to Hon. Robert Rogers and \$1500 to John T. Haig, Conservative, of Winnipeg.

Would you say your payment to Mr. Haig would further the company's interests? Mr. Anderson was asked by Hugh Phillips, K.C., counsel for Colonel Taylor.

"Well, it would not be adverse to our interest," said Mr. Anderson, explaining that the company was better linked with the public if in the good graces of the public men. "There was some dispute as to who should get the money," stated Mr. Anderson, referring to the reason why he telephoned Colonel Taylor, Conservative leader, at Portage La Prairie, asking to whom the money should be paid. "It seemed a question as to whether the money should be spent in the city or in the country," he added, saying, "Mr. Haig had suggested that the money should not be paid to Mr. Rogers."

HUGE POWER DEVELOPMENT CAMPBELL R.

VICTORIA, Feb. 28.—The plans of the British Columbia Power Corporation for the development of power on a huge scale with damming Battle Lake in Strathcona Park and damming the two Campbell Lakes below it and use of Campbell River was announced yesterday by officials of the subsidiary Vancouver Island Power Corporation.

From 85,000 to 90,000 horsepower would be created and a large part of it is reported to be planned to serve a smelter which the Consolidated Mining are said to be planning at some point on the coast.

WRECK IN CHINA

LONDON, Feb. 28.—An exchange telegraph Hongkong despatch today said that the Chinese steamer Shunan was wrecked with a loss of 80 lives, 28 miles above Ichang on the Yangtze River.

CLOSE CALL FOR LINDY

Wheel Fell off Plane So Flyer and Fiancee Landed On One

MEXICO, Feb. 28.—The clear-headedness of Colonel Lindbergh probably saved him and his fiancée, Miss Morrow, from serious injury or worse yesterday after a three-hour flight. The colonel dislocated his left shoulder when the plane capsized on landing in the field because the right wheel of the plane had fallen off. The landing was made on one wheel. Miss Morrow escaped without injury other than fright and shock.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—Unhunted by yesterday's mishap, Colonel Lindbergh and Miss Anne Morrow made a 30-minute flight today landing three times. Lindbergh used one hand. Both were in good spirits as they left the plane after the third landing.

INQUEST THIS AFTERNOON ON BODY OF MAN

In Spite of Wild Rumors There Is Little to Indicate Foul Play on William Gamula

Though many wild rumors have been in circulation since yesterday, Inspector William Spiller, provincial police, who is in personal charge of the investigation, stated this morning that the body of the man, William Gamula, which was found floating in the middle of the harbor late yesterday morning, bore no marks of violence other than a cut and a couple of bruises on the head. There is still uncertainty as to just how the man came to his death. It might have been accidental and the head injuries might have been caused by falling. It might also possibly have been foul play although, as far as can be learned from the police, there was nothing of a definite nature to suggest this. The body was found floating with arms extended upwards and had evidently been in the water only a few hours. This leads to the suggestion that the man might have been dead before he landed in the water and his body, therefore, floated. The police preferred to leave until the inquest this afternoon any deductions that might have been made by the physician who conducted the post-mortem examination yesterday as to whether or not the man had been drowned.

Gamula is believed to have been a farm laborer in Saskatchewan. He had been in the city for only seven days, police state. He is believed to have been about forty years of age. Apparently, he had few if any acquaintances in the city. He was a Ukrainian but no relation of P. Gamula of this city as has been rumored.

An inquest was opened yesterday afternoon by Coroner Norman A. Watt, adjournment being taken until 2:30 this afternoon after the body had been viewed at the B. C. Undertakers. The jury consists of George Lundie, John Bulger, Angus Anderson, Murdock McLeod, John S. Laurenson and John Durran.

Local Drydock Secures Another Nice Contract to Build Two Seiners

Another nice contract has come to the Prince Rupert dry dock in the form of an order for two large seineboats from the Island Packing Co., which has absorbed the former Prince Rupert fishing concern of Bradbury & Yell. Announcement of the letting of the contracts, representing an expenditure of some \$40,000, was made today by H. J. Bradbury.

The boats will be 65 footers with beam of 17 feet six inches and depth of nine feet. They will be of similar type, with bridge and open helm and high pilot house, to the big seineboat Falk of Sechart which the company has been operating in the herring fisheries here during the past month. The engines will be 75 h.p. Atlas Imperial full diesels and both boats will be used in pilchard seining on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

June 1 has been set as the date for delivery. Construction starts at once.

CHICAGO GANGSTER IS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF VALENTINE DAY KILLERS

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Jack McGuern, rated as the ace of gangster machine gunners, was identified last night as one of the sensational Valentine Day gang assassins here.

PRESIDENT OF BALL LEAGUE HAS PASSED

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—John Conway Toole, president of the International Baseball League, died today. He had been ill for 10 days with influenza.

KILLED AT ATHENS

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 28.—Twenty persons are believed to have been killed in the collapse of the Panlinca Cafe on University Street. Many are injured and a number were still buried in the ruins this afternoon.

Sharkey Won Closely Contested Battle With Young Stribling at Miami

Sharkey Outpointed and Outboxed His Southern Rival in Slashing 10-Round Fight Amid Tropic Surroundings Last Night

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 28.—The fistic hopes of W. E. (Young) Stribling, heavyweight prize fighter of Georgia, and the south skyrocketed last night in the balmy tropical air, flaring high and then falling extinguished in a sputtering blaze by the ramming fists of the big Boston sailor, Jack Sharkey, in a slashing 10-round fight that was thrillingly close from start to finish.

Sharkey had his hands lifted aloft as victor on the decision of Referee Lou Magnolia of New York, thus leaping back along the comeback road that leads toward the crown cast aside by Tunney last year.

Sharkey outpointed and outboxed his southern rival in a fast finish before a crowd of close to 40,000 in the most picturesque and colorful sport spectacle the south ever witnessed.

The gate will amount to \$400,000.