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CENSURE VOTE MOVED AT VICTORIA

LOOKS LIKE HORRIBLE MURDER DISCOVERED IN ENGLAND

T. D. Pattullo Shows His Teeth in His Opening Speech in Legislature on Address and Asks Questions

Moves Resolution of Want of Confidence in Government at Close of Address; Conservative Advocates Opening Peace

VICTORIA, Jan. 25.—Criticizing the government for having placed the handling of British Columbia securities with fiscal agents, Opposition Leader T. D. Pattullo in the legislature yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of a speech by him on the address in reply to the speech from the throne moved an amendment to the address to His Honor constituting a resolution of want of confidence in the government in the following words:

"This house strongly disapproves of the administrative policy and action in connection with the recent sale of provincial securities in that this was made privately, im- providently and contrary to sound public policy."

Mr. Pattullo said he deprecated the policy of placing securities of

the province in the hands of any agents, contending that the policy of the former government had been to sell all securities in the open market rather than by private sales.

The former minister of lands asked many questions in regard to the policies of the new government, including one as to whether it was proposed to amend the Liquor Act. What steps did the government propose to adopt to stop migration of young people to the United States from their schools and universities? What action should be taken on the lumber industry? What was meant in the speech by a change in the incidence of taxation? What would be expected by the country would be that the government reduce taxation rather than its redistribution.

Mr. Pattullo asserted that the prosperity of the province was due to the policy of the late government in past years and now they had as premier the man who had been the apostle of blue ruin in the campaign. What steps did he propose to take to bring about the promised reforms?

Premier Tolmie, who was absent from the house on account of illness, is expected to reply to Mr. Pattullo on Monday.

Open Up Peace

Dr. Walkem, Conservative of Vancouver, stressed the Peace River block development and advocated the building of a motor road from Prince George into the Peace country, so that business relations might be kept between the district and the southern part of the province rather than with Alberta. Until there was better rail connection, he contended there was no need of trying to pump more settlers into the Peace country.

MAYOR GIVES IDEA OF WORK FOR THE YEAR

At the opening meeting of the city council last night Mayor McMordie outlined briefly a few of the outstanding matters with which the council would be asked to deal during the coming year. These were as follows:

Power agreement by-law to be presented to the public as soon as possible.

Work on the roads and sidewalks to be continued the same as last year, with cement walks in the downtown district and cinder paths in the outlying districts.

That the sewer work be continued from McBride Street to Tatlow Street.

The council, the mayor suggested, should apply to the Dominion government for a fisherman's boat and a new federal building. Also to the provincial government for the sale of the government block.

The mayor said that he hoped they would be able to reduce the mill rate still further this year.

COUNCIL ASKS POWER TO TAX

The following resolution was passed by the city council last night unanimously and without discussion:

"That the City Clerk be instructed to draft a petition to the Legislature at this session to amend the Municipal Act so as to enable municipalities to tax all oil tanks and erections of this nature." The motion was by Ald. Collart, seconded by Ald. Brown.

LADY VAN HORNE DIES

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—The death took place here yesterday of Lady Van Horne, widow of the late Sir William Van Horne.

INJUNCTION STILL RESTRAINS FROM ELECTING GENERAL

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Hearing of the temporary injunction restraining the High Council of the Salvation Army from electing a successor to General Bramwell Booth was again adjourned, this time until Tuesday.

COMMITTEES CITY COUNCIL

Appointments Made Last Night By Mayor McMordie At Opening Session

At a meeting of the council last night standing committees for the year were appointed by the mayor, as follows:

Finance—Ald. Collart (chairman), Dibb and Dawson.
Board of Works—Ald. Brown (chairman), Orme, Rudderham Utilities—Ald. Macdonald (chairman), Prudhomme, Rudderham.

Building Commission—Ald. Brown (chairman), Prudhomme and Orme.

Soldiers' Housing—The Mayor (chairman), Ald. Collart, Dibb, Dawson, City Solicitor and City Treasurer.

Town Planning and Parks Commission—Messrs. J. C. McLennan, Thos. McClymont, Fred Riffou, Ald. Brown, City Solicitor and City Engineer.

Public Library—Ald. Dibb, James, Black, H. F. Pullen and Victor Basso-Bert.

Hospital—Ald. Brown and Macdonald.

Exhibition—Ald. Orme, Prudhomme and Dawson.

Fisheries—Ald. Rudderham (chairman), Brown and Dawson.
Reading Room—Ald. Rudderham, Messrs. J. J. Gillis, Frank Derry, George Smith, William Sibbald and W. E. Denning.

The Mayor is ex-officio, a member of all the committees.

After the reading of this the mayor asked for any comments or alterations that any of the aldermen thought would be an advantage. Ald. Dibb said that he thought that the division of the council into committees did not allow the members of a single committee to become acquainted with the city work outside of his own committee.

The mayor suggested that he could place Ald. Dibb's name on all three of the major committees.

It was pointed out that the minutes of every committee or council meeting could be seen at any time by any of the council.

Ald. Dawson stated he thought that as a general rule it was usually found that the smaller the committee the more satisfactorily the work was done.

WHITE CHRISTMAS FOR THE WATCH ON THE RHINE



A picture from Bingcn, Germany, showing a detachment of British soldiers marching along the river in a snowstorm on Christmas Day.

KING'S LUNGS ARE NOW WELL

Bulletin Issued Today Cause of Great Satisfaction in London

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The King's physicians issued this bulletin at 11:15 this morning:

The improvement in His Majesty's condition noted in the last bulletin continues. A bacteriological examination shows that the right chest is now free of the infected organism.

The bulletin caused a great deal of satisfaction, as it was interpreted to mean that His Majesty is now suffering only from weakness resulting from prolonged illness.

U. S. SENATOR DIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Former Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama died today.

MORE DISORDER IN AFGHANISTAN

BOMBAY, India, Jan. 25.—The Bombay Evening News today learned from Peshawar that another death has brought the number of Indian officers and troops killed accidentally by the British air bombarding plane up to 14.

Two troopers have had their legs amputated and are not expected to live. The newspaper said that 16 horses were killed.

The two airmen in charge of the bombing plane which mistook the soldiers for a previously prepared target have been taken into custody.

The newspaper says that a target of white-washed stones and earth had been prepared. A squadron of Pohna horse clad in white decided to pass over the area, although warned of the risk.

Another Epic of Sea Written In Daring Rescue Of Florida Crew by United States Liner

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Italian freighter Florida, whose crew of 32 men were rescued on Wednesday night by Capt. George Fried of the liner America, lost one man overboard two days before sending out the "SOS." Six of the crew were seriously injured when rescued. Four others are ill and all are exhausted from the fight for life.

The Florida's bridge was washed away and the vessel was listed so far that her captain feared she would roll completely over. Members of the crew were practically stripped of clothing by waves that battered unceasingly and the wind that lashed with ice and snow.

Chief Officer Manning of the America and eight men in a lifeboat effected the rescue in a full gale. While the America's searchlight played on the Florida, Manning approached to within 50 feet of the disabled vessel and dared go no closer. The lifeboat crew got a rope to the Florida and, one after another, the shivering sailors hurled themselves into the sea and pulled away hand over hand to the cockleshell that was their only hope of life. Once the rope parted and a seaman, half way across, had to be hauled back to the Florida. Another rope was strung across and the rescue completed. The captain of the Florida was the last to leave his vessel. The crew were dazed and hysterical and practically naked. They had to be lifted to the America with a breeches buoy, not having the strength themselves to climb the ladders.

Bodies Four Children Found at Romford, Essex---Throats Cut

ROMFORD, Essex, Jan. 25.—The bodies of four children, cousins, between the ages of two and a half and six and a half years were discovered with their throats cut in a shed on some undeveloped land in the neighborhood. The eldest boy and girl were the children of Percy Gray, aged 32, former member of the metropolitan police, London. The other boy and girl were the children of Gray's sister.

The police are seeking Gray, who was last seen yesterday afternoon walking on the street with the four children.

Gray was a policeman for eight years, but in trying to save an old woman who had stepped into the roadway in front of a fire engine he was knocked down by the engine and suffered head injuries. He spent a long time in a hospital and a period in a mental home. Since then he has been pensioned off.

RAILWAYMEN TO SEEK MORE PAY

TORONTO, Jan. 25.—It was announced here following a closed convention of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees that requests for a general increase in pay for all operating employees of the Canadian National Railways will be laid before officials of the railway in Montreal on February 18 by a general committee of the employees of the system.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA NAMED

WINNIPEG, Jan. 25.—J. D. McGregor of Brandon, prominent livestock man of Western Canada, has accepted the lieutenant-governorship of Manitoba. The formal appointment, it is understood will be made in a day or two.

VERNON BOOHER WILL EXPIATE CRUEL MURDER

EDMONTON, Jan. 25.—Vernon Booher will hang on April 24. After a deliberation of five hours and eight minutes the jury last night found him guilty of the murder of his mother, brother and two hired men on July 9, 1928, at Manville.

Mr. Justice Walsh immediately sentenced him to death. It is Booher's second trial for the murders. At the first trial he was found guilty and sentenced to death, but a new trial was granted.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at \$1.26 1/2.