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PRINCE RUPERT TAXES TO BE LOWER DISPOSAL OF MONEY FROM POWER COMPANY ARRANGED

Tax Rate of 45 Mills Recommended Council School Rate Criticized

Special Meeting of City Council Called For Next Monday to Deal With Matter After Explanations Made

At last night's council meeting, Mayor McMordie presiding and all the aldermen present, the finance committee recommended the striking of a mill rate of 45 mills made up as follows:

- General expenditure for the year, 16 mills.
- Levy to cover fixed charges, 13 mills.
- Rate to cover school expenses, 16 mills.

It was explained by Mayor McMordie that the rate would have been much higher had it not been that some money from the sale of the power utility was being used to pay off city bonds and thus reduce the interest charges. It was a slight decrease on last year, but the decrease would have been greater had it not been for the unwarranted increase of three mills in the school rate. The city unfortunately had no control over these expenditures. While the council had been trying to keep down the rate, the school board pushed their's up. The increase was almost 25 per cent and was altogether out of proportion to the expenditures in the remainder of the city.

CAPITAL FOR PEND O'REILLE

VANCOUVER, April 3.—Announcement was made today that the Pend O'Reille Mining Co. had been fully financed by United States capital and a big program of construction and development will be undertaken on this property and on the adjoining Reeves-McDonald controlled by Pend O'Reille. A new company, the Pend O'Reille Mines and Metals Company, is being formed.

BRACKEN SAYS NO CORRUPTION

WINNIPEG, April 3.—Appearing for the first time before the Seven Sisters royal commission, Premier John Bracken today denied the corruption charges against his Manitoba administration. No promise or understanding existed, testified the premier, prior to March 20, 1928, when the lease negotiations with the Winnipeg Electric Company were completed.

JUDSON MAYOR JUNEAU TODAY

JUNEAU, April 3.—Thomas B. Judson was re-elected mayor of Juneau yesterday, defeating Henry Rodden, attorney, by 178 votes. D. M. Bothwell and Lockie MacKinnon were elected councilmen on the Judson ticket, while G. E. Krause on the Rodden ticket won third seat by defeating Warner, a Judson man.

Alderman Prudhomme asked that the members of the council be given copies of the estimates. He knew nothing about what they were to pass on. After some discussion it was decided to provide each alderman with a copy of the estimates and to hold a special meeting next Monday to finally decide on the tax rate. Alderman Dibb explaining that not only was it proposed to reduce the tax rate, but the assessment also had been reduced. Had the assessment remained the same, the tax rate would have been reduced more.

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IS SALVAGING WRECKED DORIC

Is Abandoned By Owners and Attempt Will be Made to Tow Her Here

LIGHT BADLY NEEDED

Accident Might Have Been Avoided if Needed Aid to Navigation Was There

The halibut schooner Doric is a total wreck abandoned by the owners and will be floated and brought here by the Pacific Salvage Company for the underwriters who have \$25,000 insurance against the vessel. She will be floated by putting 40 empty drums inside her and then towed to the drydock here. In order to do this some rock has to be blasted.

Capt. Paul Armour, who has charge of the work says he intends to draw attention of the authorities to the need of a light on the outside of Kinahan Island. Had there been a light at that point the Doric would not have piled up on the rocks yesterday morning. The fishermen have been asking for this light for years.

The Doric is reported to have her bottom virtually torn out. Her cargo of halibut is flowing out into the water through the sides. The vessel is partially submerged at the high tides. The surf is gradually piling her up further onto the rocks.

The crew was brought to the city aboard the Salvage Princess yesterday afternoon. It is believed that all the fish on the vessel will be spoiled. Capt. O. B. Hanney, part owner of the Doric, was on watch when the vessel struck. He was groping his way through a blinding snowstorm at a very slow speed.

WILKINS PLANS POLAR WORK IN A SUBMARINE

SOUTH PLAINFIELDS, New Jersey, April 3.—Sir George Hubert Wilkins, before leaving here for San Francisco in a plane, spoke of his plans in the southern polar regions. He emphasized that the life was not dangerous. In the submarine in which it was planned to travel they would be kept comfortably warm. They would be just below the icebergs.

Sir George has just returned from flying across the southern polar regions and previously from Point Barrow in the north polar regions to Spitzbergen.

BRACKEN GOVT. IS SUSTAINED

WINNIPEG, April 3.—By a vote of 31 to 19, confidence in the Bracken Government was expressed by the Manitoba Legislature last night when the Labor resolution demanding investigation of the Seven Sisters Falls power agreement by a committee of the house was defeated.

King George Recuperates Slowly



Slowly recovering his strength at Bognor, England, the photo shows King George in a wheel chair with Queen Mary at his side, during one of the frequent strolls which His Majesty enjoys, now that he is throwing off the terrible effects of the sickness which almost proved fatal.

City Decides How to Dispose of Money Received for Power Plant; Will Purchase Own City Bonds

At the meeting of the city council last night the report of the finance committee dealing with the money received from the power company was adopted. It follows:

"Your finance committee recommends that the balance of money received from the sale of the power plant after the amount of \$228,000 has been deposited with the Montreal Trust Co. be placed in a special city trust account with the Royal Bank of Canada, and that city of Prince Rupert bonds to the amount of approximately \$128,000 be purchased from this account, and that approximately \$17,500 be paid from this fund each year up to and including 1935 and thereafter \$10,000 per year shall be used from this account to pay off Prince Rupert bonds."

It was also reported that the papers had now all arrived and the city council at its meeting Monday night would decide definitely at what date the property passed to the power company and arrange any other details. Quotations have been received for suitable debentures which the city might purchase and the finance committee has been given power to act in this regard.

FIFTH VISIT OF LINDBERGH TO MEXICO

MEXICO, April 3.—Lindbergh arrived here yesterday by airplane on his fifth visit and was met by Miss Morrow. He will stay at the Embassy while here.

SNOW FALLING

Snow was falling this morning at Terrace, Rosswood, Aiyansh, Hazelton, Smithers and Vanderhoof, according to the Government Telegraphs report.

Slight Clue Found of Capt. Kingsford Smith and Southern Cross

SYDNEY, New South Wales, April 3.—One clue came out of the wild Australian bush today to guide the searchers for the airplane Southern Cross, which vanished on March 31 with Captain Charles Kingsford Smith and three companions, who were on the first lap of a flight to England.

The Drysdale River mission station this morning signalled Captain Chateau, Australian royal air force aviator, on the searching expedition, that an airplane passed over the station March 31, heading southwest. It was the slenderest of threads, but the first definite trace of the flyers since they vanished after sending a radio message that their motors were failing and that they were coming down in a blinding rainstorm into the bush about 100 miles east of Wyndham.

The vast labyrinth of western Australian bush is one of the most savage stretches of country left of the habitable part of the earth. Prospects are anything but cheerful. Torrential rains in New South Wales, Queensland and the northern territory today flooded the aerodromes and prevented the departure of planes to search the bush.

The aviators had little food and they were likely to meet with short shift from the hostile inhabitants of the uncivilized bushmen and even cannibalistic pygmies.

MAN MISSING ON LONG ROW

Frank Rothery Left Zayas Island Three Weeks Ago For Warke Canal in Nine Foot Boat

Frank Rothery, who was visiting with a friend at the Zayas Island sheep ranch, has not been heard from since about three weeks ago when he put off from there in a nine foot rowboat with Warke Canal as his destination. A storm arose soon after he left and the belief is that he may have perished in Chatham Sound. Zayas Island is some thirty miles from the mainland.

Several parties have searched for trace of the missing man but without success.

TO REPORT ON UTILITIES TO CITY COUNCIL

At the city council meeting last night the city treasurer was instructed to make a report on the city utilities to show whether the city had ever received any money from the alleged profits on these since 1920 or whether the city had had to put up money to keep them going. This was done on the recommendation of Mayor McMordie when Alderman Brown asked that the profits of the telephones be looked after by the utilities department so that they should not have to ask the city to put through bylaws when they needed money.

Mayor McMordie hinted that the report of the city treasurer would be an eye-opener to the council.

REBELS DRIVEN FROM JIMINEZ

MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS Gain Notable Victory Under General Almazan

MONTEREY, Mexico, April 3.—General Almazan, commander of the federal column attacking Jiminez, for whose possession battle has been waged with severe casualties for the past few days, entered Jiminez last night. Despatches stated that the rebels evacuated Jiminez in six troop trains.

INVESTIGATION OF TRAP NETS

Session of Special Commission to Be Held Here by Judge Ellis

VANCOUVER, April 3.—Appointment has been made of County Court Judge J. N. Ellis of Vancouver by Hon. J. P. A. Cardin, minister of fisheries, as a commissioner under the Dominion Inquiries Act to investigate trap net fishing in northern British Columbia waters contiguous to the Alaska boundary.

Judge Ellis is authorized to inquire into the question of whether it is in the public interest that trap nets for the capture of salmon should be permitted in that part of British Columbia.

His honor will leave here on April 15 and hold the first sitting in Prince Rupert. He will then return to Vancouver to take additional evidence.

J. C. BRADY, M.P.

WILL ADDRESS A

Public Meeting

in Moose Hall, Thursday Evening
April 4, at 8.15

ALL CITIZENS CORDIALLY INVITED