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# CALLES FORCES WINNING IN CIVIL WAR PASSAGE OF VALIDATION BILL IS DELAYED AT VICTORIA

## Cities Being Recaptured and Government Forces Break Down Revolution in Southern Mexico

NEW YORK, March 7.—The complete breakdown of the revolutionary movement in Vera Cruz and other parts of southern Mexico is reported today, while the rebels in the north continue to drive toward Jaurez, where a handful of federal troops await them.

General Jesus Aguirre, the rebel commander in Vera Cruz, is believed to have fled by the sea after the fighting yesterday, which ended when the consular corps secured an armistice to avoid further bloodshed.

The cities which the government forces have recovered are Monterey, Cordoba, Saltillo, Orizaba and Jalapa, while Vera Cruz is virtually re-captured.

The naval forces are said to have notified the government of President Portes Gil of their loyalty.

## RUM RUNNERS ARE TAKEN AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 7.—San Francisco rum runners were seized and a truck load of 5,000 cases of choice wines and liquors was captured at the same time at Santa Rosa. The police are of opinion that they have secured the leaders of one of the largest rum running groups in the States. The men on the truck had machine guns and following them in a sedan were three men also with machine guns. The latter could not use their guns for fear of hitting their comrades ahead. Two other trucks escaped.

## FARM LOANS FOR PROVINCE

VICTORIA, March 7.—Farm loans should be available to B. C. agriculturists by May 1, according to an announcement made by Dr. J. D. McLean, chairman of the federal farm loan board. Mr. MacLean stated that nominations for places on the provincial board had been made by the provincial government and will be considered by him and his colleagues immediately. Names of the nominees were unannounced.

## LONE BANDIT ROBS A BANK

DENVER, March 7.—A lone bandit entered a bank yesterday at Inglewood, near here, backed the cashier and other members of the staff into the vault and locked them in, getting away with \$3500. In the vault were large sums of currency which the bandit might have had if he had known.

## TORONTO STOCKS

Sherritt-Gordon	\$ 9.20
Teck Hughes	9.30
Mandy	1.58
Sudbury Basin	11.60
International Nickel	62.25

## WEALTH OF CANADA AGGREGATE BIG SUM

British Columbia Leads in Proportion to Population

OTTAWA, Mar. 7.—The aggregate national wealth for Canada for the year 1926 was \$26,691,182,000 says the report of Dominion Bureau statistics. This is exclusive of undeveloped natural resources. The largest single item for 1926 was agriculture with a total of \$7,917,718,000. Ontario ranked first in wealth with \$9,130,189,000.

British Columbia leads in per capita wealth with \$3,844. British Columbia's total wealth was \$2,185,210,000.

## GOVERNMENT MOVES TO BORROW TWELVE AND HALF MILLION

VICTORIA, Mar. 7.—The government is moving in the legislature to borrow \$12,500,000 this year. Nine and a half million will be for roads and \$3,000,000 to make up deficits.

## B.L.L. TO BORROW IS INTRODUCED BY TOLMIE GOVERNMENT

VICTORIA, March 7.—A bill introduced by the legislature last night will give the government power to borrow \$9,500,000 for the purpose of carrying out public works during the coming year.

## GASOLINE PRICES

Fishing boats arriving from Ketchikan report that gasoline is being sold there for 9c a gallon. Local companies are charging 21½c.

## LIQUOR PROBE

VICTORIA, Mar. 7.—The commencement of the enquiry into the appointment of Liquor Board officials under the former Liberal government has been postponed from today until Friday. The investigation will be open to the public.

## OFFICE HUNTERS AT WASHINGTON PESTER PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—The life of the new president is being made uncomfortable here by the large number of office seekers who beset the place. Most of them are men or women who supported Mr. Hoover in the election campaign last year and who have come looking for their reward. Not an office in the gift of the government but has its swarm of applicants and some of them are very insistent.

## WATER SHORT AT ROSSLAND

ROSSLAND, March 7.—Fire Marshal J. A. Thomas of Victoria conducted a court of inquiry into the Rossland fire of last Saturday. The session was short and the fire marshal came to no decision.

Witnesses stated that Rossland had trouble with its water system for some time during the winter owing to the shortage of water. The intake to the mains at the reservoir was frozen and of little use.

## Further Information About Debentures is Asked by Legislature

Power Deal Here Held Up in Meantime by Public Accounts Committee; Municipal Inspector to Enquire

VICTORIA, March 7.—Information on debentures still outstanding will have to be secured by Robert Baird, inspector of municipalities, before further progress can be made with the legislative bill to ratify the sale of the Prince Rupert hydro-electric system and franchise to Nesbitt-Thompson Co., of Montreal, it was decided in the private bills committee of the legislature this morning. The amount of the outstanding debentures is placed at \$218,000. It was felt that a sufficient sum should be placed in the sinking fund of the city to take care of the interest and principal of debentures.

H. R. Robertson, representing the city of Prince Rupert, and Mr. Baird will draft a wire to Prince Rupert asking what the city intends to do with the proceeds of the sale.

The city's sinking funds were in excellent shape, the committee was informed.

Meantime, the final closing of the deal between the city of Prince Rupert and Nesbitt-Thompson awaits the passing of

## LARGE SUM FOR STEWART LINE

Sum of \$300,000 to Be Spent Reconditioning and Surveying

VICTORIA, March 7.—In moving the second reading of the bill to amend the Canadian North-eastern Railway Act in the legislature, G. A. Walkem stated that arrangements had been completed for the expenditure of \$300,000 on the reconditioning of the existing line of the railway from Stewart and for surveys of the proposed extensions this year. The bill failed to pass for a second reading. Mr. Pattullo adjourned the debate.

## BRANCH LINES ARE APPROVED

OTTAWA, March 7.—The Canadian National branch line program to build approximately 700 miles of branch lines at an estimated cost of \$28,000,000 was approved in full by the railway committee yesterday. The branch line program of the Canadian Pacific for approximately 1100 miles was approved except for the proposed line from Melfort to Sutherland, Sask., in the area under dispute with the Canadian National. This line will be considered further tomorrow.

## RESOLUTION REGARD PRAIRIE WATERPOWERS

OTTAWA, March 7.—The house yesterday passed an amendment of Hon. H. H. Stevens to a resolution of J. S. Woodsworth respecting the disposition of unalienated waterpowers in the prairie provinces, giving the same status as those within the railway belt in British Columbia.

## Condition of Marshal Foch Regarded as Hopeless



Since his remarkable recovery from a severe heart attack a few weeks ago, Marshal Foch was considered to be on the road to rapid recovery. His condition now is reported to be very serious, however, and two of his five physicians in attendance on the great soldier regard the case as virtually hopeless. He is slowly sinking from an illness with lung, heart and kidney complications. The above photographs of the former generalissimo of the allied armies show him, left, leaving the British War Office, and, right, sitting in the grounds of his beautiful chateau "Claire Fontaine" in Brittany, with grandchildren.

## PECK VOTED WITH PATTULLO

Favored Amendment Against New Telephone Company Getting Right Increase Capital

VICTORIA, Mar. 7.—By a vote of 27 to 16 the amendment to the bill to incorporate the Northwest Telephone Company, providing that the share capital of the company could not be increased without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, was defeated. The amendment was moved by T. D. Pattullo and in his address he won the support of several of the Government members who voted for the amendment which was supported solidly by the opposition. Conservatives who supported the amendment were Messrs. Rutledge, Peck, Hayward, Dick and McNaughton.

## ONE MILL LEVY FOR ALL RURAL SCHOOLS

VICTORIA, March 7.—The provincial government decided to modify its plan to levy three mill school tax in the rural school districts by reducing the levy to one mill.

## CAPT. SAUNDERS PILOTAGE HEAD

Will Act Temporarily as Superintendent for Vancouver

OTTAWA, March 7.—The marine department will implement practically all recommendations of Mr. Justice Morrison in the B. C. pilotage inquiry, it was announced yesterday. Captain F. T. Saunders of Prince Rupert will temporarily act as pilotage superintendent at Vancouver.

## WILL LOG ON WEST COAST Q. C. ISLANDS

A. P. Allison of the Allison Logging Company, who has just returned from a trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands, told the Daily News that he was arranging for the first logging that had ever been done on the west coast of Queen Charlotte Islands. A number of small loggers will get out some of the timber in the inlets on that part of the coast and they will be picked up by one of the big barges and taken to the market.

Next week Mr. Allison is bringing a load of logs to Prince Rupert for the Big Bay Lumber Co., from Massett Inlet. He also buys logs at various points.

## MINERALS OF THE STIKINE

Dr. F. A. Kerr Tells Mining Convention of Winnipeg About Riches of B. C.

WINNIPEG, Mar. 7.—The Stikine River in British Columbia provides access to more than 200,000 square miles of unexplored mineral area, it was stated by Dr. F. A. Kerr of Vancouver during yesterday's session of the Canadian Mining Institute in convention here.

Dr. Kerr spoke on the development of the mineral resources of Northern B. C.

The territory made available for prospecting by the river comprises a portion of one or two of the main mineralized zones in B. C. The mineral in the area had already been proved.

## WATER BOARD AS UTILITY CONTROLLER

Proposal Objected to By Power Companies and May Be Changed

VICTORIA, Mar. 7.—The Provincial Water Board is to be given the job of controlling the public utility company operations in British Columbia for the present year under the plans laid before the power companies by the government in conference.

Hon. F. P. Burden, said, however, that the legislation as now drafted was subject to amendment. Following are the protests against some part of it by the power companies:

In effect the legislation as drafted would force any power company to supply electricity to any consumer who desired it, provided the consumer guaranteed to pay the cost of connection, other incidental costs and tolls. In case of dispute it would be subject to adjudication by the water board. Power interests asserted that it was "flagrantly unjust" to demand they supply power anywhere, at any cost, without being guaranteed full returns for their money.

## Scottish Humor

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## A DEAD LANGUAGE

Aberdeen Lary (to Schoolmaster): "I've come to see if you wad teach my boy Latin."  
Schoolmaster: "I shall be delighted, but why Latin, that is one of the dead languages?"  
Aberdeen Lady: "I ken that. You see, he's to be an undertaker like his father."