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J. L. RALSTON ADDRESSES CONFERENCE

UNEMPLOYMENT IS DISCUSSED WITH FEDERAL MINISTERS

Canada Prepared to Co-Operate One Hundred Per Cent. in Matter Of Disarmament; Minister Says

Powers Are Agreed That Naval Needs Are Relative and That, With Common Agreement, They Can Be Reduced

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Hon. J. L. Ralston, Canadian minister of national defence, addressing the first working session of the naval disarmament conference today, declared that no Canadian exposition on the naval question would be made at this time, but that Canada was prepared to cooperate one hundred per cent in the purposes of the conference. Australia also promised one hundred per cent cooperation.

In Queen Anne's drawing room at the Palace of St. James, naval powers today submitted statements of their naval needs. They all spoke of the desire of their peoples to feel secure, but coupled that with the emphatic statement that naval needs were relative and that, by common agreement, armaments could be reduced.

"It is a problem for us of the will to live,' exclaimed Premier Ramsay Macdonald. "It is a life or death problem for us to have free access to the whole world. The navy is us," he said.

BIGGEST SHIPMENT OF TRANS-PACIFIC GOLD NOW ON WAY

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 23:—The C. P. O. S. liner Empress of Canada sailed yesterday for Vancouver, carrying more than twenty million yen, or about $10,000,000, in gold. It is believed to be the largest trans-Pacific gold shipment in history. The gold is consigned for the United States Mint at San Francisco and will be taken there from Vancouver in a specially guarded train.

RICHMOND DISMISSED

Charge Under Game Act Thrown Out in Police Court; Will Be Appealed

Agreeing with the contention of L. W. Patmore, defence counsel, that the Crown had failed to prove in evidence that accused was actually a fur trader, Magistrate McClymont, in city police court this morning, dismissed a charge against A. Richmond of engaging in the fur trading business without first having obtained a fur traders' licence. Indicating that an appeal would be taken to County Court in the case, Inspector William Spiller, who prosecuted, asked that the department be allowed to hold the furs for forty-eight hours, pending formal notice of appeal. The magistrate allowed this request.

Evidence and argument of counsel in the case was heard yesterday afternoon. Game Warden E. Martin and Provincial Constable Gilker were the only witnesses for the crown, the defence tendering no evidence.

Takes Action On Ripple Rock and Hecate Straits

The council of the Board of Trade has again taken action in regard to the removal of Ripple Rock and the lighting of Hecate Straits. At a meeting held in the council chamber, they instructed the secretary to write to Ottawa asking that an amount be placed in the estimates sufficient to cover the cost of both these works.

It was announced recently that Hon. Dr. J. H. King had recommended to the minister of public works the removal of Ripple Rock.

Economic Council Is Being Set Up

Premier Ramsay Macdonald Makes Announcement in British House of Commons

LONDON, Jan, 23—Premier Ramsay Macdonald announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the government had decided to set up at once an economic advisory council. "I hope to secure the whole time services of two experienced economists on the council," he said.

NEW DOCKS AT VICTORIA

C. N. R. Has to Have New Accomodation for Ships; Work to Start Soon

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—Work on the new pier to be constructed by the Canadian National Railways in Victoria harbor will be commenced in about two weeks' time, according to B. C. Keeley, Pacific coast manager, Canadian National Steamships. Mr. Keeley leaves on Thursday evening for Montreal. He is taking a set of plans with him and will discuss with Sir Henry Thornton and the executive officials the final details for the new work. Immediately the plans are approved tenders will be called and the work will be commenced as quickly as possible.

When the decision was made to use the inner harbor at Victoria instead of Ogden Point docks, it was realized that the present docks must be completely rebuilt to accommodate the palatial new steamships that will go into service on the Pacific coast this summer. The new docks will be close to 400 feet in length, one being 90 feet in width and the second 60 feet. They will be constructed at an angle which will bring them in direct line with a continuation of Humboldt Street. The Dominion already has included in its harbor program the demolition and removal of Hospital Rock, opposite the new dock. The cost of the new dock will amount to approximately $200,000.

"The docks will be the most up to date it is possible to construct and should be ready for operation by July this summer," said Mr. Keeley prior to his departure for the East.

IS NOT GUILTY

EDMONTON, Jan. 23: — Mrs. Metro Yeleniuk, accused of her husband's murder, was found not guilty by a jury here last night.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23:—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at $1.29⅝.

OUTLET IS REQUESTED

United Farmers of Alberta Ask For Peace River Railway at Once

CALGARY, Jan. 23—Among a score of resolutions carried in the second day of the annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta here was one which favored the hurried completion of a Peace River rail outlet to the Pacific coast.

The resolution urged the importance of the fulfillment in the near future of Premier King's promise that the line would be provided "as soon as it was humanly possible."

FIRE AT SIMPSON

Power House of Hospital and Contents Destroyed Yesterday; Institution Itself Undamaged

Damage estimated at $2000 was done at 5:30 yesterday morning when fire destroyed the power house of the hospital at the neighboring village of Port Simpson. Included in the loss were the contents of the small building, including one oil engine and dynamo, a Delco plant as well as two converters. There was no insurance.

Fortunately, the wind kept the flames from the hospital building, which was itself undamaged. It will be in darkness, however, except for lamps and candles for a week or so until the power plant can be re-established.

An automobile in an adjoining shed was scorched in the blaze.

Relict of Former Governor Died At Ashcroft Manor

ASHCROFT, Jan. 23.—The death occurred yesterday at Ashcroft Manor, near here, of Mrs. G. F. Cornwall, widow of the late Hon. Clement Cornwall, former lieutenant-governor of British Columbia and afterwards County Court judge for Cariboo. She was 83 years of age.

W. E. Walsh

General Manager, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto.

OBJECT TO RED TALK

Russian Ambassador Asked To Discontinue Soviet Propaganda in Britain

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson announced in the House yesterday that he had already made representations to the Soviet ambassador concerning Red propaganda in Great Britain.

The incident arises out of a recent message from the Third Internationale in the paper "Daily Worker" which denounced the Labor government of Great Britain and urged upon the proletariat a class struggle.

Ontario Family Enters Contest of Combined Age

CARP, Ont., Jan. 23:—With 11 of the 12 sons and daughters of the late James A. Cowan and Christian Bradley alive, the Cowan family enters the "oldest family" contest. The combined ages of the Cowans totalled 798 years, thus bettering the record of 715 years of the Moore family of Perrstown, Ont.

All members of the Cowan family were born on the homestead on the first line of Huntley township, some five miles from here. There are four generations with more than 160 descendants. Mr. Cowan died at the age of 71 years while his wife reached the age of 101 years.

CARDENA IN WATER

Union Steamer, Which Has Been Repairing, About to Leave For Vancouver

The pontoons at the local drydock upon which the steamer Cardena has lain while undergoing overhaul following her stranding a month ago were lowered at 10 o'clock this morning and the vessel is now afloat. About 3 o'clock this afternoon she is expected to steam off the dock altogether.

Late tonight or tomorrow morning, the Cardena will sail for Vancouver, where she will be recommissioned in her regular run next week. Capt. Andrew Johnstone will again be in command with the regular crew on board.

COASTGUARD RAMS BOAT

International Complications Arise Out of Attack on Vancouver Vessel

TAIHEIYO MARU

No Excuse for Offensive Upon His Boat, Capt. J. Butler Declares

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—The Vancouver deepsea motorboat Taiheiyo Maru was rammed by the United States coastguard vessel Bonham on January 17 and has been beached on one of the Guadelope Islands of Mexico, according to advices received by the owners here.

A protest has been sent to Ottawa with the request that the matter be taken up with the United States government.

Capt. J. Butler, master of the Taiheiyo Maru, states that the vessel was in ballast bound for home after an absence of four months and had no liquor on board. According to advices received, the Bonham came in on the Taiheiyo 150 miles below the United States-Mexico line and gave pursuit, ramming her and smashing a big hole in the hull. The presence of another small craft, according to the captain, saved him from sinking. The third craft towed him to the beach where repairs were made.

The Taiheiyo Maru is a 65-foot motor boat which was built here last summer. It went south to engage in Mexican coastwise operations.

BIG FIRE AT WHITE ROCK

One Hundred Thousand Dollars Damage Done In Blaze Last Night at Border Town

WHOLE PLACE THREATENED

Central Hotel Included in Fifteen Business Places Destroyed

WHITE ROCK, Jan. 23.—Fire, which for a time threatened the destruction of the entire town, actually destroyed fifteen business places, including the Central Hotel, here last night. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of $100,000.

Every available man in the town and district fought the flames and assistance from New Westminster was sent for.

The flames broke out shortly after 6 o'clock and it was four hours later before the conflagration was brought under control.

OCEAN FALLS WORK STOPS

Break in Big Penstock Forces Temporary Cessation of Paper Making Down the Coast

Production of the kraft and sulphite plants of the Pacific Mills at Ocean Falls has been interfered with and nearly 200 men will be idle at the coast paper town until early in February, as a result of a break in the large steel penstock which feeds the water to the turbines in the big pulp and paper mill.

Following the break, all possible efforts are being exerted to make repairs. It has been necessary to have steel delivered from San Francisco before the reconstruction can start. The penstock is 300 feet long and 12 feet in diameter.

Dominion is Ready To Plan Workless Remedy If Provinces Unable

Premier King Says Government Has Been Trying to Provide Labor; Postal Carriers' Wages Discussed

OTTAWA, Jan. 23—If the provinces of Canada join together in admitting that they cannot cope with the unemployment situation, the Dominion government is prepared to discuss remedial measures with them, Premier King announced last night. The premier added that the financial position of some of the provinces did not indicate that they were unable to cope with the situation, especially as it appeared to be largely seasonal. Mr. King further said that the government had been pursuing a policy of keeping men employed on government contracts at work.

Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, the premier said, had asked him how the government would view it if the system went behind financially as a result of keeping staffs up to full strength.

"I told him that I felt sure the government would favor straining everything in order to keep all men possible at work," said the premier.

The premier was talking to the delegation from the Trades & Labor Congress of Canada headed by Tom Moore, the president. Mr. King stated that the extension of the period for movement of Western coal to the Ontario market had resulted in keeping Alberta miners employed.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, postmaster-general, told the delegation that he was not going to get down on his "marrow bones" to the Civil Service Commission in order to obtain increased remuneration for letter carriers. He had twice recommended to the commission an increase for letter carriers and the recommendations had been refused. He did not propose to do it again.

The congress delegation expressed appreciation of the postmaster-general's action in giving New Year's Day as a holiday to letter carriers, and suggested that they also receive Christmas Day. Mr. Veniot replied that he thought the public had endorsed the New Year's holiday and he hoped to try out Christmas this year.

Mabel Normand Chance to Recover

Physicians Will Not Admit That Famous Screen Star Is Near Death

MONROVIA, Cal., Jan. 23.—Although her condition is still admitted to be serious, physicians deny that Mabel Normand, noted screen actress, is near death. Miss Normand is confined to Pottenger Sanitarium here with tuberculosis.

Missing Packer Reported Safe

Qualicum L. Returns To Chemainus, Vancouver Island, After Losing Cargo of Fish

The fish packer Qualicum L., which was reported missing last week between Chemainus, Vancouver Island, and Anacortes, Wash., returned safely to Chemainus. Coastguard craft located the boat in Haro Strait of the San Juan archipeligo. She had lost a cargo of 20 tons of herring in a storm.

INSURANCE MAN DIES

T. G. McConkey, General Manager of Canada Life, Passes

TORONTO, Jan. 23.—Thomas George McConkey, general manager of the Canada Life Assurance Co., died here yesterday. He was 69 years of age.

The late Mr. McConkey was born in Montreal on February 25, 1871. He was educated in the schools there and in 1892 became cashier for the New York Life Assurance Co. in Montreal. Later he was agency director for the New York Life in Toronto, and in 1896 returned to assume the post of branch manager for the North American Life Assurance Co. In 1906 he returned to Toronto as superintendent of agencies for the North American Co., joining the Canada Life Assurance Co. in 1911. He finally was appointed to general superintendent of this company and later, general manager.

Besides his widow, Mr. McConkey is survived by one son. He was a golfing enthusiastic; a Liberal in politics, and an Anglican in religious faith.

High Gold Values On Saddle Group

The tunnel at Silver Crest's Saddle property on Hastings Arm is now in 348 feet and a sample across twenty inches of face assayed $10 in gold, 7.80 ounces of silver, 2 per cent lead and 4 per cent zinc—a total value per ton of $20.33.

Increase in gold is encouraging and quite in line with sensational gold find on surface of adjoining Elkhorn group last summer.

GERMAN LINER STRIKES ROCK

Four Hundred Passengers Landed In Magellan Straits Without Loss of Life

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 23. — The German liner Monte Cervantes, carrying tourists from here, hit a rock in the Straits of Magellan. More than 400 passengers were landed without loss of life.

C. N. R. steamer Prince John, Capt. William Thomas, which was at first reported due to arrive in port this morning from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands, was held up by fog near Watun River, in Massett Inlet, last night, and is now reported due at 6 o'clock this evening.