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LICENCE ATTACHMENT IS ABOLISHED

ALL LOCAL RELIEF WORK CLOSED DOWN BY CITY COUNCIL

Important Change In Fishery Regulations Announced Yesterday

Commencing Next Year Oriental Fishermen Will Be Free Agents in Disposing of Salmon Catches—"Contracting" System Will Be Eliminated

Advice was received in Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon that the much protested system of attachment of Japanese fishing licences to certain salmon canneries in District No. 2 had been abolished by the Dominion Fisheries Department and that, commencing with the 1932 season, Japanese fishermen will be free agents like all other fishermen in the disposal of their salmon catches.

There have been 411 Japanese licences in all in District No. 2 under the attachment system, 295 of these being on the Skeena River and 73 on the Naas.

Following up the change of policy, local Japanese organizations are now urging upon the department that local resident Japanese of the district be given the preference in connection with the issuance of licences.

C. S. Obata, official of the Skeena Fishermen's Association and of the Prince Rupert Japanese Association, left for Port Essington today to confer with Japanese there in regard to the change of policy.

Big Repair Bill For Los Angeles Schools Okayed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The Los Angeles Board of Education yesterday authorized the expenditure of \$396,690 for improvement of nine schools in the city.

Mayor of Detroit Is Ill at Miami

Frank Murphy Is In Seclusion at Florida Resort

MIAMI, Dec. 23.—Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit, is in seclusion here recovering from a recent serious illness.

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF ORIENTAL EMPLOY LAW URGED BY JURY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Strict enforcement of the laws prohibiting the hiring of white female help by Orientals was urged by the coroner's jury which investigated the death of Miss Mary Shaw, waitress in an East Pender Street Cafe, and her Chinese slayer, Lee Dick, who ended his own life Saturday night after shooting the girl. It was revealed at the inquest that Lee Dick had invited Miss Shaw to go out with him and she had refused.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES BURN GERMAN BOYS

LOEN, Germany, Dec. 23.—Cotton costumes of six boys dressed as Santa Claus were set fire from candles on a Christmas tree at an entertainment here. Two of the boys were burned to death and the other four suffered severe burns.

APPROVED BY SENATE

War Debt Moratorium Needs But Presidential Signature Now

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 23.—The war debt moratorium needs but the presidential signature now to make it law. After two days of bitter wrangling, the Senate last night approved the measure, defeating all amendments which were presented.

Under the moratorium plan, a one-year suspension of war debts due the United States is declared. Obligations of European nations aggregating \$250,000,000 this year will not be paid.

The vote of the Senate in approval of the moratorium was 69 to 12.

Indications Of Storm Are Seen

Rough Weather May Attend Yuletide Season If Present Conditions Continue

Meteorological conditions this afternoon point to stormy weather for the Yuletide season although there is, of course, a possibility that it may pass over before Christmas Day. With temperature mild and wind in the southeast quarter, the barometer was rapidly dropping early this afternoon and had fallen below the 29 point mark.

Light Sales On Vancouver Mart

Porter-Idaho Sells at 8c and Premier Gold at 61.63c

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Sales on the Vancouver Stock Exchange Monday were very light. There was trading in Porter-Idaho at 8c and in Premier Gold at 61.63c.

MORATORIUM IN HUNGARY IS ON

BUDAPEST, Dec. 23.—A moratorium declared by the Hungarian government under which payment of all debts due by the country to outside nations is postponed came into effect today.

JAPS ON ADVANCE

General Offensive in Direction of Chinchow Starts—Chinese Suffer Casualties

MUKDEN, Dec. 23.—Japanese forces started Monday what appeared to be a general offensive against Chinchow, strategic Manchurian railway point which still remains under control of the Chinese.

Japanese soldiers, aided by bombing planes, inflicted heavy casualties upon Chinese regulars.

Unless the Chinese evacuate, it appears almost certain that the Japanese will attack Chinchow within the week.

CHINESE SCATTERED

Chinese regulars and bandits were scattered in all directions yesterday in a fierce battle north of Mukden. Japanese casualties were placed at a score while those of the Chinese were believed to be in the hundreds.

General Honjo, Japanese commander-in-chief, declared that the drive would continue until all Chinese were driven from Manchuria. There are estimated to be at least 100,000 Chinese soldiers under arms in Manchuria.

MONOPOLY DENOUNCED

Medical Freedom Advocated at Vancouver Meeting—Prominent Speakers Heard

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—A so-called monopoly enjoyed by the medical profession in British Columbia was condemned at a mass meeting held at the Colonial Theatre here Sunday night. Medical freedom was advocated by the meeting principal speakers at which were Dr. A. S. Murphy, William Dick M. L. A. and Angus McInnis M. P.

Dr. Murphy declared that all disease was caused by infection in the blood and that there was no necessity for people to pay high fees to be told to drink pure water.

TRAGEDY IN VANCOUVER

Three Persons Came to Violent Deaths Last Night in Southern City

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Three persons met tragic deaths here last night. The bodies of Fergus Chadwick, aged 62, street car motorman, and Mrs. Florence Dunkley were found in a room asphyxiated by gas escaping from a stove.

A man identified from a card found upon him as J. Tyler was instantly killed when he slipped while jumping from a train at the Canadian Pacific Railway depot. His address is unknown.

A One-Man Orchestra



The curse or boon to entertainment, depending how you look upon this sort of thing, is embodied in this one-man orchestra. W. E. Ames of Washington, while playing his fiddle, can accompany himself on the piano with special pedals.

Five Lives Taken and Many Priceless Volumes Lost as Library at Vatican Falls

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 23.—Priceless ancient volumes were damaged if not destroyed and five lives are believed to have been lost as a result of the collapse of two floors of the right wing of the Vatican library at dusk last evening.

Seven hours after the collapse, which was caused by the roof caving in, one of the library staff was extricated from the ruins but artificial respiration failed to save his life. Four others are believed to have lost their lives. No estimate of the property loss has yet been formed.

The structure was built in 1558. The four walls remain standing.

The Pope was grief-stricken at the accident.

ALLEN IS IMPROVED

Condition of Local Man, Hurt in Vancouver, Reported to Be Slightly Better Today

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—The condition of Frank W. Allen, formerly of Prince Rupert, who sustained a fractured skull and serious internal injuries in an automobile collision Saturday night, was reported today to be slightly improved.

Oil Regulations Are Explained

Wells Now Being Drilled Are Not Affected By Recent Governmental Order in Alberta

EDMONTON, Dec. 23.—It is explained here that regulations preventing the drilling into limestone in the Turner Valley oil field do not affect wells which are now being drilled.

Pound and Dollar Show Weakness on New York Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Canadian dollar closed at 81 3/4c on the local foreign exchange Monday, being one-eighth cent down from Saturday's close. The British pound sterling was off one-half cent selling at \$3.35 1/2.

RAILWAYMEN WILL NOT ACCEPT CUT

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The Railway Brotherhood will not accept the ten per cent cut in wages imposed by the railways upon the running trades, Senator James Murdoch, representative of the Railway Brotherhood, revealed today following a conference of railway officials and union heads. Conversations on the subject were adjourned until the middle of January.

Prince Rupert Budget For Unemployment Cut \$100,000 to \$47,500

Mayor Is Being Sent to Victoria to Interview Government—Word of Slash Came Like Bolt From Blue

Last evening all the relief work in the city closed down as the result of a message received from Victoria that the amount allotted to Prince Rupert was only \$47,500 instead of \$100,000 as originally promised. As the city had already spent approximately \$48,000 there was nothing to do but close down the work pending negotiations with the provincial government.

The city council held an emergency meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to send the Mayor to Victoria to urge upon the government the need of further grants to enable the work to continue for at least a brief period. The Mayor will leave for the south Friday night on the steamer Cardena.

At the meeting Mayor Orme read two telegrams, one in which he asked for a definite statement from the government in view of reports received that the appropriations had been pruned. Hon. R. W. Bruhn wired that the \$100,000 appropriation which had been approved September 25 had on October 31 been cut to \$50,000 and that it had been necessary to make a further cut of five per cent since. This brought the city's appropriation to \$47,500.

The mayor and aldermen expressed themselves as astonished that the government had not notified the city until now of the change in its policy. Some rather bitter remarks were made and the session proved a doleful one. Two resolutions were passed after hearing from the city treasurer. One was that all relief work be stopped at once and the other that the mayor be asked to go to Victoria and discuss the situation with the government. These were carried without discussion.

The city so far has not received from the government a dollar toward the relief work, the whole cost so far having been borne by the bank. As the bank already has to carry approximately \$100,000 of unold city bonds, it is evident that no further advances can be expected in that quarter. Unless the provincial government makes a further grant there will be no more relief work.

RELIEF WORK CLOSED DOWN

Fifteen Hundred Men Affected By Shutdown in Burnaby Municipality

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—The municipality of Burnaby closed down all relief work Monday morning owing to lack of finances. Fifteen hundred men are affected.

Blind Since She Was Born, Is Now Able to Use Eyes

BELAIRE, Ohio, Dec. 23.—As a result of a series of operations on her eyes, a nine-year old girl of this town, who had been blind since birth, was able to see yesterday.

HURT IN ELEVATOR

Three in Hospital As Result of Plunge in Vancouver Departmental Store

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—When an elevator in a local department store plunged out of control last night three persons were taken to hospital suffering from injuries sustained. They were Mrs. Beckner, suffering from a broken ankle; Mrs. D. M. Macdonald, a broken ankle and bruises and Patsy Macdonald, a broken left leg.

The flight of the car downward was arrested by an automatic stop at the first floor. Several other persons suffered minor injuries.

Quathiaski Cove Woman Drowned

Mrs. James Campbell Swept Off Stranded Boat by Large Wave and Lost Her Life

Mrs. James Campbell was drowned when she was swept by a wave off her husband's motor launch when it became stranded on a rock in Quathiaski Cove.

FINAL DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF FUND

Those who have so far not contributed to the Salvation Army relief fund should do so at once if they so wish as tomorrow is the last day before Christmas. In view of the recent order closing down relief work the need for aiding the Salvation Army fund will be doubly great and every dollar will be sorely needed. Those who can do so are strongly urged to contribute to this fund.

Table with names and amounts: Previously ackn'd \$228.72, Master Duncan McRae 1.00, Gladys and Ronald Bedford 2.00, Philpott, Evitt & Co. 20.00, A Friend 5.00, A Friend 2.00, A Friend 5.00, Capitol Theatre 14.75, Dr. H. O. Johnson 5.00, Anonymous 2.00, F. J. Boutell 1.00, Dr. W. T. Kergin 5.00, A. J. Lancaster 3.50, Mrs. Bushby, 1 sack potatoes, John & Ian, 1 carton bacon.