

It is essential that Canada take full advantage of the direct and most economical routes to the seaboard, according to the city of Vancouver in requesting the Commission on Railways to give consideration to the construction of a western outlet to the Peace River country. That is the stand taken by Prince Rupert and the people of the Peace and if followed would permanently exclude the P. G. E. from being a factor in the Peace River transportation.

The direct and most economical route is what Prince Rupert asks, that going westerly instead of southerly, and we believe it is what the people of Peace River want. To take any other course would at this time be suicidal to the future of the Peace River country and the success of the railways.

The brief drawn by George E. McCrossan, K.C., and approved by Acting Mayor Bennett sets forth the following points:

"There is enough first class arable land awaiting development in the Peace sufficient to duplicate the area under wheat in the three prairie provinces.

"In view that Canadian crops are in direct competition with such countries as the Argentine, it becomes essential that Canada takes full advantage of the most direct and economical routes to seaboard.

"Peace development would be a direct advantage to the railroads as well as the producer. It would afford large freight tonnage.

"It would enable the C. N. R. to take full advantage of its low gradients, which, without such increased tonnage, is not sufficiently able to capitalize.

"Through the development of the Peace great advantages would accrue in transcontinental haulage through the increased power of consumption of a large increase in population.

"The City of Vancouver submits that the Commission should give serious consideration to this vital national question of affording access to the Peace by the immediate development of railway facilities, and ask that the commission recommend accordingly."

Sixteen Year Old Boy Believed Responsible for Domestic Tragedy

Mrs. L. G. Tolman and Son and Daughter Are Found Dead—Two Bodies in Basement and That of Lad Outside With Gun

DRUMHELLER, Alta., Dec. 19:—A 16-year old boy, now dead, was today suspected as the slayer of his mother and six-year old sister as the Alberta Provincial Police probed a triple tragedy in the Rumsey district north of here. The dead are, Mrs. L. G. Tolman; her daughter, Theresa, and son, Robert. The mother and daughter were found shot to death in the basement of their home and the body of the son, with a gun by his side, was found outside.

PHONOGRAPH IS DONATED

G. J. Dawes Answers Appeal For Instrument to Be Placed at Cloyah Bay Relief Camp

In response to the appeal recently made for the donation of a gramophone to be installed at the Cloyah Bay relief camp, it was announced last night by the Prince Rupert Unemployed Association that such a donation had been made by G. J. Dawes. With the machine were presented a number of records but any further donations of records would be much appreciated, it is stated.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19:—Wheat was quoted at 60½¢ on the local exchange today.

HOOVER MORATORIUM IS ACCEPTED WITH CERTAIN RESERVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19:—President Herbert Hoover's war debt moratorium was approved by the House yesterday with an amendment opposing cancellation or reduction of Europe's war debts to the United States.

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILROAD SUBMITTED TO COMMISSION

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19:—Nationalization of 1000 miles of railroad between Winnipeg and North Bay and operation by the government as a free road was suggested to the Royal commission on railways here yesterday in a memorandum submitted by Senator W. H. Sharpe of Winnipeg.

Eagles Xmas Dance Enjoyed

Two Hundred Present at Delightful Affair Last Night in Aerie Hall

The Aerie Hall being gaily decorated with Christmas ornaments, the Eagles' Lodge staged a successful dance last night, about two hundred persons being present to enjoy the affair. Splendid music was furnished by Charlie Balagno and his Venetian Orchestra and dancing continued from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

George Brooke was, as usual, a genial master of ceremonies. James Brown presided at the door. At midnight delicious refreshments were served.

LABOR GOVERNMENT LOST

BOY SUSPECTED OF MURDER AND SUICIDE

CONCERT IS ENJOYABLE

Entertainment By the Children of Annunciation School

The annual Christmas concert by the children of Annunciation School, was held on Thursday and Friday evenings in the School Hall. There was a large attendance both evenings and the children played their parts exceptionally well. On Friday evening Santa Claus presented each child with a gift and words of Christmas Cheer.

The program ended with a speech by Bishop E. M. Bunoz.

The program was as follows:

Opening Chorus.

Duet, "Two Little Maids," Charlotte Balagno and Yvonne Riffou.

Play, "In Bethlehem Town," Blessed Mother, June Hankinson; Angels, Rachael DeMarco, Annie Byrne, Genevieve Shaeffer, Millie Obuchina, Anna Obuchina, Margaret Smith, Philomean Murray, Marguerite LaPorte, Olga Linguist and Irene David; Children, Josephine Murray, Leona Whiffen, Eileen Mair, Marie Amadio, Florence Obuchina and Frances Moore.

Dance, "Sailor's Hornpipe," Emile Blain, Hugh Smith, Mario Busanich, and Alan Burbank.

Song, "I Dunno Where," Nora McCaffery.

Song, "The Mumps," Gordon Atchison, George Marchildon, Emile Blain, Dan Magnet, Robert Turgeon, Paul LaPorte, Marcel Blain, Bernard Fortune, Howard Shadwell and Peter Brass.

Play, "It's a Ming," Aunt Lucinda, Gertrude Turgeon; Millie, Emma Whiffen, Minerva, Kathleen Fortune, Phyllis, Beale Marcella, Ellen Moore, Margaret, Margaret Beatty, girls at college; Agnes, Aunt Lucinda's niece, Kathleen Murray; Norah, Maid, Antoinette Blain; Miss Jones, reporter, Lydia Pettenuzzo; Miss Sprockette, Carrie Whiffen.

Harmonic Band, Andre Letourneau, Alan Gillis, Herbert Whiffen, Marshall Johnson, Shene Murray, Etoile Antonello, Severino Dominato, Terry Fortune, Bill Brass, John Scully, Henry Montesano and Emile Blain.

The Pill Doctor, Terry Fortune, John Scully and Dominic Montesano.

Play, "The Dolls' Symposium," Jack the Rover, Harry Astoria; Jack Tar, Bernard Fortune; Bobby Shafote, Napoleon Letourneau; Jack-in-the-Box, Marcel Blain; Bisque Dolls, Teresa Fasola, Rita Turgeon, Louise Larsen, Leona Whiffen; Rag Dolls, Delphine Balagno, Annie Smith, Olga Linguist, Lawrence Turgeon; Darky Dolls, Pauline LaPorte, Gladys Johnson, Charlotte Balagno, Frank DeMarco; Baby Dolls, Irene David, Dora Fasola, Mary Sicuro, Yvonne Riffou; Teddy Bears, Bruno Pettenuzzo, Hugh Burbank, Richard Moore, Victor Amadio; Dorothy, storekeeper's daughter, Nora McCaffery.

God Save the King.

Accompanist was Miss Marie Balagno.

An Ancient Indian Custom in Virginia



What did the governor of —, No. that's Carolina. This is Virginia, where Chief Manatawoop fulfils an ancient Indian custom of dragging a deer to the steps of the capitol and presenting it to the governor. Pass the vision, please.

Scullin Administration Swept Out of Office by Huge Margin in Australian Election Fight

Opposition Party Will Have Large Majority in New House —Hon. James Lyons to Be Next Premier of Southern Commonwealth

MELBOURNE, Dec. 20 (Sunday):—Australia's Labor government was defeated in Saturday's general election. Unofficial returns early this morning gave a total of 47 seats to the United Australia party including Nationalist and Country party factions. This is sufficient, even if five unreported seats went Labor, to give the former Opposition group a majority of about 27 over all other parties combined in the House of 75 members.

CONCERT IS PRESENTED

Santa Claus Pays Visit to Children of Rupert East United Church Sunday School

The event being sponsored by friends and members of the Ladies' Aid, Rupert East United Church Sunday School had a Christmas Tree entertainment last night in the church hall. There was a large attendance at the function which was presided over by Rev. Alfred Wilson, pastor of First United Church.

Feature of the evening's proceedings was, of course, a visit from Santa Claus who distributed presents and sweets to the children. Community singing, led by Rev. A. Wilson, was then enjoyed.

With Miss Kathleen Duncan as piano accompanist, the program was as follows:

Hymn.

Recitation, Jean Watt.

Recitation, Alan Leighton.

Violin solo, Alice Gomez.

Recitation, John Watt.

Pianoforte solo, Joan Squire.

Recitation, Beth Lord.

Recitation, Rudolph Warne.

Violin solo, Wm. Murray.

Carol, four ladies.

Hon. E. G. Theodore, Commonwealth treasurer and government storm centre against whom charges of indulging in patronage in connection with relief works were levelled, was defeated in Dalley, New South Wales, by the extremist Labor candidate.

Premier James Scullin was personally elected.

Hon. James Lyons, leader of the United Australia party, who will be the new Premier, and Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce, former Premier, were both elected.

The United Australia Party is a combination of right wing Laborites, Nationalists and Country party. The unofficial party standing on Sunday morning was as follows:

United Australia Party	37
Country Party	14
Government Labor	16
Left Wing Labor	7
Independent	1

Nineteen gains were made by other parties at the expense of the Scullin government.

Tomorrow's Tides

Sunday, December 20, 1931			
High	10:05 a.m.	19:0 ft.	
	22:56 p.m.	16:0 ft.	
Low	3:22 a.m.	9:7 ft.	
	16:48 p.m.	6:9 ft.	

RAILROAD WAGE CUT

United States Lines Decide to Reduce Pay of Employees by Fifteen Percent

NEW YORK, Dec. 19:—More than one hundred presidents and executives of Class One railroads yesterday agreed to serve 30-day notice on Union Brotherhoods of termination of present wage contracts and intention to cut wages by 15%.

Expectation is that the Brotherhoods will make a vigorous protest at the action and endeavor to prevent the decision being made effective.

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

Northern B. C. Fishermen's Association Request Complied With By Government

A request which was made recently by the Northern British Columbia Fishermen's Association that the provincial government put in first aid equipment at Langara Island, where many trolling fishermen operate during the summer, has been complied with and there has just been received here from the British Columbia health department a full outfit including blankets, stretcher, hot water bottles, etc. The equipment will be installed at Langara Island before the opening of the next season.

SEVERAL DROWNED

Twenty-Eight Persons Lost Lives as Severe Storm Swept North Sea Yesterday

LONDON, Dec. 19:—Twenty-eight persons are believed to have been drowned in sea tragedies resulting from violent gales which swept the North Sea and surrounding areas yesterday. A number of fishermen are among the drowned.

Members of the crew of the lighthouse tender Newington sailing last night on the Cardena to visit in the south included F. A. Russell, W. Gillespie, W. Flewin, J. Flewin and A. Duncan.

APPEAL IS SUBMITTED

Princess Sophia Claims Before Circuit Court of Appeal in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19:—The United States Circuit Court of Appeal on Thursday took the case of claimants in the steamship Princess Sophia disaster under submission after lengthy arguments by counsel for 227 claimants and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

When the vessel sank in a storm after having struck Vanderbilt in Lynn Canal, Alaska, in October, 1918, 347 persons were drowned, everyone on board being lost.

Local school teachers sailing last night on the Cardena to spend the Christmas and New Year vacations at their homes in the south included Miss L. A. Row, Miss E. White, Miss E. Lucas, Miss E. P. Grassie, M. Delaney, Miss Phyllis Lamb, Miss Mary Easthope and Harry Gilliland.

MANY EXPECTED TO DINNER FRIDAY AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Already it is abundantly evident that the number hoping to eat their Christmas dinners at the Salvation Army Citadel will be larger than ever before.

Plans are being made to accommodate them all but it will cost a good deal to do it in addition to providing hampers for all those in need.

Captain Steele would like to have a musical program at the Citadel during Christmas afternoon and would welcome volunteers who would help with the entertainment.

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Dybhavn & Hanson	5.00
Anonymous	2.00
A Friend	2.00
M. Lemon	2.00