

FRANCO-ITALIAN NAVAL RACE ENDED

New Province Demanded

PEACE RIVER COUNTRY AGAIN ON WAR PATH AND WOULD HAVE PEOPLE OF NORTH ORGANIZE FROM COAST TO PEACE

The Peace River Record, which for years has been leading public opinion in the Peace River country, is dissatisfied with the present outlook and comes out once more in favor of a new province for the north which would include Prince Rupert. It says:

Had the Alberta government expressly forbidden settlement in the Peace River country, it could no more effectively have stagnated development of the north than is bound to result under the lands act. With a colossal ignorance of the vast domain, the development and administration of which has been entrusted to their care, the government of Alberta denies the north country any further opportunity for settlement and development.

The people of the north have stood back while the department of municipal affairs had theorized on how it is supposed to utilize local improvement district taxes in the development of the various local improvement districts. We have read pages of newspaper propaganda from the telephone department telling of facilities for talking to New York or Mexico, while the north is denied telephone connection with our own capital city, the treasury department has collected sufficient in automobile and gas taxes from the north to pave their highways from Edmonton to Calgary and on down to Hon. George Hoadley's farm. And yet this same government sits in Edmonton and tells us we can have no more development by way of immigration and land settlement.

To put the matter briefly and plainly, the government of Alberta has declared itself incapable of coping with the task of administration of so vast and rich an area as the Peace River country whose wealth in minerals, coal, timber, fisheries and agriculture is greater than that of any other province in Canada, and greater even than that of Germany, one of the greatest industrial nations of the world.

Given the territory from the 54th to the 60th parallels, and from the eastern end of Lesser Slave Lake westward to the Pacific as a separate entity, this vast country, which should be set apart as a province of itself, could, by its own management, be developed as the richest province of Canada.

Its people are not of the milk and water type who shy away from responsibility. They have the courage, the initiative and the ability to manage their own affairs. It is time for them to demand the right to so manage those affairs rather than to suffer longer under the smothering wing of an unsympathetic government which neither visualizes the vast potentialities nor is capable of coping with the task of proper administration.

The two provinces of British Columbia and Alberta have failed to comprehend their responsibilities to this vast and productive north. They have demonstrated for many years their utter incapability to cope with its problems. Under the circumstances they should both have the grace to consent to a separation of the north to be set up under its own autonomy, to work out its own development, to create an asset to the nation and the empire from the vast resources which under present administrations must lie dormant for more decades than is pleasant to comprehend. To such a development in the division of responsibilities there will of course be found technical obstacles, but none of these are so serious but they can be overcome. The north must be developed. If governments to the south of us cannot undertake that responsibility, we must demand the right of our separate autonomy to work out our own salvation.

WITHDRAW CHARGES

Local Election Cases Will Not Be Proceeded With, It Is Understood

VICTORIA, B.C., March 2.—While nothing definite can be learned from the office of the attorney-general, the impression is general here that charges will be withdrawn between now and the holding of the Supreme Court assizes at Prince Rupert in May, against four persons charged with irregularities at Prince Rupert last summer in connection with federal election polling. It is not expected that any of the cases will actually go to trial although the four persons have been committed for trial.

PRINCES IN ARGENTINE

Crossed Lake Llanquihue, Where Tragedy Occurred on Saturday Night

BARILOCHE, Argentina, March 2.—The Prince of Wales and Prince George entered Argentine territory last evening.

The Princes had earlier been taken in launches across Lake Llanquihue in Chile where twelve members of a military band were drowned Saturday night after their lighter had been rammed by a steamer. The band was returning to Valdivia after playing at a dinner for the princes.

CONTOLI COMMITTED IN SEDUCTION CASE

Leo Contoli, on a charge of seduction, was committed for trial by Magistrate McClymont in city police court this morning. He will come before Judge Young in County court 1910 p.m. 1.3 ft. Court soon for election.

Tomorrow's Tides

Tuesday, March 3, 1931
High 0.41 a.m. 20.1 ft.
12.37 p.m. 22.6 ft.
Low 6.36 a.m. 6.2 ft.
1910 p.m. 1.3 ft.

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INDIAN SITUATION MUCH MORE HOPEFUL

Completes Round-the-World Trip



Twenty-one-year-old Renne Ora Lees of London, Eng., has just completed a round the world trip. She purchased a motorcycle in Japan, shipped it to California and drove all the way to Jamaica, B.C., in 12 days.

Agreement Removes One of Most Serious Threats To Peace Among Nations of Europe; Terms Secret

HARD PLAY IN HOCKEY

Wide Open Style of Playing Proved Disastrous For Senators—Americans Beat Detroit

CHICAGO, March 2.—The Chicago Black Hawks regained their form Sunday night and trounced the Ottawa Senators five to nil in the National Hockey League match. The Senators made it a battle all the way but their wide open style of play gave the Hawks chances that they could not miss.

At Detroit, the New York Americans defeated Detroit Falcons two to one in a hard overtime match towards clearing up the season's race for third place in the league.

Governor Leaves For British Trip

Hon. R. Randolph Bruce Made His Departure From Victoria On Saturday

VICTORIA, March 2.—Lieutenant Governor R. Randolph Bruce left for Vancouver Saturday afternoon enroute to Great Britain.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS HERE SHOW DECREASE

Customs and excise collections at the port of Prince Rupert for February this year totalled \$13,110.50 as compared with \$14,913.82 in the same month last year.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, March 2.—Wheat was quoted at 57½¢ on the local exchange today.

Understood That Policy of Actual Need Instead of Ratio Has Been Adopted—Washington and Tokyo to Pass on Agreement

PARIS, France, March 2.—The Franco-Italian naval race, one of the most serious threats to the peace of Europe, appeared today to have been eliminated with a definite agreement between Great Britain, France and Italy on a naval relationship to be maintained during the next five years. Terms of the agreement were withheld pending transmission to Washington and Tokyo but it was understood they were constructed around the actual needs of France and Italy until 1936 rather than on the basis of specifying a ratio parity or other proportion between the two navies.

The agreement culminated a week of rapid-fire diplomatic developments in which the principal roles were played by Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, British foreign secretary, and Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Adolph Linden Is Given Bail

Former Head of Puget Sound Savings & Loan Co. Gets Freedom Pending Trial

SEATTLE, March 2.—Four hours after he had arrived here on Saturday from New York to be placed in the County jail, Adolph Linden, former head of the defunct Puget Sound Savings & Loan Co., was freed on bail of \$15,000. Linden is charged with embezzling funds of the company which closed a few weeks ago at the instance of the government.

Blasters Are Being Sought

Seattle Police Making Thorough Search for Perpetrator of Bakery Blast

SEATTLE, March 2.—Chief of Police Forbes has ordered a most thorough investigation into the bombing on Thursday night last of a Golden Rule Bakery here with a view to apprehending the perpetrators.

The authorities believe that the explosive used may have been some of a quantity of T.N.T. which was stolen from Sand Point naval headquarters a few days ago.

It was the second attempt within a few days to blast this particular bakery.

Gandhi Comes Out of Conference With Big Hope of Settlement

Had Long Conversation With Lord Irwin Last Night and Is Feeling More Cheerful Than Ever Before

NEW DELHI, India, March 2.—Mahatma Gandhi, exhausted and hoarse from a long conversation last night with the viceroy, Lord Irwin, was more cheerful today than at any time since the two men began their conversations regarding Indian policies. "The tide has turned," Gandhi said in expressing the hope that developments, at last, were leading toward a definite settlement of India's complicated problems.

SAVING IN FINANCING

Canada to Redeem Loan So As to Save Half-of-One Percent in Interest

OTTAWA, March 2.—Canada will redeem a \$25,000,000 loan, falling due April 1, Premier R. B. Bennett announced today.

Known as the public service loan it has been bearing interest at the rate of five percent but the redemption will be effected a saving to Dominion exchequer made from the funds obtained last fall by the government through a loan at 4½%.

CAREFUL LOANING

Department of Treasury Warns Against United States Purchasing Doubtful Foreign Securities

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 2.—The Treasury Department has resolved to keep a tight rein on all loans made in the United States to foreign nations.

The Department stated yesterday that this country could not afford to be collecting large quantities of foreign securities of doubtful value. Loans intended to build up large armaments for the encouragement of war are particularly frowned upon.

ACCORD REACHED

Italy and France Expected To Sign London Naval Treaty Soon

ROME, February 28 — Great Britain and Italy on Saturday reached an accord in principle for settlement of all naval problems left pending by the London conference last year.

The British-Italian accord will be submitted to the French foreign minister, M. Briand, tomorrow and (if accepted, a five power treaty, carrying limitation of all categories of naval tonnage, will emerge.

New Seattle Hospital is Thrown Open

SEATTLE, March 2.—Seattle's fine new \$2,750,000 hospital and nurses' home was formally opened at the week-end with civic, medical and ministerial officials taking part in the ceremonies. The institution, one of the finest in the west, has been approved with first-class standing by the American Medical Association and the American Hospitals Association.

ROSINA B. WRECKED

Well Known Local Power Cruiser Piled Up On Kinahan Island After Dragging Anchor In Gale

The well known local power cruiser Rosina B. was brought into port Saturday night in a sinking condition by the Pacific Salvage Co.'s salvage tug Billmore. She is now lashed to a scow at the dry dock where she will probably receive repairs.

Last Thursday the Rosina B. dragged her anchor in a gale while in the bay at the Kinahan Island fur farm and, before it could be prevented, she had gone on the rocks on Rocky Point. She was badly holed and the tide flowed in and out of her hull. The vessel was hauled off by the Billmore on Saturday morning and brought in to port that night, lashed to a scow so she would not sink.

The Rosina B. was in charge of Capt. Hans Berquist.