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Premier Oliver Forecasts Probable New Legislation

Tells Vancouver People That if Municipalities Make Out Case, They will be Granted New Powers of Taxation; Prohibition Declaration.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VANCOUVER, Nov. 28.—Speaking at a civic luncheon tendered Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, and himself, Premier John Oliver announced that if the municipalities of the province presented a convincing case for new sources of revenue which they were demanding, the Government would meet their necessities. New powers of taxation in such a case would be given them in such a way that they would require the municipalities themselves to take the responsibility for the manner and extent of their exercise, as defined by the legislature.

Premier Oliver also stated that as long as the present prohibitory laws are on the statute books they are going to be enforced to the limit of the Government's ability. However the time might come soon when the people would have an opportunity to state what form of law they desired.

RAILWAYMEN'S DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON

Will Confer with Director General of Railways Over Slow Freight Proposal.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

CLEVELAND, Nov. 26.—The meeting of 500 general chairmen of the four great railway brotherhoods which convened last Monday to consider the offer from Director General of Railways Hines, concluded yesterday. This offer was that the railways should pay time and a half in the slow freight service provided all arbitrary and special allowances are eliminated. The meeting ended with the adoption of a resolution to send a committee representing all four organizations to Washington to confer with Hines on the subject, with full power to accept or reject the offer made on Tuesday.

AIR SERVICE TO THE FORE

Must no Longer be in Subordinate Position Says Seeley.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, Nov. 28.—General Seeley's letter, declaring it is impossible for the air service to continue in a subordinate position, is supported by the Westminster Gazette, which advocates a Ministry of Defense to which ministers of the land, sea, and air forces should be responsible.

HOSPITAL BOARD WELCOMES MEMBER

A. H. Allison, Who Was Recently Appointed to the Hospital Board, Takes Seat Last Night.

A. H. Allison, who was recently appointed by the Provincial Government on the Hospital Board, took his seat for the first time last night and was welcomed by President D. G. Stewart. Mr. Stewart said he thought the Government had made no mistake in the matter of the appointment. He was appointed on the House Committee in place of his predecessor.

BIG BALTIMORE FIRE

BALTIMORE, Nov. 28.—The square bounded by the Howard Moss monument and Eutaw Sts. was gutted by fire here yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$1,900,000. The buildings formerly occupied by the John Hopkins University were completely wiped out.

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BRITISH LABOR MEMBERS ASK FOR A COAL INQUIRY

LONDON, Nov. 28.—What is regarded as a vote of censure on the Government in connection with the control of the coal output has been moved in the House of Commons by the labor members, calling for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cost of output in their relation to coal prices.

VANGUARD OF WOMEN ARRIVE

Waacs, Wrafs, and Wrens Reach Halifax to Make Canada Their Home.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—The vanguard of the army of British working women whom demobilization has deprived of employment in the old country and who desire to settle in Canada has arrived at Halifax. The party is eighty-three in number. During the war they worked in the Women's Royal Air Force, Women's Royal Naval Force, Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, and the Land Army. They are Waacs, Wrafs, and Wrens.

These women have now undertaken to abandon the work of war for the more peaceful pursuits of domestic service. Of the party six are for British Columbia.

PREFER TIDINESS

Sons of Canada Debate on Womanly Virtues Last Night.

In a debate "Resolved that a Good-tempered Untidy Woman is Preferable to an Ill-tempered Tidy Woman" the nays won out at the Sons of Canada Rooms last night. W. E. Thompson and J. C. Knight presented the case for the affirmative while S. E. Parker and Mr. Ferguson were the successful debaters for the negative. The judging was by vote of the audience.

After the debate cards were indulged in and a general social evening was enjoyed.

A BIG APPOINTMENT

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Albert Thomas, the Conservative labor leader of France, has been selected as the first Director General of International Labor Offices, under the aegis of the League of Nations.

Toys, blocks, games, dolls, trains, children's books, mechanical toys, at Tite's Santa Claus headquarters.

HOSPITAL ASKS SUM OF \$6,500

Campaign to Raise Funds About to Be Organized to Clear Present Indebtedness.

The General Hospital is organizing a campaign for funds. That was reported at the meeting of the board last night. It was also reported that the auditor, D. C. Stuart, had gone through the books and found that when the city has paid up its total indebtedness of \$5,100, there will still be a deficit to the end of this month of approximately \$6,500. For that reason it was decided to make that sum the objective in the drive for funds.

THREE MONTHS FOR DRUGS IN POSSESSION

Kwong Chong Faces Strong Evidence and is Found Guilty.

Kwong Chong was found guilty by Magistrate McMordie, in the Police Court this morning, of having morphine in his possession and was fined \$200 with the option of 3 months imprisonment. H. Tom, another Chinaman, was called upon to give evidence and Constable McGlinchy corroborated the evidence given yesterday morning in the matter of possession.

In reviewing the case, L. W. Patmore, solicitor for the accused, said that there was little doubt from the evidence but that accused had drugs in his possession but he thought that Constable Duff had been a little rash in making such statements as that the accused was a "dope peddler."

Chinese Soldiers Want Treatment Same as For Troops of The Empire

Refuse to Go Aboard Blue Funnel Liner at Victoria and Make Demands For Gratuities, and Other Allowances.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VICTORIA, November 28.—The Chinese soldiers who have been awaiting transportation at William Head Quarantine Station refused to go aboard the Blue Funnel liner Ixion. Consul General Yik has left Vancouver for this place to try to straighten out the dispute.

The Chinese troops have been in a state of isolation at William Head where they have been camped prior to returning to China under direct charge of the British War Office. Arriving here recently they bombarded the town with demands to be considered as colonial troops of the Empire. They want a separation allowance for their Oriental wives, gratuities, and civil dress expenses as well as all back pay accruing as if they were British Tommies. The men were on the west front for three years and two of their number wear military medals.

Baltic Coast Fighting Has Been Stopped and Germans Lose Material

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

GOPENHAGEN, November 28.—The inter-allied Baltic Commission has stopped hostilities between the Lithuanians and Germans and Russians, and has directed the combatants to retire to the demarcation line of October 20, according to advices from Kovno.

The advices add that the Lithuanians only bowed to this decision on condition that the German Government agreed to surrender all the German and Russian war and railway materials in the Baltic area to the Lithuanians.

ERNEST VALPEY WAS COMMITTED

Evidence for the Prosecution Heard and Magistrate Sends Up for Trial.

The preliminary trial of Ernest Valpey, charged with shooting with intent to do bodily injury, was heard before Magistrate McMordie in the police court this morning. Evidence was taken from witnesses for the prosecution and the prisoner committed for trial. Yesterday accused was let out on \$2,000 bail but is in jail again awaiting bail being set in the county court by Judge Young.

Evidence was, this morning, heard from Constable Bailey who testified as to being called to the scene of the shooting and arresting the accused on the tugboat "McCulloch." He also said that the shot was fired through the door about six inches above the keyhole in a downward slanting direction. The shot had passed over the foot of the bed and went out through the window, which was eighteen inches above the floor.

Occupants Evidence.

E. Andrews and Josephine Roberts, inmates of the room, said that the accused had come to the door before the shooting and made threats as to what he would do if the door was not opened. He then left and, in the meantime, they had vacated the room through the window. Evidently Valpey had come back later and did the shooting after they had left.

Fujimoto, the proprietor of the Western Rooms, where the affair occurred, testified as to the lock on the door. He had left the room in the same shape as it was on the morning of the shooting repairing only the broken window.

L. W. Patmore, acting for the accused, said that his client had nothing to say at present. W. E. Williams in closing the presentation of the case remarked that, in his opinion, it was clearly a case for a higher court.

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Sending 80,000 Men To British Columbia

Kamloops Indian Reserve to be Utilized For Returned Soldiers and Their Families; Indians to be Removed.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VANCOUVER, November 28.—The Kamloops Indian Reserve, at the outskirts of the city, is to be thrown open for a colony of returned soldiers and their families, according to an official announcement from Ottawa. The Indians will be placed on other lands.

Co-incident with this news comes an intimation that arrangements have been made with the British Government to place in British Columbia 80,000 former Imperial soldiers, men disabled by shell shock, asthma and nervous troubles, and especially those afflicted with chest troubles.

PRIOR TO BE NEW GOVERNOR

Appointment Expected to be Announced Within Next Few Days.

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—Hon. E. G. Prior, ex-member for Victoria in the Dominion House of Commons, is expected to be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of B. C. in a few days to succeed Hon. Frank Barnard. Lionel Clarke is to succeed Sir John Hendrie, whose term has expired as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

WAR VETERANS SELECT TWO COMMITTEES

Re-establishment and Fisheries Questions to be Dealt With at once.

At a special meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association held last evening, committees were elected to deal with the re-establishment and fisheries actions taken at the last session of the House of Commons.

In the matter of the re-establishment question, Geo. B. Hull, J. M. Acheson, H. J. Bradbury, J. H. Kelly and S. D. Thompson were elected as a committee to recommend to the association as to what action will be taken by the local branch in dealing with the re-establishment issue.

H. J. Bradbury, Don Yelf, J. W. Nicholls, R. Leighton and H. O. Crewe were the committee selected to go into the whole matter of fisheries. Both committees are to report back to the regular meeting of the association on Wednesday evening.

FISH SALE

The Atlas was in for today's fish sale and is unloading 40,000 pounds of halibut at the Cold Storage plant, the price being 17.1c and 10c.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nuckles and son, of Burns Lake, were passengers for Vancouver on the Prince George last evening.

J. S. Gray, the Smithers jeweler and musician, arrived from the interior on last evening's train and returns tomorrow morning.

Fred Nash, accompanied by Mrs. Nash and children, arrived from Masset last evening and are registered at the Hotel Prince Rupert.

The Prince George did not sail for Vancouver until early this morning, having to wait on the train which did not arrive until 3 o'clock.

George Moffatt, who has been in charge of supplying the Granby camp up the Eastall River during the past summer, left for his home in New Brunswick last night.

ABRUPT END TO EFFORT TO END MINERS' STRIKE

Embittered Debate Followed by Rejection of Government Proposals.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—An abrupt end came last night to all attempts to settle the national coal strike by peaceful agencies. The miners and operators spent the afternoon in embittered debate over the Government proposals for a fourteen per cent wage increase made by Fuel Administrator Garfield. They rejected it and every other proposal that was forthcoming, and then dissolved.

FIERCE GALE IN CALIFORNIA

Frost and Snow in Los Angeles and Surrounding Country Yesterday.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—A gale of velocity varying from 84 miles an hour to 32 miles, raged along the California coast yesterday, when temperatures as low as 28 degrees above zero or six degrees of frost were recorded on the mountain tops.

The gale did much damage to shipping in San Antonio Bay and tore the large telescope at Mount Vernon from its anchorage. Snow fell in Los Angeles and the mountains back of Pasadena were covered with snow. Two inches were recorded at the army aviation field near here.

ULSTERMEN TO STUMP STATES

Effect to Counteract Influence of De Valera by Anti Republicans.

BELFAST, Nov. 28.—An Ulster deputation left Tuesday for the United States, where for two months they will stump the country to counteract the efforts of De Valera, the so-called president of the Irish Republic.

An extra grant was made of \$42 to the janitor of the General Hospital by the Board last night in recognition of his services as cook during a period of several weeks when no other cook could be obtained for the institution. His work was reported very satisfactory.

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