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STABILIZING OF CANADIAN DOLLAR

FIGHTING IS CONTINUING IN THE ORIENT; BANDITRY RIFE

Premier Bennett and Banking Heads Confer At Ottawa Yesterday

Establishment of Dominion Money Market to Relieve Depreciation in New York is One of Proposals Discussed at Gathering

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Sir Charles Gordon, president of the Bank of Montreal, and other leading bankers of the Dominion met Premier R. B. Bennett yesterday and discussed a proposal for the establishment of a Canadian money market which would relieve the depreciation of the Canadian dollar in New York.

NORAH IS INSPECTED

C. P. R. Vessel Given Permit to Continue Voyage to Skagway After Having Touched Bottom

After she had been inspected by a diver, Capt. J. R. Elfert, port warden, last night gave a sailing permit to C. P. R. steamer Princess Norah, Capt. William Palmer, which had touched bottom on her way here from Vancouver, to continue her voyage north to Skagway and back to Vancouver.

It was near Bella Bella in a blinding storm Tuesday night that the vessel touched bottom. She was not actually stranded but passed over. Soon she was anchored and remained hove to for five hours to observe if there was leakage and to await instructions from headquarters in Victoria.

The examination made here showed that plates had been dented, the bottom, however, not being holed.

Fire Marshal Makes Report

List of Improvements at Prince Rupert General Hospital Submitted to Board

The hospital board at last night's meeting referred to the 1932 board a list of recommendations from the Fire Marshal for British Columbia for improvements at the hospital in the interests of fire prevention.

POLA NEGRI VERY SICK

Condition of Noted Screen Actress Reported Grave Yesterday After Operation

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Pola Negri, noted screen star, who was stricken suddenly ill while on location Tuesday, was declared by her physicians yesterday to be gravely ill with an intestinal obstruction aggravated by ptomaine. An operation was performed on the actress yesterday and her condition was reported to be critical.

HUNTING IN CALIFORNIA

Successful Bird Hunting Season Came to Official Close Yesterday

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 17.—One of the most successful bird hunting seasons in the history of the state of California came to a close Tuesday. The early winter and snowstorms are believed to have been responsible for the greatly increased number of birds this winter.

Saturday After Christmas Named Public Holiday

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 17.—Governor James Rolph has declared the Saturday following Christmas Day a public holiday for the state of California.

Announcement

Owing to the number of needy cases at the present time, I would ask the citizens of Prince Rupert to support the Gyro Club in their endeavor to raise their objective of \$500 by attending the Gyro Charity Ball tonight, Dec. 17.

C. H. ORME, Mayor.

NOISES ARE DISCUSSED

Radio Association Taking Steps to Clear Up Reception Conditions in City

A general meeting of the Prince Rupert Radio Association was held in the City Hall last evening with a good turnout of radio owners considering the wet night. President F. W. Wesch was in the chair.

A suggestion made to the Northern B. C. Power Company, by a committee appointed at the last meeting was explained to the audience, and, as the Power Company's reply was read at the meeting, this committee was instructed to follow up this suggestion and endeavor to get an opinion from the company. The point suggested was to get a power line into the town with no distribution lines on the same pole as the high power line and to do this the appointed committee had outlined a scheme to the company whereby with not a very large outlay, a new line could be brought to the sub station, which the committee thinks would do away with a lot of the interference now being received.

Another point brought out was whether it was legal to have a line carrying 66,000 volts traversing the centre of the town, this power line carrying primary, secondary, telephone and other wires below the power wires. These matters are to be thoroughly looked into and all information obtained for the next meeting in January.

The president reported to the meeting that the local manager of the Canadian National Telegraphs had telephoned him that the necessary parts had now been ordered for the generators that have been causing trouble and that these parts would be installed as soon as received.

A petition is to be circulated during the next few days, which the association hopes all radio owners and those interested will sign, placing before the radio departments at Ottawa and Victoria the troubles that are occurring here, and asking the department to send a competent man here for about a month, to look into the situation and do what he can to clear up the interference. It is hoped that the association will have the strong cooperation of the city council, chamber of commerce, trades and labor council, and all other societies and orders to assist them in their endeavor to obtain good radio reception in the city, so that radio owners may be able to sit down in the evening and enjoy their machines instead of as it is now listening to a steady roar.

After one or two other matters of minor importance were discussed, the meeting adjourned to meet again in January, when the annual meeting will be held and the election of officers for 1932 conducted.

New York Police Ask For Second Radio Channel

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The police of the city of New York are applying to the Federal Radio Commission for permission to use a second wave length so as to make it possible to use two air channels simultaneously in connection with police work. Radio figures very prominently in metropolitan police work now.

Scientist's Latest Statement



One order of hash—and make it snappy! Buddy, The Bronx zoo chimp, backs up a scientist's recent statement, that monkeys develop quicker than children. Well, what do you think?

ARE NAMED TO BOARD

F. Albert Labelle of Hull and George A. Stone of Moncton New Commissioners

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—F. Albert Labelle, notary of Hull, Quebec, and George A. Stone, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Moncton, N.B., have been appointed to the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Schools Close Tomorrow For Xmas Holiday

Pupils of the city schools will be released from their studies tomorrow for the two weeks' Christmas and New Year vacation. In most of the schools class entertainments are being held but nothing of a public nature is being staged this winter in the public schools. The schools will reopen on January 4.

WEATHER REPORT

Langara Island—Overcast, light southwest wind; sea choppy. Triple Island—Overcast, light southerly wind; light swell. Dead Tree Point—Part cloudy, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.46; temperature, 36.

FIVE DAY WEEK FOR BUILDING TRADES IN SAN FRANCISCO SOON

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Building trades of San Francisco and Alameda decided to revert to a five-day week effective January 1, it was announced yesterday.

PAYMENT DEFERRED

War Debts Due in Washington on Tuesday But Remittances Delayed

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 17.—The sum of \$117,000,000 was due to be paid Tuesday by European countries to United States on account of war debts but the nations "defaulted technically" owing to failure of Congress to reach an agreement as yet as to whether or not it will endorse the Hoover moratorium plan.

There was bitter criticism of the Hoover moratorium by both political parties in Congress Wednesday. Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania went so far as to declare that President Hoover was endeavoring to sell out to Germany.

Reduced Time On Relief Work

Men Will in Future Work Only Two Weeks in Month in Order to Make it Last Longer

The city council, at its special meeting last night, decided to reduce the length of the relief shift to two weeks a month instead of three as at present. This was done in view of the large number of men getting relief work. It will make the life of the relief extend well on into March instead of ending in February.

San Francisco Man Is Honored By Roman Church

ROME, Dec. 17.—Francis J. Hogan of San Francisco was yesterday created a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Mrs. Hogan was made a Dame of the Holy Sepulchre.

General Chiang Kai Shek To Lead Punitive Force Against Manchu Bandits; Jap Policy

NANKING, Dec. 17.—General Chiang Kai Shek, following his resignation as president of the Nationalist government of China, will take the field at once in command of a force which will endeavor to suppress large bandit forces in Manchuria which are held largely responsible for causing the Japanese to take military action.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Under the military policy of the new Japanese government, it was reported yesterday that the war ministry would soon dispatch additional forces to Manchuria with a view to cleaning up Chinese banditry around Chinchow and elsewhere.

There was considerable fighting in Manchuria yesterday.

MORE WORK IS PLANNED

City Council Lays Out Supplementary Program of Relief Operations

The city council, at a special meeting last night, adopted a recommendation from the board of works that the following works be included in the unemployment relief program:

- Tenth Avenue East from Conrad Street to Donald Street, grading. Lotbiniere Street from Fifth Avenue to Ninth Avenue, grading. Various sidewalk gradings. Bowser Street from Sixth to Seventh Avenue, grading. Purchase of waterworks supplies up to \$4,000.

It is planned to carry out the above work with the surplus of funds left over between the \$100,000 sum for relief work here and the actual cost of relief work which was originally planned. Authorization of the provincial government for the supplementary program will be sought at once by the city.

WASHINGTON JAIL IS FULL

Every Cell in Penitentiary at Walla Walla Filled With Total of 1317 Convicts

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 17.—Every cell in the Washington State Penitentiary was filled to capacity yesterday with a record number of 1317 inmates.

Issuance of Christmas paroles, which should begin in the course of the next week, is expected to relieve the situation to some extent.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Holden and family desire to thank their many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent bereavement and especially to Jas. L. Lee, Mrs. Robert Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Gomez. Also to Harry Menzies, Jack Cook, Mr. Hoppen and others for the use of their cars. Those sending flowers were: Mr. and Mrs. Gomez, Mr. and Mrs. V. Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntosh and family, Lance Styles, Rupert East Ladies' Aid, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Lee and Mrs. Holden and family.

F. R. Wilson of Inverness cannery sailed this morning on the Princess Norah for Skagway en route to Whitehorse where he will pay a holiday visit.

RELIEF IS DISCUSSED

Mayor Orme Offers City Clearing House For Distribution of Goods to Needy

Representatives of various local organizations which are interesting themselves in relief work in the city this winter had a meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon and expressed themselves as being in favor of accepting an offer from Mayor Cyril H. Orme, who presided, that the city act as a clearing house for distribution of relief goods with a view to ensuring more efficient results and avoiding overlapping and confusion.

The mayor also voiced an invitation to other organizations in addition to those represented at the meeting to avail themselves of the city's offer.

Representatives of 14 organizations were present at the meeting.

Medical Men to Co-operate With Hospital Board

A letter from the Prince Rupert Medical Association, Dr. Cecil H. Hankinson, secretary, which was read at last night's meeting of the hospital board, announced that the matter of Workmen's Compensation Board hospital cases had been thoroughly discussed at a recent meeting of the association and that a resolution had been passed pledging the medical men to co-operation in every way possible with a view to avoiding recurrence of cases where the Compensation Board declines to pay hospitalization charges in full.

Tomorrow's Tides

Table with tide information for Friday December 18, 1931. High tide at 8:36 a.m. and 1:37 p.m. Low tide at 1:37 a.m. and 8:5 ft. and 14:54 p.m. and 8:7 ft.

KEEP THEM IN MIND AT CHRISTMAS TIME

- Do not forget to keep the people in mind who have nothing and nowhere to go at Christmas. There are men in the city without kith or kin or friends. The Salvation Army will look after them for us at Christmas if we provide the money. Previously ackn'd \$123.22 M. M. Stephens 2.00 Lief Erikson Ladies Club 5.00 A Friend 5.00 Jean and John 1.00