

Toronto's Tides	
Wednesday	February 25, 1931
High	5.49 a.m. 18.3 ft.
Low	9.15 p.m. 14.4 ft.
Legislative Library	2.57 a.m. 7.6 ft.

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Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Raining, strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.68; temperature, 42.

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ACTION ON P.G.E. IS NOW PROMISED

VANCOUVER ISLAND BUS FRANCHISE FURTHER DISCUSSED

Whole Problem of Transport In North Part of Province to Be Gone Into at Parley in Ottawa

No Development in Situation May be Expected Until After Legislature Rises, Victoria Dispatch to Vancouver Province States

VANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—A Victoria dispatch to the Vancouver Daily Province states: "No developments in the Pacific Great Eastern and Peace River railway situation will occur until after prorogation of the Legislature. Shortly after the end of the session, however, the provincial government, federal government and the two trans-continental railways will be represented at a conference, probably in Ottawa, to go into the whole problem of transportation in the north of this province."

MINISTERS IN FRANCE

Henderson and Alexander Pleading With Paris Government to Drop Naval Competition

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson and First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander left yesterday for Paris. Their mission, it is understood, is to plead with the French government to abandon its proposed policy of naval competition with Italy and, instead, accept parity with that country.

FORD PLANT IS COMING

Hopes Expressed That Long-Mooted Establishment at Burnaby Will Materialize

VANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—Hopes that the Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. will start construction this year of a British Columbia assembly plant on land which it now holds in the municipality of Burnaby, adjoining this city, were expressed by Wallace R. Campbell, president, here yesterday. He said that the local plant would not be a factor in the company's export business but would be merely to assemble machines for local sale in the west.

Canadian Pacific Head Visits Coast

E. W. Beatty Refuses to Discuss Matter of P. G. E.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—President E. W. Beatty of the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived here at the week-end in the course of a trip to the coast. He declined to discuss the matter of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway although he intimated that he would be conferring with Canadian National authorities on the matter next month.

SENATE APPROVES HALIBUT TREATY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 24.—The Senate today ratified the treaty between the United States and Canada looking to the preservation of the halibut fisheries of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea. The treaty was concluded at Ottawa on May 9 last year.

ACCORD IS REACHED

Through Medium of Britain, France and Italy May Agree on Naval Matters

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Foreign Minister Aristide Briand and Minister of the Navy Charles Dumont announced today that Great Britain and France had reached a naval accord in principle conditional upon ratification and participation by Italy. The agreement will be kept secret until it has been approved by Italy. ROME, Feb. 24.—Settlement of naval differences between France and Italy was regarded today in well informed circles as entirely possible under the arrangement reported to have been reached today at Paris between France and Great Britain.

POLICY OF STAND OFF

United Irish Society of United States Would Have Nothing to Do With Europe

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—A convention of the United Irish Society observed George Washington's birthday by passing a resolution of confidence in the principle of the Father of the Confederation of keeping independent from European affairs. Vigorous denunciation was voiced of the League of Nations and the League court and the belief was expressed that United States should have nothing to do with either.

VALIDITY QUESTION

Decision Expected This Week From United States Supreme Court on Liquor Laws

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 24.—The Supreme Court of the United States is expected to pass this week, probably today, on the validity of the nation's prohibition law. Appeal was made to the Supreme Court after Federal Judge Clark of New Jersey had ruled that the law was invalid owing to the manner of its passing.

POOLING FAVORED

Halibut Boat Owners Support Co-operative Idea

At a joint meeting in the City Hall last night with representatives of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, the Canadian Halibut Vessel Owners' Association went on record as being in favor of the principle of deducting a certain set amount from the gross stock of each trip in order to create a fund to provide for the co-operative or pool marketing of their fish. This was the outcome of a rather lengthy discussion in which a number of the members of the association participated. The matter will be further discussed with the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union tonight in order to learn the views of the members of that organization.

WINNER IS OFF DOCK

Had Been on Pontoons For Over Three Weeks Undergoing Hull Repairs

Canadian National Steamships ocean freighter Canadian Winner came off the pontoons at the local dry dock yesterday afternoon after having been up for over three weeks receiving hull repairs. The vessel went back to her berth at the dock pier where, with the Canadian Ranger, she is tied up for the winter. It is not yet known when the Canadian Ranger, Prince Charles and Prince William will be taken on the pontoons for annual overhaul.

CONDUCTOR IS KILLED

Charles A. Mitchell Fell Under His Own C. P. R. Train at Ruby Creek on Sunday

VANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—Charles A. Mitchell of Vancouver, Canadian Pacific Railway conductor, was killed by his own freight train at Ruby Creek Sunday morning. No one saw the accident but it is believed that he missed his footing and fell under the wheels. He was missed when the train reached its next stop.

WANT ALL OF REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 24.—Democratic members of the Senate are demanding that the full report of the Wickersham commission on prohibition enforcement in the United States be produced. They claim that, at least, half of the report has been withheld and that only the less sensational portion was revealed.

Cariboo Conservative Member Says He is Losing Faith in Tolmie Government's Pledges

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—In closing the debate on the main address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, Roderick McKenzie, Conservative, Cariboo, complimented the government yesterday on its public works policy, but attacked the government for failing to construct the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Quesnel to Prince George. He said that he had long ago lost faith in the promises of the Liberals with respect to the road and was now losing his faith in the present Conservative government in connection with that particular item of its program.

Greater Care on Part of Police in Granting Auto Licences For Indians, is Urged by Dr. Wrinch

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—A resolution of Dr. H. C. Wrinch, Skeena, calling for greater care on the part of the provincial police in issuing automobile licences to Indians was adopted by a committee of the Legislature yesterday. The matter of inability to collect from Indians negligently driving cars was under discussion. Consideration is being given by the government to a plan of compulsory automobile insurance. It was learned during the discussion but no indication was given as to whether or not the measure would be brought down this session.

TO COME THIS WAY

Youthful Japanese Flyer Will Pass Here on Tokio-San Francisco Flight

TOKIO, Feb. 24.—Pilot Yoshiwara, 26-year old crack Japanese aviator, will hop off in April, it is planned, for a flight from Tokio to San Francisco. He is backed on the flight by Tokio newspapers. The route of the youthful Japanese flyer will be via the Kurile and Aleutian Islands and thence down the Alaska and British Columbia coast. He will use a low-winged Junkers plane such as that in which he made a time record for a flight from Berlin to Tokio.

EMBARGOS REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—All embargo and tariff bills yesterday were rejected by the House ways and means committee. This action is taken as definitely preventing the introduction of a bill designed to place an embargo on Canadian wheat imports. There are only two major appropriation bills yet to come before Congress and it is expected the House will rise before long.

Premier Host to Charlie Chaplin

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Charlie Chaplin, the great comedian, is paying a visit to this city, his native home. On Saturday he was the guest of Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald.

State Health Insurance and Travelling Clinics Advised in Royal Commission Report

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—State health insurance, with the cost for medical services for the people of British Columbia, figured out at about \$1.50 per family will be a recommendation of the royal commission on state health insurance and maternity benefits, it was revealed in discussions yesterday before the agricultural committee of the Legislature. The establishment of travelling clinics will be another recommendation of the commission, it was revealed. The cost of families over the province will be from \$1.50 to \$1.80. The report is expected to be brought down this session.

Speech From Throne Is Adopted By House After Lengthy Debate

Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd. Has Times and Routes of Service Tied up Under Agreement With Government—Debate Was Heated

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—The argument in the Legislature yesterday on the amendment of Dr. J. J. Gillis, Liberal, Yale, censuring the government for granting an exclusive franchise to the Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd. to operate motor busses on the highways of Vancouver Island centred around the question of whether or not Hon. Nelson S. Loughheed, then minister of public works, had given an undertaking to the House that no exclusive franchises would be granted under the Highway Act. Mr. Loughheed denied that he had ever given the undertaking and said that what had been granted by the government was a public carriers' licence for the operation of bus vehicles on Vancouver Island exclusive only in respect to the schedule of times and routes and then only under the penalties, fees and provisions of the Highway Act. After a heated debate in which five cabinet ministers spoke in defence of the action and a like number from the Opposition as roundly condemned it, the move of the Tolmie ministry in granting the special privileges to the Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd. for the operation of its passenger busses was sustained on a division of 32 to 11, the Gillis' amendment being rejected by this margin. Afterwards the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was unanimously adopted.

CHICAGO PRIMARY

Fate of Mayor Thompson Rests in Hands of His Party Today

NO WORD OF PLANE

Burke Machine Did Not Reach Hazelton or Burns Lake Yesterday

The plane of the late Capt. E. J. Burke, being flown from Atlin to Vancouver with Pilots R. I. Van Der Byle and W. A. Joerss and Air Engineer Emil Kading on board, failed to arrive either at Hazelton or Burns Lake by last evening and was unreported by the Government Telegraphs. The plane was flying by the Liard route overland to Hazelton or Burns Lake. It was presumed that the plane had made a forced landing somewhere enroute and would probably resume the flight today. The machine is fully found with provisions enough for several weeks. The Government Telegraphs just before noon today reported that there was still no sign of the plane.

MILITARY MAN DIES

Late Col. R. W. Gregory of St. Catharines Commanded Vernon Camp During War

JOINT AIR RAIL PLAN

C. P. R. is Ready to Co-Operate. President Beatty Says in Victoria

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—Air developments, more particularly as they affect operations of a large trans-continental transportation system are being closely watched by the Canadian Pacific Railway with a view to inauguration of joint services when the time is considered opportune. It was stated here yesterday by President E. W. Beatty of the C.P.R. "If development of the air services, which is progressing satisfactorily, demands joint rail and air services, they will undoubtedly be provided by the Canadian Pacific," Mr. Beatty said.

Confidence Vote For King Carol

Passed by Liberal Party of Roumania at Convention on Saturday

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Feb. 24.—A resolution of confidence in King Carol, the errant monarch of Roumania, was passed on Saturday by the Liberal party.

SEATTLE FISHERMEN'S STRIKE NEARING END

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—Settlement of the strike of almost 1600 halibut fishermen is believed to be near as the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union has called a meeting for tonight to discuss the vessel owners' terms.