

BRITAIN SUSPENDS GOLD STANDARD

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Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Clear, thermometer 30-70; temperature smooth.

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY
31 MAR 31
PARLIAMENT BLDG.

Tomorrow's Tides

Tuesday, September 22, 1931
High 11:10 a.m. 17' 4 ft.
 22:54 p.m. 18.2 ft.
Low 4:38 a.m. 6:1 ft.
 17:00 p.m. 9:3 ft.

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SWIFT STEPS TAKEN TO PROTECT FINANCE STRUCTURE

Important Financial Edict Is Announced In London Following Gathering of Coalition Cabinet

Step Taken in Order to Prevent Depletion of Reserve—London Stock Exchange Remains Closed Today

Bank of England Discount Rate Raised to Six Per Cent

Financial Problem Is Most Critical Country Has Faced Since War—Parliament to Pass Enabling Legislation

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Following a meeting of the coalition cabinet yesterday it was announced that the gold standard had been suspended in England. Under the gold standard, the Bank of England was required to sell gold at a fixed price. In order to stem further exportation of Great Britain's diminishing gold reserve, it was deemed advisable to suspend the standard. At the same time, all nationals are being warned strictly not to export gold. The London Stock Exchange remained closed today.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Suspending the gold standard, raising the Bank of England rate of discount to six per cent and closing all stock exchanges in Great Britain, the national government today wrestled with the most critical financial situation since the Great War.

Brought back from the Premier's country home at Chequers by the Prince of Wales, Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald hastily convened a cabinet meeting last night and it was decided that the Gold Redemption Act of 1925 should be suspended with a view to halting alarming withdrawals of gold from the country by foreign investors. Parliament is expected to pass enabling legislation today after which the whole matter will go to the King in Scotland for formal approval.

While stock exchanges were ordered closed today and Tuesday to hold the market stable during the transition, the banks are doing business as usual with no attempts to withdraw funds. Orders have been given inside various banks not to issue drafts abroad.

The foreign exchange market, usually busy on Monday, was not making quotations for the present. Stock exchanges at Bombay, Brussels, Berlin, Copenhagen and other large centres are also closed.

Falling prices in exchange helped to hasten the decision to suspend gold standard and increase the discount rate.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Premier Laval announced today that the British pound would not be quoted on the Bourse.

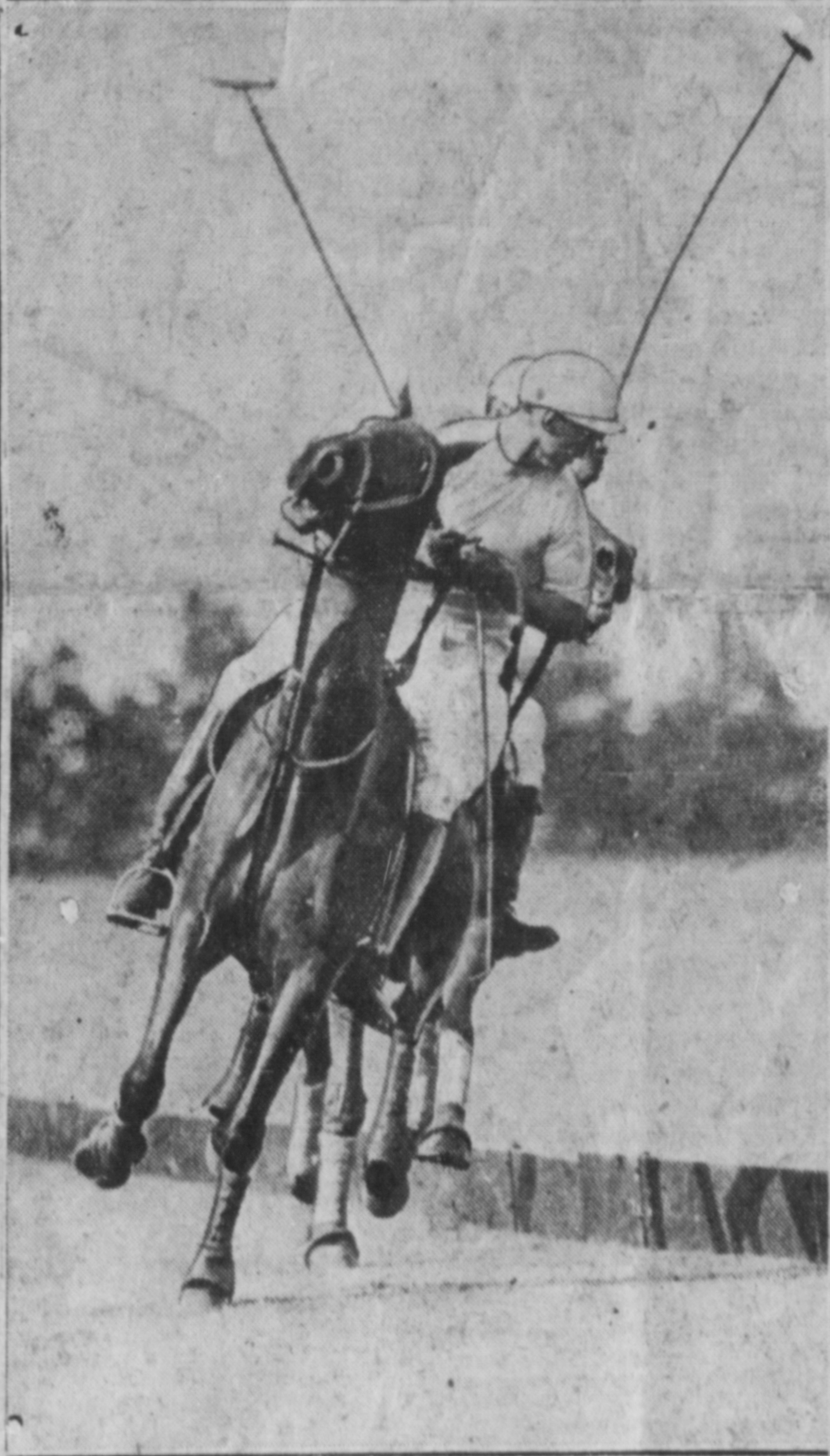
STATEMENT BY PREMIER

Premier MacDonald has issued a statement calling attention to the fact that more than \$1,000,000,000 had been withdrawn from the London market since the middle of July and that about \$50,000,000 had been withdrawn in Saturday's half day of trading. He emphasized the fact that the action was only temporary. The nation's enormous resources would save the day if the public co-operated.

"His Majesty's government has arrived at this decision with the greatest reluctance," the Premier said, "but during the last ten days international financial markets have become demoralized and have been liquidating their sterling assets regardless of their intrinsic value."

It is understood that the suspension of the Gold Standard Act will be for six months.

Argentine Polo Team At Practice



Two members of the Argentine polo team at New York do a little snappy stuff alongside the board and are getting away with it.

CARRUTHERS GOES SOUTH

Former Local Halibut Trawler to Be Commissioned as Tugboat in Vancouver

Having run satisfactory trials Saturday afternoon, the James Carruthers, for years used by the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. as a trawler and recently converted at the local dry dock to a tugboat for the White Rock Tug Co., by whom she was purchased, sailed yesterday morning for Vancouver where she will be commissioned in her new work. Capt. Causlick was in command of the vessel.

CITY IS ENTERED

Kirin, Manchuria, Is Occupied Today by Japanese Troops, Says Dispatch

PEIPING, China, Sept. 21.—An official Chinese radio dispatch from Kirin, Manchuria, said that the city had been occupied by Japanese troops today.

MAY STOP BIG WORK

Ottawa Hears That Operations Will Suspend on Canadian National Terminal at Montreal

OTTAWA, Sept. 21.—While no official statement has been made, rumors in the capital are to the effect that work on the \$50,000,000 Canadian National Railways terminal in Montreal may be stopped shortly.

Today's Wheat

VANCOUVER, Sept. 21.—Wheat was quoted at 52 3/4c on the local Exchange today.

+ MOYLE AND ALLEN ARE AT HOME NOW +

+ NOME, Sept. 21.—Don Moyle and Cecil A. Allen, trans-Pacific flyers in the plane City of Tacoma, landed here last night at 6 o'clock from Siberia. + They will continue the flight from here to Seattle. +

POUND STERLING AND CANADIAN DOLLAR ARE AWAY DOWN IN PRICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The pound sterling dipped to \$3.75 today before rallying to around \$4.35. The Canadian dollar was quoted at 94 1/2c.

AVIATORS ARE SAFE

Trio of Germans and Portuguese Picked Up After Being Missing for Over Week

HALIFAX, Sept. 21.—After hope had been nigh given up for their ever being found alive, Willy Rody, Christian Johannsen and Fernando Costa Viegas, who left Lisbon on Sunday of last week for a flight to New York, last being seen on Monday afternoon over the ocean 395 miles east of Halifax, are safe.

The three flyers were picked up by the Norwegian steamer Belmoira today.

Presbyterian Tea and Sale Success

Enjoyable Affair Held Saturday Afternoon at Home of Mrs. J. R. Mitchell

The Ladies' Aid of First Presbyterian Church held an enjoyable and successful tea and sale of home cooking Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John R. Mitchell, Ninth Avenue East. The rooms were attractively decorated while the tea tables were centred with vases of asters and pink candlesticks. Many ladies called during the afternoon.

The guests were received by Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. W. D. Grant Hollingworth, wife of the pastor. The tea room was in charge of Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. T. Carlyle. Mrs. M. McRobbie and Mrs. J. M. Walker poured, and Mrs. A. R. Phillips, Mrs. W. D. Christison, Miss Willa Dyer and Miss Jean Grieve acted as servers. Mrs. David Ritchie was cashier. In charge of the home cooking table were Mrs. Bert Cameron and Mrs. J. Haddon. During the afternoon there was a very acceptable musical program which included dances by Miss Joyce Gawthorne, vocal solos by Miss Betty Cameron and piano solos by Miss Beatrice Berner.

Halibut Landings

Summary
American—69,500 pounds, 8.5c and 4c to 9.1c and 4c;
Canadian—7,000, 7.3c and 4c and 7.5c and 3c.

American
Superior, 28,000, Atlin, 9c and 4c.
Middleton, 14,000, Cold Storage, 8c and 3c.
Thelma M., 6,500, and Garland, 7,000, Booth, 8.9c and 4c.
Gloa, 8,000 Royal, 8.5c and 4c.
Rainier, 4,000, Booth, 9.1c and 4c.
Whilaway, 2,000, Cold Storage, 3.5c and 4c.

Canadian
Livingstone, 5,000, Cold Storage, 7.5c and 3c.
Cape Swain, 2,000, Atlin, 7.3c and 4c.

"BRITAIN'S ACTION HOPEFUL" DECLARES PIERPONT MORGAN; STOCK EXCHANGES CLOSED

London, Berlin, Brussels, Stockholm, Johannesburg and Calcutta Markets Quiet—Others Limited

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Faced with Great Britain's temporary suspension of the gold standard, world financial circles moved swiftly today to protect the international financial structure. Stock exchanges in London, Berlin, Brussels, Stockholm, Johannesburg and Calcutta were closed. Toronto and Montreal exchange opened on a restricted basis. The Paris Bourse remained open but the official exchange market was closed. New York opened but the governing board prohibited short selling in London.

J. P. Morgan, famous American financier, declared that Britain's action was a hopeful and not a discouraging event.

BACK FROM PEACE TRIP CAME HERE BY PLANE

Dr. W. T. Kergin and Sons Had Splendid Outing in North Party of Six Ketchikan People Made Trip On Alaska-Washington Airways Sea-plane

Dr. W. T. Kergin returned to town yesterday after a vacation trip down the Peace River from Prince George and through the Peace River Valley, coming out at Edmonton, on which trip he was accompanied by his sons, Dr. W. S. Kergin and Dr. F. G. Kergin. Mrs. Kergin accompanied them to Prince George going on through to Edmonton.

At Edmonton Dr. and Mrs. Kergin said good-bye to their sons, Dr. F. G. Kergin is proceeding to England to take three years' further post graduate work at Oxford and London. Dr. W. S. Kergin is proceeding to Toronto to take further couple of years in post graduate work there. After spending some months with Professor Klotz in the study of surgical pathology he has accepted a position as house surgeon at the hospital for sick children, Toronto.

Telling of the boat trip to the Peace, Dr. Kergin said this morning they drove to Summit Lake where they had previously arranged for the purchase of a boat. This they sold on arrival at Taylor's Flats about midway between Fort St. John and Dawson Creek, where they left the river and drove to the head of steel among the wheat fields.

The boat was one of the type generally used on the rivers—long and rather narrow, capable of carrying a large load, and difficult to upset.

One of the difficult parts of the trip was the seventeen miles down the Crooked River from Summit Lake. This river is on the height of land dividing the Arctic slope from the Pacific. It is very sluggish and filled with grass and reeds and only a few feet deep. Some times the water was so shallow that the party had to get out and wade and push the boat with the result that it took all day to make the seventeen miles.

This brought them to McLeod Lake which is fairly large and full of fish. So clear was the water that the fish could be seen plainly and good sport was obtained catching enough for their use. The party then entered the Pack River, a tributary of the Parsnip, which they navigated to the point where (Continued on Page Four)

FISH TRAPS ARE ASKED

Canadian Fisheries Association Asks Government to Implement Ellis Commission Recommendations

OTTAWA, Sept. 21.—Resolutions tending to widen the scope of the association and asking for fish traps on the Pacific Coast were passed at last week's session of the Canadian Fisheries Association at its sixteenth annual convention.

The association moved that the Dominion government "consider the wisdom of making an appropriation of \$100,000 for publicity purposes to be expended in Canada with a view to development of the domestic market for fish." The association suggested that its members co-operate with the government in this matter, and promised its support in any campaign federal authorities might institute.

Another resolution asked that the government "accept and ratify findings of the Ellis Commission, which recommended use of fish traps in the waters of the northern boundary contiguous to American territory on the Pacific coast and that immediate action be taken so recommendations become operative for the 1932 fishing season."

The association went on record as appreciating the action of the government in putting into effect provisions of the international halibut treaty from November 1 instead of November 16, as originally suggested, and urged that the governments, both federal and provincial, "officially recognize and co-operate in the prosecution of Canada's Fish Week."