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BRITISH COLUMBIA LIQUOR BUSINESS SHOWS BIG DECLINE

Free and Full Retraction Made By Premier Tolmie of Charges Against Former Local Agent

Misunderstanding Was Responsible For Regrettable Incident, Dr. Tolmie Explains-Announcement Greeted With Applause in Legislature

VICTORIA, Feb. 12:-Exoneration of Norman A. Watt with full amends by the government coupled with an offer of reinstatement in his former position of government agent at Prince Rupert and all rights under superannuation provisions was disclosed in the legislature yesterday when Premier S. F. Tolmie made a complete explanation

tof the status of the inquiry and the findings of the commissioner, Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald, clearing Watt of all charges laid against

IN LABOR The Premier made a full and frank retraction of the charges and offered publicly the regrets of his government for the dismissal which Socialists Are Drifting Toward Left had come about under a misunderstanding. The Premier's statement did not mince matters and the government's frank retraction was re-LONDON, Feb. 12:- The possibility of increased drift of Laborites to ceived with an outburst of applause from both sides of the House.

the left wing of the party is being discussed in political circles today - Acceptance by Mr. Watt of his position back will, it is understood, infollowing last night's debate on the volve no demotion for C. L. Monroe, Conservative motion of censure on present government agent, but Mr. the MacDonald government which Monroe will be moved, it is expec-

was badly defeated. The Liberal members are to be ted, to another responsible position thanked for the comfortable major- in the south. ity which the government received

Wing-Snowden Makes Ser-

ious Pronouncement

SPLIT-UP

Hon. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in making one of the most serious pronouncements the House has heard in a long time is declared to have aroused discontent among more Socialistic Laborites.

The Weather

heavy swell.

Langara Island-Overcast, mo- anyway. derate easterly wind; sea rough. wind; sea moderate; overcast.

Col. C. W. Peck V.C.



Now making his first tour of the country as member or the Pension Board to which he was recently appointed.

on the vote. An ominous tone taken by Rt. MILL CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Seal Cove is Being Given its

Triple Island-Strong southerly but will also close down in a day

Provincial Government Seeking Quincennial Census, Legislature

ernment for the establishment of a quincennial census The late Sir Charles Parsons left similar to that obtaining in the prairie provinces, it was England last month on the liner stated in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of Duchess of Richmond for a tour of

Senate Wants Explanation ding that, "with the rapid increase at Newcastle-on-Tyne. in the population, we may expect

Desires to Know Whether Compromise Relief Bill Provides For Food and Clothing

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 12-- + The Senate yesterday adopted a + resolution calling upon Secretary of Agriculture Hyde to explain TORONTO, Feb. 12:-The almost unanimously.

Annual Overhaul The sawmill of the Big Bay * ally reached in the matter of * ness spoke over "HVJ," the new sta-Lumber Co. at Seal Cove has been * the boat's share of gross pro- * tion which was built for him by

closed down for a couple of weeks + ceeds as well as other matters + Gugfielmo Marconi, the inventor of for annual repairs. Usually, the * which have been in dispute. Prince Rupert— Cloudy; calm; mill is closed down during a cold barometer, 28.72; temperature, 43; snap but there has been none this winter so it is now being closed

Learns in Speech From Throne LONDON, Feb. 12:-A radio mes-, cated. VICTORIA, Feb. 12:—The British Columbia government has conducted negotiations with the Dominion gov-

the Legislature yesterday. "It is provisionally understood the West Indies. That this request will be granted Deceased was the head of the el- Seattle Jury Absolves Woman in

> 4 MEIGHEN TO BECOME CHIEF OF RAILWAY BOARD, PAPER SAYS

* HALIBUT BOAT OWNERS ARE MEETING IN CITY 4

+ this afternoon when it is ex- + sary of his papacy. * pected agreement will be fin- *

The box factory is working still to the will also close down in a day

While on Cruise of West Indies

sage received today said that Hon. Sir Charles A. Parsons, inventor of

and will be put into effect follow- ectrical and engineering works of ing the Dominion census of the C. A. Parsons & Co. and of the Parpresent year," the Speech said, ad- sons Marine Steam Turbine Co. Ltd.

this should have an advantageous effect in the adjustment of our Blazing Ship

Coastguard From San Pedro to Investi-

Whether or not the proposed \$20,- + Toronto Telegram said yester- + SAN PEDRO, CAL., Feb. 12—Re-000,000 compromise relief bill ex- day: "Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen the Rotary Club at its luncheon coni, inventor of wireless, who ditends to the purchase of food. * is likely to succeed Hon. H. A. * in the Pacific Ocean off Orange today decided to vote \$100 of the Y. rected the installation of the Vaticlothing and medicine for suffer- McKeown as chief of the board to be used toward de- can station, introduced His Holiness an appeal of the Ridley Home com- to interests and Capt. John ers. The motion was moved by of railway commissioners, the vessels to be dispatched to the fraying preliminary expenditures who spoke in Latin. The broadcast mittee asking for funds for the en-++++++++++++ ternoon.

LABORITES AGREEABLE

Premier R. MacDonald Accepts Suggestion of Liberals in House of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 12:- A Liberal resolution, moved in the House of Commons by Sir Herbert Samuel and calling upon the government to adopt sweeping measures for the relief of unemployment, has been accep-

Announcement of the government's policy was made by Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald who said that the government accepted the resolution "in the spirit in which it was put forward."

Wheat Falls Back Further Still In Vancouver Today

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12: - The * voted with the government, * price of wheat took another slide + only Conservatives supporting . downwards today being quoted at + the censure measure. 60% or three cents lower than yes-

FUEL OIL TAX ASKED

Resolution Passed at Meeting of Vancouver Island Boards of Trade in Nanaimo

NANAIMO, Feb. 12-A resolution that the government be asked to place an adequate tax on all foreign fuel oil was unanimously adopted at an executive meeting of the Vancouver Island Boards of Trade Association yesterday.

4 LABOR GOVERNMENT BEATS CENSURE VOTE +

LONDON. Eeb. 12:-The La- * * bor government defeated a * TORY VOTE Conservative motion of cen- * TORY VOTE sure last night by a vote of + * 310 to 235 or a majority of 75 * + votes. The most of the Liberals +

For First Time in History Pontiff Addresses People of Whole World; Is on Air

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 12:-For the first time in his-+ tory, Pope Pius XI today sent his voice to millions through- Iton West to succeed the late Hon. out the world in a radio message of peace to mankind. From the microphone of the new Vatican City radio sta- ority of more than 1400 while was ordered by President L. S. Plant of Big Bay Lumber Co. at & Halibut boat owners of this & tion, he proceeded to the Pontificial Academy of Science Martin's majority was 384. * port are to have a meeting * to address the academy. The day was the ninth anniver-

> Smiling and tranquil, His Holiwireless. Senator Marconi, intro-

ducing the Pontiff, spoke briefly. The faithful were directed by the Pope to obey their pastors and the governed were instructed to have respect for their governments. He spoke as "the pastor of souls of the universe" and addressed himself "to the world categorically." He directed his remarks to bishops, priests, the faithful, missionaries, governors Sir Charles Parsons Passes Away of nations, the governed, workers and the poor and sick. He asked each to consider his own position. Workmen should labor with conscientiousness, His Holiness advo-

JUSTIFIED

Connection With Killing of Husband

SEATTLE, Feb. 12:-A frail little womaTn, Mrs. Mary Burley, walked from a local courtroom yesterday afternoon on the arms of her two grown-up sons, having been absolved of blame in connection with the killing of her husband, Joseph Burley, last Saturday night.

she killed him.

Senator Borah of Idaho and passed + Telegram was informed today." + scene south of here yesterday af- in connection with the organization was heard a few minutes before S largement of the home. No action

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Heard Here



The voice of Pope Plus XI., speak-Vessels Dispatched It was proven that Burley came to ing from Rome in connection with going to adopt the official version. his wife's home and threatened the opening of a new broadcasting her. As he endeavored to break in, station at the Vatican, was heard member of the advisory committee, quite plainly by local radio listeners this morning. Senator Mar-

Booze Sales Last Year Fell Off by More Than \$100,000 Each Month

Expected That Decline For Whole Year Will be Well Over \$1,000,000—Attorney General Pooley Presents Report to Legislature

VICTORIA, Feb. 12:-British Columbia's liquor business dropped off at a rate of more than \$100,000 a month in the six months ending September 30 last, according to * balance sheets of the Liquor Control Board which were filed in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. R. H. Pooley, attorney general. In the six months' period of 1930, sales

► totalled \$7.847.961 as against : \$8.-454,710 in the corresponding period of 1929, the drop being \$606,749.

This would represent a decrease of \$1,213,498 for the year which will CUT DOWN end March 31 but actually the drop is expected to be much larger owis expected to be much larger owing to the sharp decline in sales during the late fall and winter.

Government Candidates Returned in Ontario By-Elections With Decreased Majorities

TORONTO, Feb. 12:-In yesterlay's two provincial by-elections, the electors of Grenville and Hamilton West returned Conservative government candidates by greatly educed majorities.

James Sanderson was elected to ucceed Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former Premier and now Canadian High Commissioner at London, and Argue Martin was returned in Ham-Fred Smythe.

4 GRAF ZEPPELIN MAY BE SEEN HERE SOON 4

The great German dirigible + & Graf Zeppelin may be seen & rover Prince Rupert or hereabouts before long if plans + * der of the giant airship, is now * + making, materialize. Capt. Ec- + * strate the possibility of Polar * SURPLUS + crossing the North Pole and + + proceeding down the Alaska, + * British Columbia and United * + States coast to San Francisco. +

More Unanimity National Anthem

ity in Canada's National Anthem 498.308 and current expenditure was discussed this afternoon at the \$25,286,680. Rotary Club luncheon and it was decided to take the matter up with out of income of \$135,482. the central advisory committee of the club with a view to getting united action and possibly an official declaration. It was pointed out that & COLUMARIA MINING most organizations would be willing to change if they thought they were George Woodland, the local has the matter in hand.

TROUBLE AT UNIVERSITY

Editor-in-Chief of Ubyssey Suspended for Publication of Forbidden Matter

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12-Suspension for two weeks of Ronald Grantham, editor-in-chief of Ubyssey, the student publication at Sanderson was elected by a ma- the University of British Columbia Klink on Wednesday.

> Grantham, who is in his senior year, was suspended for defiance of the President's order forbidding him to publish items regarding government criticism of a recent editorial on limitation of enrol-

Following his suspension, the publication board, a student body, voted confidence in Grantham's * Capt. Hugo Eckener, comman- * policy and decided to cease publication of the Ubyssey in protest.

REPORTED

Revenue Exceeded Expenditure During Last Fiscal Year, Minister of Finance Tells Legislature

VICTORIA, Feb. 12-For the fiscal year ending March 31 last, Hon. J. W. Jones, Minister of Fi-Canada Desired nance, told the Legislature yesterday that surplus of current revenue over expenditure was \$211,728. The question of greater unanim- Current revenue amounted to \$25,-

There was a deficit on capital

COMPANY RESUMES USK DEVELOPMENT

+ is about to resume develop- + + ment work on its promising + roperty near Usk, according + to word received from the in-