

Overcast, light barometer 30.10, sea smooth.

Friday, July 17, 1931. High 2:05 a.m. 21.9 ft. 15:04 p.m. 19.8 ft. Low 8:50 a.m. 0.82 ft. 20:55 p.m. 6.1 ft.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS VITAL QUESTION

CHAMBER COMMERCE TAKES ACTION; UNEMPLOYED MEET

Local Chamber Commerce Again Strongly Urges Construction Work On Peace Outlet Commence Once

Giving the Spectators a Thrill

Unemployed Press For Government Action To Relieve The Situation



Putt Mussman, motorcyclist of Los Angeles, driving bucking speedster up side of steep Hollywood hillside. Although his cycle is at a dangerous angle, you need have no fear for he rides as well on one wheel as on two

EDITORIAL

WORK IS NEEDED

The delay on the part of the Federal Government in announcing its policy for dealing with the unemployment is aggravating what is already a serious situation.

So far, the men have behaved in an exemplary manner and are to be commended for their restraint at a time when they find themselves placed in a difficult position.

We are a long way from the seat of government and newspapers have not stressed the unemployment situation hitherto with the possible result that Premier Bennett may not realize how serious it is.

WILL MAKE WITNESSES TELL STORY

Legislation or Royal Commission to Be Resorted to in Ottawa Inquiry

OTTAWA, July 16:—The Dominion government is considering whether it will introduce legislation within a few days compelling the attendance of witnesses for examination or whether it will deal by way of a royal commission with a "serious situation" which arose in a committee, Premier Bennett stated in the House yesterday afternoon.

The Premier's reference was apparently to the Beauharnois committee of inquiry before which in the morning Senator W. L. McDougald, through counsel, had declined to testify.

DRY ENFORCEMENT IN NEW YORK IS BROKEN

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 16:—Charges were filed here yesterday that political intrigue had been instrumental in the complete breakdown of prohibition enforcement in the state of New York. An investigation by the government will be made.

Telegram Sent to Federal Government Pointing Out Necessity of Big Public Works in West

At a special meeting of the council of the chamber of commerce, held last night with Vice-president J. H. Pillsbury in the chair, the letter received from the Associated Peace River Boards of Trade was endorsed and it was decided to wire the federal government immediately drawing its attention once more to the employment situation in this neighborhood and urging again that work be commenced immediately on the construction of the western outlet to the Peace River country.

There was considerable discussion in which a number of the members took part. All were agreed that the government should act at once in the present crisis.

HEAT WAVE OVER EAST

Sweltering Temperatures Accompanied in Many Places by Violent Storms

NEW YORK, July 16:—The central and eastern states were in the midst of another heat wave yesterday. Sweltering temperatures were accompanied in many places by violent storms.

Despite the heat, few prostrations had been reported up to last night.

SITUATION IMPROVED

German Government to Dictate Finances—Banks to Be Reopened

BERLIN, July 16:—President von Hindenburg yesterday signed a decree giving the government dictatorial powers over the money and financial situation of the country.

Steps are being taken to reopen the banks of the country and, at the same time, to prevent runs upon same.

With assurance given that industrial finances will be stabilized and payrolls guaranteed, the financial situation of the country took on a distinctly more favorable air yesterday.

Crops Look Good Near Edmonton

Paul Armour Says Just as Many People as Ever at Calgary Annual Stampede

Paul Armour, manager of the Pacific Salvage Company, who has just arrived from the prairies, says the wheat crop looks good in the neighborhood of the city of Edmonton. It is farther south where the drought has retarded growth to such an extent that the crop is bound to be very light and in some places non-existent.

Mr. Armour attended the stampede at Calgary and he says the attendance was just as good as last year, in spite of the hard times. People came from far and near.

RAILWAYS UNDER FIRE

Committee Recommends Commission on Curtailments and Drop Merchant Marine

OTTAWA, July 16:—The appointment of a commission to consider the whole question of general transportation and present curtailment projects entailing capital expenditures; the salary of Sir Henry Thornton to be treated as a public document and non-publication of the list of other salaries of paid officials is recommended in a unanimous report of a special committee of the House of Commons considering the Canadian National Railways report.

The committee also recommends the abandonment of the Canadian Government merchant marine and action for elimination of loss on the Vancouver-Seattle-Victoria steamship triangular service.

ANOTHER URGE GIVEN BENNETT BY COMMITTEE

The Peace River Committee last night sent a telegram to Premier Bennett urging immediate construction of the western outlet as one means of dealing with the present acute unemployment situation.

DETROIT SCANDAL

Administration of Relief Alleged to Have Been Careless

DETROIT, July 16:—Further scandals are developing in connection with the distribution of relief in this city. Persons on the city poor list had purchased cosmetics, silk hosiery and other luxuries, according to a report given yesterday by a firm of public accountants to the city comptroller. Laxity in connection with administration of city relief here has been alleged a good deal lately.

Halibut Landings

CANADIAN. Atlin, 10,000, 6c and 3c, holding over. Southend, 10,500, Storage, 6c and 3c. Joe Backer, 8,500, Atlin, 6c and 3c. Return, 1,400, Atlin, 6c and 3c.

Fair This Year Promises to Equal And Possibly Excel That of Other Years Becomes Evident at Meeting

Exhibition Board Deals With Number of Matters and Receives Much Encouragement In Its Undertaking

There seems every prospect that the annual fall fair this year will be well up to former standards and possibly will exceed anything hitherto attempted in the city. At the meeting of the fair board last night it developed that many exhibits will come from the interior in the new class arranged by the board this year for individual farmers' displays.

TWO FLYERS ARRIVE AT BUDAPEST

Hungarians Make Successful Hop From Harbor Grace, Nfld., to Native Land

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 16:—Alexander Magyar and George Endres, Hungarian flyers, who took off from Harbor Grace, Nfld., yesterday afternoon, arrived here late today.

three groups of lots to be given as prizes to the purchasers of membership tickets.

The matter of baseball is still in the hands of the sports and attractions committee but a series is expected to be played as well as lacrosse and football. Aiyansh and Kincolth will bring lacrosse teams and the local boys have commenced practising and will be ready to meet them, in a three team series.

Those present at the meeting last night were H. F. Glassey, president, Aldermen Lindsay and McCutcheon, George Casey, Fred Wermig, T. Ross Mackay, N. Mussallem, V. Moore, J. J. Gillis, Alderman Pullen and Secretary Vance.

Five or Six Hundred Attend Mass Meeting and Committee Will Meet City Council This Evening

With an estimated attendance of between 500 and 600 of whom fully one-third could not gain admission, the local unemployed got together in the Longshoremens' Hall last night to discuss the present situation, and to consider ways and means of bringing their plight to the notice of the provincial and federal governments.

Charles Chapman called the meeting to order and, after a few remarks as to the necessity of the meeting and in regard to the considerable feeling about the action of the government in granting a subsistence allowance of 40c a day to transients while local unemployed residents of the city, equally in need, were completely ignored, he asked that a chairman and committee be appointed. George F. Murray was nominated chairman, and W. Hogg, recording secretary.

After discussion it was decided that a committee be appointed consisting of the chairman, secretary, O. Larson, J. N. Kelly, C. Chapman and W. Ross, to interview the mayor and city council with regard to immediate relief being granted pending the opening up of construction and other work by the government; also that such allowance be sufficient to enable the recipient to maintain a decent standard of living. That no discrimination be made in the matter of wages between married and single men, and that the wages be maintained at the present standard.

Considerable discussion took place during which it was stressed that what the unemployed man wanted was not charity but an opportunity to earn a living. They (Continued on Page 2)

RIOTS IN GERMANY

One Person Killed and Many Arrested in Fatherland Following Financial Crisis

BERLIN, July 16:—Reopening of the banks after a two-day holiday and the curbing of the purchase of foreign currency today led the German government to hope it had averted a dangerous financial crisis. At the same time alarm is felt over the spread of riots by communists and jobless through a large part of the Reich. At least one person was killed and a number injured and many arrested.

Mel Johnson Was Injured at Quick Station

An accident that might prove serious happened yesterday at Quick when Mel Johnson of the B. & N. Department of the railway was struck by a stringer on a car and fell. He was taken to the hospital at Smithers but up to the time of the departure of the train it was not known just how serious his injury might be.

PRICE OF WHEAT. VANCOUVER, July 16:—The price of wheat as quoted here today was 55 1/2c. spot cash.

PATTULLO IS ACTIVE

Spoke at Luncheon and Mass Meeting at Night in Prince George and Held Other Meetings

PRINCE GEORGE, July 16:—T. D. Pattullo, leader of the opposition in the provincial legislature, is in the city today. Yesterday he addressed the board of trade here at luncheon and last night he spoke before a bumper meeting.

Mr. Pattullo has held a series of meetings along the line of the Canadian National Railway and public interest is intense everywhere. From here the Liberal leader proceeds to Anxox and Stewart, going south next week. He will leave for the Peace River on July 29 where he will spend some time.

BIG STORM AT SMITHERS

Electric Outburst Said to Have Been Worst Seen There in Years

Arrivals on the train today told of a severe electric storm which struck the town of Smithers yesterday. Thunder and lightning were so close and so vivid that the residents of the railway centre were rather startled for a few minutes. One flash of lightning in particular seemed to strike just at the door of Wiggs O'Neill's place but no damage was done.

Large Salmon Pack In Alaska Canners State

JUNEAU, July 16:—Fishermen and canners commenting on the pack of 1,800,000 cases of salmon in the Alaska districts up to last Saturday night said the 1931 red salmon pack would be one of the largest in the history of Alaska.

SUBSTITUTIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED

LOS ANGELES, July 16:—Judge Blake ordered a searching investigation by the district attorney yesterday into reports that it has been a common practice for Los Angeles bootleggers to hire substitutes to appear in court when they are prosecuted and serve their jail terms. Youths as young as eighteen years and unemployed have been used, it is stated, and have made good money at it.