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Tomorrow's Tides

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TERRIFIC STORM LASHES MARITIMES

ALARM DEVELOPING AS BURKE PLANE CONTINUES MISSING

Terrific Storm and Fifty Lives Are Endangered On Land and Sea, in East Coast Hurricane

Seventy-Five Persons at Mercy of Elements on Disabled Steamer — People on Island at Mouth of Halifax Harbor in Peril

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, March 5:—The lives of some 150 persons were endangered on land and sea today by an easterly hurricane which drove the highest tide in fifty years up on the settlements of the outer part of Halifax harbor. Including upwards of thirty passengers, some seventy-five persons were on board the helpless Furness-Withy liner Rosalind as she wallowed at the mercy of the storm without her propeller about 100 miles northeast of Sable Island while en route from St. John's Nfld., to Halifax.

Assistance was being made erady from the shore for another seventy-five persons who are beleaguered on Devil's Island at the entrance of the harbor. These people were endangered when sea walls were broken down by the fierce storm.

At the Eastern Passage, St. Andrew's Parish Hall and eight fishermen's wharves were destroyed.

At Magher's Beach, the side was practically blown out of the light-house.

At Chebucto Head, families were being moved to higher ground.

Aged Medical Professor to Retire Soon

BALTIMORE, March 5:—Dr. William H. Welsh, for many years a member of the faculty of John Hopkins University medical school here, will retire in June. He is now 81 years of age but, despite his great age, does not recommend his own practice of reading late at night and using tobacco heavily.

Alternative Vote In England Now Allowed By Bill

LONDON, March 5:—The House of Commons last night passed an alternative vote clause in the government's electoral reform bill by a majority of twenty-six.

ODD CARLOAD OF WHEAT STILL ON WAY TO ELEVATOR

Three or four carloads of grain are on the way to the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator. Last week a few cars arrived. As the elevator is high full, now, only the odd car or so is drifting in at intervals.

Search For Three Men In Flying Machine to Be Instituted Likely

Continued Silence After Being Reported Near Hazelton Is Now Giving Rise to Some Misgivings

It is likely that a search will be instituted very soon for Pilots W. A. Joerss and R. I. Van Der Byl and Air Engineer Emil Kading, who have been missing since last Saturday noon on a flight from Atlin to Vancouver in the plane of the late Capt. E. J. A. Burke. The plane hopped off from Telegraph Creek at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the intention of making either Hazelton or Burns Lake. The report of a man named Paul Penn, who states that he saw a plane pass over Nine Mile Mountain, near Hazelton, late Saturday afternoon, is taken as grounds for the supposition that the plane may have been forced near Hazelton. If it actually did come down anywhere in that territory, it is high time now that those on board should have reported unless disaster had overtaken them in landing somewhere. Snow conditions around Hazelton during the past few days have been none too good for a plane attempting either to land or take off with skis if it is stated.

DIPHTHERIA BREAKS OUT

POINT BARROW, March 5:—A serious outbreak of diphtheria was feared in this little northernmost white settlement yesterday with Dr. Henry Greist reporting two virulent cases and others of a milder nature.

An appeal has been made to the public health service at Juneau for an immediate supply of antitoxin and help.

TO RELEASE PRISONERS

Full Property Restoration Will be Made to Them Under New Agreement in India

Formally Signed

Concessions Are Made by Both Sides in Long Standing Dispute

NEW DELHI, INDIA, March 5:—Conditions agreed upon by Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, and Mahatma Gandhi, All India Nationalist leader, whereby the civil disobedience campaign in the country is brought to a conclusion include the release of all Indian political prisoners with full restoration subject to certain reservations, to them of their property and modification of the salt laws.

The agreement was formally signed yesterday by Lord Irwin and Gandhi after nine hours of almost continuous discussion during which an accord was reached upon formulas for the settlement of all points in dispute which had hitherto menaced the fruits of the London Round Table Conference.

The agreement further provides that peaceful picketing for economic objects shall be legal. Indians living near the coast will be given the right to manufacture their own salt.

Concessions by the Nationalist Congress leader were demands for an enquiry into alleged police excesses in coping with the Nationalist movement.

Gandhi and other leaders will participate in a new round table conference for which arrangements will be commenced immediately.

Racked for a year by the civil disobedience movement which defied the authority of the British, filled the jails and was responsible for millions of dollars of economic loss, peace has at last come to India.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, March 5:—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at 57 1/4c.

John Philip Sousa



Great American bandmaster, now 76 years old but still active conductor.

HANBURY IN VANCOUVER

Was Unable to be in Court Tuesday, He Explains—Resents Publicity Given Matter

Settlement Made

VANCOUVER, March 5:—In a statement last night following his return from Kamloops where he was visiting his lumber mill prior to leaving for Ottawa to assume his Parliamentary duties, Wilfrid Hanbury, M.P. for Burrard, said that he was unable to be in court on Tuesday in response to a summons to undergo examination as to why he had not complied with a court judgment over a promissory note for \$217.

As numerous committal orders of such a nature were regularly made but not put into effect, Mr. Hanbury felt that undue publicity to one against him was neither considerate or fair under the circumstances.

Later in the day it was announced that settlement had been made by Mr. Hanbury of the \$217 judgment obtained against him in County Court by John Greed, a house decorator. No steps will, therefore, be taken under an order made by Judge Ruggles committing the defendant to jail for 10 days.

WEATHER REPORT

Triple Island—Fresh northwesterly wind, moderat swell, clear.
Digby—Part cloudy, calm; bar, 30.50; temp, 48; sea smooth.

Eight Planes Destroyed Last Night as \$150,000 Blaze Visited Western Canada Hangar in 'Peg

WINNIPEG, March 5:—A fleet of seven Western Canada Airways planes and a Fairchild cabin machine, privately owned, were destroyed in a fire late last night that totally destroyed the air company's huge hangar, causing damage estimated at \$150,000.

The flames broke out following an explosion in the hangar, the cause of which is unknown.

Temporary interruption of the prairie air mail service resulted as there was no available plane to send west last night.

Universal Tax of One Percent On All Incomes Proposed Today First Budget of J. W. Jones

Government Makes Drastic Increase in Taxation, Affecting Rich and Poor Alike With No Distinction in Rate For Either—Finances Described

VICTORIA, March 5:—Bringing down his budget today, Hon. J. W. Jones, minister of finance, announced an amendment to the Taxation Act providing for universal tax of one per cent on all classes of income. The impost, which is in addition to the regular provincial income tax, is expected to yield \$2,500,000 of which \$500,000 will be used to reduce land taxation for school purposes. The only exemption will be in incomes of less than \$12 in any week and those receiving mother's pensions, old age pensions, war disability pensions and allowances and incomes from the operation of a farm. The only other impost in the budget is the increasing of present licences of banks by 20%.

For the fiscal year 1931-32, the minister of finance estimated receipts at \$25,038,696 and expenditures at \$28,080,030, leaving estimated surplus of \$8,665.

In the last fiscal year, revenues totalled \$28,115,546 and expenditures \$28,072,715.

The net debt of the province as at November 1 last stood at \$102,540,180.

Compared with the actual expenditures for 1930-31 there is an anticipated saving of \$200,000.

The minister warned the House against continuous capital borrowings when introducing a loan bill for \$5,000,000, the lowest in recent years. Of this amount, \$2,500,000 will go toward the completion of roads, bridges, etc., and \$2,000,000 is earmarked for covering unemployment.

Dealing with the major revenue, decrease of \$250,000 was expected in the profits of the Liquor Control Board while the Lands Department expected to show a loss of \$525,000 in revenue due mainly to depressed conditions of the lumber industry.

The budget, Mr. Jones continued, had been pruned of every unnecessary expenditure and, in the words of the minister: "with no estimates padded."

Further grants to municipalities and school districts of \$500,000 were announced.

Peace River Wants Government to Be More Careful With Homesteaders

POUCE COUPE, March 5:—Efforts are to be made this year to have the provincial government look into the manner in which the fertile lands of the Peace River district are being settled. Foreigners with little or no money are pouring into the Peace River country and no efforts are being made to encourage the better class of English speaking immigration.

CONTROL OF IMMIGRANTS

British Columbia is the only one of the western provinces which has taken no steps to control homesteading on her recently returned lands.

Approximately 3,000 settlers went into the B. C. section of the Peace River during the past year and homestead filings so far this year have totalled 275.

A steady gain in motor car sales is reported throughout the Dominion of Canada.

QUIET IN VICTORIA

Work of Legislature so Far This Week Has Been of Routine Nature

VICTORIA, March 5:—The proceedings of the Legislature so far this week have been of a routine nature.

On Tuesday a number of government bills were considered in committee and private bills were reported for their first reading. Amendments to a number of measures received second readings and progress in committee was reported on several bills.

Premier S. F. Tolmie and Attorney-General R. H. Pooley, who are down with severe colds, were both absent.

OIL TAX IS ASKED

George Pearson Urges Action to Benefit Coal Mining Industry of British Columbia

VICTORIA, March 5:—Increased tariff on imported fuel oil and a new tax on residue of crude oil used for refining in the province is the purport of legislation which George S. Pearson, Liberal member for Nanaimo, asked the Legislature yesterday to use its influence with the federal government to bring to pass.

Mr. Pearson painted a picture of severe distress in the coal working areas this winter, instancing Nanaimo where he said 800 miners were now employed part time as against 2500 not many years ago. The debate was adjourned.

Grain Marketing Commission to Be Named, Announced

REGINA, March 5:—Grain marketing conditions in Canada will be probed by a Royal Commission appointed by the Dominion government, Premier J. T. M. Anderson announced here.

Unseasonable Forest Fires Do \$200,000 Damage in Alberta; Town Near Wiped Out in Blaze

CALGARY, March 5:—Leaving in its wake property damage in joint Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railway yards estimated at \$200,000, a forest fire that threatened the town of Rocky Mountain House late Tuesday was yesterday smouldering under a heavy snowfall that came in the nick of time to check the flames.

Hopes are held for the recovery of Scotty Neilson, farmer of the district, who was severely burned when caught by fire while driving along the road. His team and wagon were burned but he escaped with difficulty through blazing timber.

NAVY PACT APPROVED

Italy Passes Document Although It Does Not Get Parity With France

ROME, March 5:—Italy's claim for parity with France in the matter of naval tonnage is not provided for in the recently accepted agreement for a cessation of naval building competition although France's margin of tonnage is cut to 150,000 tons. At that, much of the French navy will be obsolete or nearly so. The agreement has been accepted by the Grand Council of Italy.

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