

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Light southeast wind; bar temperature, 35; sea

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Tomorrow's Tides

Wednesday, February 3, 1932 High 10:45 a.m. 20:5 ft. Low 4:36 a.m. 10:4 ft. 17:46 p.m. 3:9 ft.

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STAND IS TAKEN IN EASTERN CRISIS CASEY MOTION ON CITY POLICE IS REJECTED BY COUNCIL

Britain and States Agree That Fighting In China Must Cease At Once With Armies Retiring

Must Take Rest



Premier Tolmie, who is ordered home by his physicians.

CONVENTION TO BE HELD

Gathering Called at Victoria to Protest at Reduction of Government Grants to Municipalities

The city council last night referred to the finance committee for report a resolution which had been put forward by the Saanich municipal council and approved by a number of municipal councils in the south urging that a special convention be held in Victoria some time this month for the purpose of protesting against any proposal on the part of the provincial government to reduce grants to the municipalities. The resolution was forwarded here by Mayor A. Wells Grey of New Westminster secretary of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, who suggested that, at the same convention, other questions such as unemployment would also be probably be taken up. Resolutions from the local were invited.

While no doubt the local council was in accord with the spirit of the resolution, Ald. Pillsbury thought the matter should be referred to the finance committee since expenditure would be involved in sending of a delegate to the convention. This suggestion was agreed to by the council.

ALASKA WEATHER

Juneau—High, 36; low, 15. Ketchikan—High, 30; low, 16. Idlu

PREMIER TOLMIE IS CONFINED TO HOME

VICTORIA, Feb. 2.—Premier S. F. Tolmie has been ordered by his physicians to be confined to his home. It is stated that absolute quiet and freedom from worry are necessary for the treatment of nose bleeds from which he has been suffering. He is expected to be out in time for the session.

Council of League of Nations Has Special Session—Edict Is Agreeable to Japan, Italy, France and Germany, It Is Announced

GENEVA, Feb. 2.—Great Britain and the United States have agreed that the fighting in China must be brought to a halt without further delay, Rt. Hon. James H. Thomas, British Secretary of the Dominions, declared this afternoon as the council of the League of Nations met for special consideration of the trouble in the Far East.

BIG FIGHT IS COMING

Most Serious Conflict Since Japanese Occupation Threatened In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2.—A fierce battle, promising the most severe fighting since the Japanese invasion of Shanghai, began this morning with terrific shelling of the already battered Chapei sector by Japanese artillery. Fifteen thousand Chinese troops in the Shanghai area stoutly resisted the attack and retaliated by setting fire to Hongkew, the Japanese international settlement, forcing the withdrawal of the Japanese therefrom.

Menace of fighting hung over Nanking where a strong detachment of Japanese bluejackets landed on the waterfront.

MOUNTED POLICEMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

EDMONTON, Feb. 2.—Corp. E. B. Bursall of the Royal Mounted Police was burned to death on January 23 when his living quarters at Stony Rapids, Sask., were destroyed by fire. R. C. M. P. headquarters here have been advised.

JAPANESE ATTACKED

Veteran British Labor Leader Calls Their Activities in China International Piracy

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, veteran Labor leader, created an uproar in the House of Commons today by shouting that the Japanese government has been engaged in a piece of international piracy in China.

McBride Seeks Incorporation

Petition For Village Status is Now Being Circulated in Interior Town

McBRIDE, Feb. 2.—A petition is being circulated here for incorporation of McBride, situated 145 miles from Prince George, as a village municipality. Advantages of incorporation were explained during a public meeting by W. Wall, district board of trade president.

The armies of both belligerents must retire, Mr. Thomas said, and a neutral zone must be organized under British and United States supervision.

Naotake Sato, Japanese delegate, expressed satisfaction at the important declaration of the great powers and said the plan they propose amounted to execution of procedure already proposed by Japan.

Dino Grandi, for Italy, and the French representative announced that their governments approved the stand of Washington and London. The German delegate made a similar statement.

SEARCHING FOR MANIAC

Reinforcements Sent By Plane From Edmonton to Help Capture Demented Trapper

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Immediate dispatch of an airplane carrying Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers was ordered today to the Rat River area where Albert Johnson, crazed trapper and slayer, has evaded attempts to capture him following his shooting of two officers, one fatally. Reinforcements left Akavik yesterday to aid the party of officers which is attempting to take Johnson.

INDEMNITY CUT DOWN

Mayor to Receive \$1,200 Instead of \$1,500 This Year and Aldermen \$240 Instead of \$300

The city council last night gave final readings to the indemnity bylaw providing remuneration to the mayor and aldermen for their year's services. Under the bylaw the annual salary for the mayor is reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,200 while the aldermen will receive \$240 instead of \$300. The bylaw was put through without comment from members of the board.

DEBT CANCELLATION BRITAIN'S POLICY

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, formally proclaimed in the House of Commons today Great Britain's policy of general cancellation of reparations and war debts as soon as possible in order to settle international debt problems.

Dances In New York



Sweden doesn't say much but now and again things like this crop up. Shirley Farshall was born in Sweden—a brunette, too. But she has forsaken her native land, temporarily, at least, to dance in New York

Civic Retrenchment Program Is Finally Approved By Council; Annual Saving Put at \$20,000

The city council last night gave its final stamp of approval to a program of reduction in salaries in the city services which are designed to save the city about \$20,000 on the present year's operations. No details of the program, which was settled upon by the council in private session last week, were given but it is known that cuts in the salaries of officials of from \$37.50 to \$100 per month are involved while wages for city hall and fire hall employees are cut on an average of seven to ten percent with three regular clerks and one special clerk in the city hall losing their jobs altogether.

In speaking on the matter, Ald. Casey urged that further money could be saved by making the cuts effective from the present date instead of giving notice until February 29. Ald. Casey further urged that the services of the city engineer could well be dispensed with altogether instead of retaining him at a salary of \$200 per month. There was little more than the work of building inspector to do and there were numerous competent men in the city who would undertake this for a monthly retainer of \$50. Ald. Casey moved that the services of the city engineer be dispensed with altogether. Ald. McCutcheon seconding the motion.

Ald. Pillsbury and Ald. Rudderham were strongly of the opinion that the plant and work involved required the services of a competent engineer. On the vote on the motion being called only Ald. Casey and Ald. McCutcheon favored it.

WILL HAVE OPERATION

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald will undergo an operation tomorrow for a slight but progressive diminution of vision of the left eye caused by overwork.

Plebiscite To Be Put Before People As Soon As Regulations Permit

Lengthy Discussion on Issue at Last Night's Meeting—Vote is 6 to 2 Against Proposal—Principles and Costs Under Review By Aldermen

By a vote of 6 to 2, the city council last night rejected the proposal of Ald. George B. Casey to terminate the agreement with the provincial police for policing of the city on June 1 and revert at that time to the system of city policing. It was agreed, however, to take a referendum on the question of provincial or city policing as soon as the necessary legal proceedings for the holding of the poll can be completed.

In opening his argument in favor of city rather than provincial policing, Ald. Casey raised a constitutional point as to the legality of failing to have police commissioners elected each year even if the police board would be inactive through the city having provincial policing.

Ald. Casey's first objection to the system of provincial policing was that it was in "direct contradiction of responsible government." The ideal democracy was that where the people had the privilege to govern themselves.

Ald. Casey charged that the police force had been changed in 1926 without his knowledge as a member of the council of that year or without the knowledge of Mayor Newton or Ald. Larsen. The first intimation they had had of it was when the subject was introduced at the meeting of the city council at which the change was put through by a majority vote. The real reason for bringing about the change at that time, Ald. Casey alleged, was to bring about the removal from the mayoralty of Mayor Newton who, it was believed, held the chief magistracy by reason of being chairman of the police commission. Mr. Newton had been able, however, to retain office until he chose to retire because he had the confidence of the people.

The excuse given for the change was that bootlegging was rampant in the city. However, he (Ald. Casey) believed there was just as much bootlegging in proportion today as there had been then.

Dictatorship Opposed To his knowledge, Ald. Casey declared that this "dictatorship of the police" had been instrumental in driving at least one firm in the city out of business. Patsy Mazzei had been virtually driven out of town after his automobile licence had been revoked for three minor infractions of the Motor Vehicle Act. Ald. Casey also alleged that the "spiriting away" to Okalla while suspension of sentence was being sought of two boys who had been convicted of pilamping last fall was "part of the provincial police effort."

Before he would stand being put out of business because he might incur the displeasure of some policemen, Ald. Casey declared that he would want some tribunal where redress might be possible. As it was at present the chief of police was a dictator with more power than even the mayor or aldermen. He did not think the city council should stand for it.

Ald. Casey declared that the actual cost of policing the city in 1930 had been \$13,118.13 in addition to transportation and feeding

prisoners. This, he claimed, was "absolutely ridiculous and out of all proportion with the requirements." It was "extravagance of the worst form." His (Ald. Casey's) proposal was to have a force of chief and three patrolmen, the chief to be paid \$150 per month and the patrolmen about \$116 or \$117. This would amount to \$6,000 a year and, after fines had been deducted from this, the actual cost would be about \$2,800, or a saving of more than \$10,000 in comparison with the present system. Then the city would have responsible government and there would be "a court of appeal rather than a dictatorship power in the hands of persons who do not know how to use power."

Further elaborating upon his city policing scheme, Ald. Casey proposed that the fire chief should be used as a deputy police chief and members of the fire department as special constables to assist the city police whenever necessary.

Opposition Voiced Ald. P. H. Linzey led the opposition to Ald. Casey's motion. He was (Continued on Page Two)

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Ceremonies at Geneva Heard on Local Receivers Today

The formal opening of the Geneva disarmament conference was clearly heard by local radio listeners this morning. The broadcast started coming in at 7:20 and could be heard here for the first half hour or so. Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson presided over the ceremonies and there were a number of distinguished speakers. Station CFCN of Calgary was the best one handling the broadcast as far as local receivers were concerned.

Mrs. H. C. Winch of Hazelton is paying a brief visit to the city, having arrived from the interior on this morning's train.

SMITHERS HAS FORTY BELOW ZERO WEATHER

Word was brought to the city by train this morning of 40 below zero weather at Smithers over the week-end, the cold snap being one of the most severe that had been experienced at the interior railway centre in years. Other interior points reported similarly low temperatures. Since yesterday there has been an amelioration of the weather.

Hospital President



William M. Brown

BROWN IS PRESIDENT

F. Dobb Vice-President of Hospital Board For 1932—Birch Again Managing-Secretary

The 1932 hospital board at a meeting last night in the offices of Rose, Cowan & Latta elected W. M. Brown president for the year, Frank Dobb being named vice-president.

H. W. Birch was re-appointed as managing secretary.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Feb. 2.—Wheat was quoted at 61 1/2c on the local exchange today.