

ITALY CHECKING OUTFLOW OF GOLD

SCHOONER SEIZED AT NEW YORK FOR LIQUOR SMUGGLING

Forceful Conversion of Foreign Credits Into Lira Ordered

Mussolini's Cabinet Orders All Banks, Businessmen and Private Citizens to Turn Securities Over to Foreign Exchange Institute

ROME, Dec. 8: (CP)—Forceful conversion of all foreign credits held by Italian citizens was ordered today by the cabinet presided over by Premier Benito Mussolini in a final attempt to halt the flow of gold out of the Bank of Italy. All banks, businessmen and private citizens are ordered to turn over to the national institute for foreign exchange all their foreign credits for which they will be given lira at the present rate of exchange—about 8 1/2%. At the same time the cabinet ordered Italians, under heavy penalty, to register with the Bank of Italy foreign bonds and foreign currency bonds which they hold abroad. The institute for foreign exchange can then use these foreign credits, estimated at three billion lira, instead of gold to pay for imports.



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Gold For New York
CHERBOURG, France, Dec. 8: (CP)—Two tons of gold valued at \$2,000,000 was exported today to New York banks.

TWO MARRIAGES OF INTEREST IN FILM COLONY ON FRIDAY

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 8:—Two marriages of much interest in the film colony took place yesterday. Evelyn Laye, English actress, and Frank Laughton eloped to Yuma, Arizona, to be married. Gloria Swanson and Herbert Marshall accompanying them. Evelyn Venable and Hal Moore, a cameraman, were married here.

Subsidy For Vessels Carrying Logs From Prince Rupert Asked By Local Chamber of Commerce

In adopting the report of G. W. Nickerson in regard to the proposed log shipping activities from this port, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night decided to ask the federal government for a subsidy of \$1,000 for each steamer calling at Prince Rupert for logs or other freight, the subsidy being for twelve calls in the course of the year. This would cover the extra cost of the call made necessary because of the omission of this port from the general charter forms.

He also drew attention to the fact that there were logs in the country contiguous to Prince Rupert which might be exported but, if not exported, would find no home market. These, if shipped, would be in competition with similar product from the State of Washington. The difficulty in meeting this competition was largely of ocean transport. A subsidy of some kind was necessary to get the business under way to a point where it would become sufficiently attractive to tramp steamers to come to the port. The extra cost to the steamer would be about \$1,000 and this was the amount asked.

In the discussion which followed the reading of the report, Olof Hanson M.P. incidentally mentioned the subsidy which had been secured through H. H. Stevens when he was minister of trade and commerce to enable the aspen logs to be shipped from Prince Rupert direct to the Orient. He thought it likely the request would be favorably considered.

Mechanical Brain In The Making



A group of civil works administration workers engaged in the construction of the differential analyzer, at the University of Pennsylvania, which will solve, in 15 minutes, mathematical problems that would take five experts four months to do.

Dr. Patterson Given Absolute Control of Tory Party in B.C.; Move For Convention Defeated

VANCOUVER, Dec. 8: (CP)—At the annual meeting of the British Columbia Conservative Association yesterday a resolution was passed stating that, "until the provincial convention is held, the president shall have authority to speak for, direct and carry on affairs of the Conservative party in this province."

Dr. F. T. Patterson of Vancouver was unanimously re-elected president. An effort by Vancouver Island delegates to have a convention called within two months for appointment of a leader was defeated, the time and place of a convention being left to the discretion of the executive.

Lafollettes Are Luncheon Guests At Warm Springs

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., Dec. 8:—President Franklin D. Roosevelt was luncheon host yesterday to the Lafollettes of Wisconsin—Senator Robert and Governor-elect Phillip—prominent advocates of huge public works projects to provide unemployment relief. Relief was discussed but no announcements were made as to the nature of the informal conversations.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF MUNITIONS FAVORED

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 8:—Chairman Nye of the Senate munitions committee came out flatly yesterday in favor of government ownership of munitions manufacture and control of the sale of arms.

SHIP NOT TORPEDOED

So Government of Canada Claims In Connection With Case Of Gypsum Queen

MANCHESTER, N.H., Dec. 8:—Capt. Freeman Hatfield has been placed under arrest for extradition by the Canadian government on a charge of defrauding the government by making a false statement, the case arising out of the sinking in 1915 of the schooner Gypsum Queen. It was claimed that the vessel had been torpedoed and, on the basis of this claim, some \$300,000 in reparations was collected. Now, however, it is alleged by the Canadian government that the vessel was not actually torpedoed but that she sank during a storm.

Capt. Hatfield's attorneys state they will go to the highest courts, if necessary, in their fight against extradition.

Tonight's train, due from the east at 10:15, was reported this morning to be on time.

CONSIDER CONFLICTS

Matters of Bitter Controversy Being Dealt With by Council of League of Nations

Eyes on Geneva

Jugo-Slav - Hungarian, Italian-Ethiopian and Paraguay-Bolivia Crises Up For Discussion

GENEVA, Dec. 8: (CP)—The council of the League of Nations was in session yesterday to consider matters of bitter controversy, all fraught with the possibility of igniting armed conflict, including the Jugo-Slav-Hungarian crisis, a protest of the Italian government against an attack upon Italian Somaliland by Ethiopia, and the Gran Chaco war between Bolivia and Paraguay.

The representative of Jugo-Slavia reiterated the previous charge that Hungary had harbored the assassin of King Alexander as well as other international terrorists. The Hungarian representative as vehemently denied the charge, asserting that he plot against Alexander had been hatched in America—either at Youngstown, Ohio, or Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Hungarian government has appealed for assistance in taking care of refugees who are being expelled from Jugo-Slavia.

The Italian government claimed that there had been considerable bloodshed and damage to property as a result of an invasion of Italian Somaliland by Ethiopian troops. Redress is sought.

Latest reports received by the League are that the Gran Chaco warfare is continuing doggedly with the Paraguayans now holding the upper hand and continuing to make advances.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Dominic Cataldo, charged with breaking and entering the "Bath House" on Fulton Street, was committed for trial by Magistrate McClymont in city police court this morning.

Canadian Vessel Taken Friday in East River With a Rich Cargo

George and Earl of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Declared to Have Had no Less Than \$400,000 of Contraband—Biggest Seizure Since Prohibition

NEW YORK, Dec. 8: (CP)—The Canadian schooner George and Earl, owned at Yarmouth, N.S., was seized in the East River here yesterday on a charge of smuggling liquor from Canada into the United States. The vessel is said to have had on board a cargo valued at \$400,000. It is the most important seizure of its kind to be made since the United States abandoned prohibition over a year ago.

ASK FOR BUILDING

Chamber of Commerce Again Petitioning Federal Government For New Post Office

A report of the civic committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was adopted at a meeting of the chamber last night in which it was decided to again ask the federal government to erect a federal building in Prince Rupert to house all the federal activities. The committee making the report consisted of W. M. Blackstock, Richard Moore and W. J. Alder. Olof Hanson M.P. said he would try to get this included in the forty million unemployment relief building fund. If this could not be done he would press for its inclusion in the general estimates.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, Dec. 8: (CP)—Wheat was quoted at 80 3/4c on the local exchange yesterday, advancing to 80 7/8c today.

Log Scale in District This Year Almost Three Times As Great as Recorded in 1933

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the year 1934 up to the end of November has totalled 131,488,012 board feet as compared with 55,788,076 board feet in the first eleven months of 1933. For the month of November this year the scale was 21,121,766 board feet in comparison with 4,823,418 board feet in November 1933. The scale per species this November was as follows, figures for the same month last year also being shown for comparison:

	1934	1933
	B.F.	B.F.
Douglas Fir	5,159	691,656
Cedar	2,736,151	673,011
Spruce	10,969,538	2,340,726
Hemlock	4,913,982	693,246
Balsam	2,143,135	364,719
Jackpine	344,783	60,060
Miscellaneous	2,018	
Totals	21,121,766	4,823,418

Forest Products

Production of poles and piling in the interior this November was light at a total of 85,865 lineal feet—all in cedar—as compared with 165,545 lineal feet last year in the same month. A total of 75 tons of cordwood was recorded this November in comparison with 41 last year. Hewn ties counted this November amounted to 20,959 pieces, all Jackpine. Last year in November no ties were recorded.

STRIKE IS STILL ON

Settlement in Los Angeles Street Railway Dispute Seems as Far Off as Ever

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8:—Negotiations with a view to settlement of the dispute between the Los Angeles Street Railway Co. and its striking employees came to a halt yesterday with the departure of C. H. Donohue of Seattle, Pacific Coast supervisor of the national labor board, for Washington where he will attend a meeting of the national labor board at which the local situation will be discussed. Meantime, a settlement appears to be as far off as ever. The city has been quiet during the past couple of days. Although thousands of regular employees are out on strike, street car and bus service is being maintained.

SKINNER FOUND SAFE BY SEARCHERS

A wireless message received by Staff Sergeant Alex McNeill, provincial police, this afternoon from Constable T. D. Brunton of Massett announced that Jim Skinner of this city, who had been missing since Sunday last while hunting in the vicinity of Parry Pass, had been found safe and well. After becoming lost, he wandered on towards the west coast of Graham Island.