

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Fresh easterly wind; barometer, 29.48; temperature 45; sea smooth.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 9:06 a.m. 18.6 ft.
22:06 p.m. 15.6 ft.
Low 2:20 a.m. 9.6 ft.
15:50 p.m. 7.9 ft.

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FRANCO-BRITISH PLAN IS SHELVED

Premier Baldwin, Speaking In House of Commons, Takes Blame For Big International Debacle

HELD BY TYPHOON

Philippine Clipper Unable To Leave Manila Yesterday—To Meet China Clipper In Mid-Pacific

MANILA, Dec. 19:—The Pan American flying boat Philippine Clipper, which was to have hopped off from here yesterday on her return flight to the United States deferred its departure owing to a typhoon. Capt. Hilton announced departure would be made today if weather was more favorable.

The Philippine Clipper will, according to schedule, meet in mid-Pacific her sister ship, China Clipper, which is to leave Alameda on Friday on a regularly scheduled mail-carrying flight to the Orient.

HER DEATH IS RIDDLE

Authorities Not Satisfied In Regard To All Circumstances of Thelma Todd's Tragic Passing

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19:—An autopsy revealed no trace of alcoholism in connection with the mysterious death of Thelma Todd, screen actress, whose body was found in her automobile on Monday. Although it had been said that she had a weak heart, she is not believed to have died of heart failure. That suffocation by carbon monoxide poisoning was the direct cause of accidental death was the verdict of a coroner's jury yesterday but how the actress came to have blood on her face and a loosened tooth has not yet been explained to the satisfaction of the authorities. The jury recommended a further thorough examination into all circumstances of the case.

Although it was believed that she had died early Sunday morning, possibly about 4 a.m., a friend testified to having heard Miss Todd's voice on the telephone at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Carmen Jewell, estranged wife of Roland West, Miss Todd's manager, states positively that she saw Miss Todd driving in her car on Hollywood Boulevard Sunday afternoon with a "handsome young man."

Four hundred guests who attended a gay party in the Trocadero Cafe Saturday night at which Miss Todd was present will be grilled with a view to obtaining all information possible with respect to the actress' movements immediately prior to her death.

Roland West was closely questioned yesterday in regard to his intimate personal relations with the dead actress. He had lived in Miss Todd's house, he said, and slept there the night she was supposed to have died.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19: (CP)—Wheat was quoted at 87½¢ on the local exchange yesterday.

Xmas Donations

Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Fund to date are: Previously acknowledged \$110.25 Gilbert Campbell 5.00

SUCH A POSITION WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE AGAIN, HE DECLARES — MUCH HARM DONE WHICH TIME MAY RECTIFY — SIR SAMUEL HOARE EARNS OVATION WITH HIS EXPLANATION.

GENEVA, Dec. 19: (CP)—The council of the League of Nations formally shelved the Franco-British plan for peace at a meeting late today.

LONDON, Dec. 19: (CP)—Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin admitted today that he had made an error in accepting the now lifeless Franco-British plan for ending the Italo-Ethiopian war and promised the House of Commons that "such a position shall not be possible again." He said he felt himself chiefly responsible and admitted that much harm had been done.

which it would take time to rectify. Premier Baldwin's version of the peace plan debacle was that the government had lost contact in Paris with Sir Samuel Hoare, Foreign Secretary, who resigned last night in face of loud public protests against the project he had engineered with Premier Pierre Laval of France.

Mr. Baldwin went on to say that the peace plan was "absolutely and completely dead" and the British government would make no attempt to resurrect it.

Hoare Given Ovation
Sir Samuel Hoare, speaking before Premier Baldwin, said Italy would consider an oil embargo as a military sanction and act of war. He did not entirely approve of the peace plan himself but it had seemed the best aid to Franco-British relations. In any case, Great Britain had not advocated the plan through fear of Italy. "We had no fear as a nation," declared Sir Samuel, "of any Italian threat. If the Italians attacked us, we would retaliate and, judging from past history, we should have retaliated with success."

"The situation has become more acute," said Sir Samuel. "We alone have taken military precautions. There is a fleet in the Mediterranean. There are British reinforcements in Egypt, Malta and Aden. No ship, no machine or no man has been moved by any other member state."

The former Foreign Secretary said that it had been in an atmosphere of a threat of war that discussions took place.

At the conclusion of his address, Sir Samuel was greeted with thunderous applause in contrast to the silence in which he had begun speaking.

In the meantime, a furious debate on foreign policy was in progress in the House of Lords.

Bombshell From Herriot

PARIS, Dec. 19: (CP)—Premier Pierre Laval, in explanation of the much assailed Laval-Hoare peace plan, said yesterday that his government's joint efforts with Great Britain were inspired by encouragements previously given at Geneva.

Another bombshell was thrown into the entangled political situation last night with the announcement that Former Premier Edouard Herriot, a minister without portfolio in the Laval cabinet, had resigned as leader of the French Radical Socialist party. This may again threaten the overthrow of the Laval government which, in recent crises, had been given the support of the group led by Herriot.

Resignation Accepted
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CONFERENCE PLEASES PATTULLO

PREMIER ON CONFERENCE

Pattullo Declares Ottawa Meeting Accomplished All That He Expected Of It

Public Works

To Be Given Consideration—British Columbia Program Not Dead—Aid Given

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19: (CP)—Premier T. D. Pattullo, returning yesterday from Ottawa, said the Dominion - provincial conference accomplished all he had "expected it to accomplish" and British Columbia's program had not been dealt a death blow as stated in some reports. "There is absolutely no truth in those reports," the Premier said. "At the closing primary session, held in camera, several provincial premiers earnestly urged that public works on a large scale should be given consideration. The unemployment council to deal with the whole problem of unemployment will, as a result, have as one of its primary functions the co-ordination of all public works undertakings."

The greatest achievement of the conference in the opinion of Premier Pattullo was the acknowledgement of the principle that the British North America Act should be amended, particularly with regard to the financial relationship of the provinces to the Dominion. In view of this acknowledgement, the Premier could see no reason that constitutional amendments could not be undertaken soon and he expected to see something done at the coming session of the House of Commons.

The provinces had taken a strong stand in connection with the necessity for assistance to the municipalities to carry their unemployment relief burden. Mr. Pattullo said. The result was that it was agreed that the federal government would make larger relief appropriations to the provinces which will, in turn, increase their grants to the municipalities.

Late Telegrams

TEN YEARS FOR BARRACK
VANCOUVER, Dec. 19: (CP)—Lou Barrack, convicted by a Supreme Court jury last night on a charge of living in part on the avails of prostitution, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Denis Murphy.

CALEB MILNE FOUND

DOYLESTON, Penn., Dec. 19: (CP)—Caleb J. Milne Fourth, kidnapped scion of a wealthy textile family, was found dazed and trussed in a roadside ditch, his eyes and lips sealed with tape, last night. No ransom had been paid.

Prohibition Sec'y Passes in South

Rev. William Fortune Of West Vancouver Was Long Prominent In B.C. Dry Organization

WEST VANCOUVER, Dec. 19: (CP)—Rev. William G. S. Fortune, general secretary of the People's Prohibition Association since 1915, is dead here at the age of seventy-eight.

DRUG ADULTERATION

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19: (CP)—D. J. Horn, president of the Rotary Club, at a recent meeting declared it was time something definite was done to eradicate the growing menace of adulteration of drugs in India.

SEAT IN P. E. I. KING AND QUEEN OF ITALY



HON. C. A. DUNNING

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 19: (CP)—Hon. Charles A. Dunning, minister of finance, has been invited to contest Queen's constituency, Prince Edward Island, for his seat in Parliament. Announcement is made that J. J. Larabee, successful candidate in the recent general election, will resign in favor of Mr. Dunning. As Prince Edward Island is now the only province not represented in the cabinet, Mr. Dunning has accepted the offer. Mr. Larabee receives a position in the Department of Fisheries.

OFFICER IS DEAD

Staff Sergeant R. W. Bowen, Provincial Police, Succumbs At Smithers

Staff Sergeant Richard William Bowen, provincial police, who was recently appointed chief of Prince Rupert district for the provincial police but who was unable to come here to assume his duties owing to illness, died at 6 o'clock last evening at Smithers. He had been chief of the Smithers district for the past year.

Born in Wales in 1882, the late Sergeant Bowen had had a long and varied police career. His first experience in police work was with the Glamorganshire Constabulary but he soon moved to Canada and eventually became chief of the old city police at Fernie, being in charge there during the strike of 1911 after which he resigned to join the provincial force in 1912. He was at first stationed at Keremeos and became a chief constable at Ashcroft, being later stationed at Vernon for a number of years, then at Penticton whence he was transferred to Smithers. A few weeks ago he was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and transferred to Prince Rupert to succeed Staff Sergeant Alex McNeill as district chief. A couple of years ago he was to have come here to succeed Sergeant W. J. Service as city chief but was unable on account of his health to accept that transfer.

Sergeant Bowen is survived by his widow, a sister of Tom Uphill, M. L. A. for Fernie, and two children—a son, aged 18, and daughter, aged 16. He was a member of the Masonic craft.

Details of funeral arrangements have not yet been learned here.

LEAD NATION IN TURNING IN THEIR WEDDING RINGS

Eighty Million Dollars in Gold Thus Given to Country In Its Emergency—Pope Pius Asks For Truce At Christmas

ROME, Dec. 19: (CP)—Queen Helena, invoking God to bring victory to Italy, contributed her own and King Victor Emmanuel's wedding rings yesterday in a great "Faith Day" ceremony in which some eight million other women and two million men in middle and southern Italy began turning in their gold bands to the government.

Rough estimates indicated that married couples would thus give the nation more than eighty million dollars in gold in the national financial emergency.

The Italian government yesterday claimed that its north Ethiopian army had defeated the Ethiopians in a three-day battle along the Takkaze River, killing five hundred warriors.

At Vatican City Pope Pius asked Italy and Ethiopia to declare a Christmas truce and to refrain from hostilities during the Yuletide.

BAR SILVER DOWN AGAIN

Slump Continues on World Market—Attributed to United States-Chinese Deal

LONDON, Dec. 19: (CP)—Bar silver continued its hasty retreat yesterday when London brokers set the price at 23 pence per ounce, a reduction of one and seven-eighths pence, without attracting bids.

Recent change in the United States silver purchasing policy was explained here as a cause of the slump. Reports from well informed sources said that negotiations are under way in Shanghai between American and Chinese representatives for direct sale of Chinese silver stocks in return for American dollars.

New York Price Weak

NEW YORK, Dec. 19: (CP)—Yesterday's price of 55½¢ per ounce for silver was a drop of three cents from the previous day, bringing the price to the lowest level since February 26, 1935, as the world silver markets apparently faced a new crisis. The collapse continued today with another drop of two cents. Fixing of the price followed the placing of the London price at 22 3-16 pence an ounce, off 13-16 pence.

Owing to the chaotic conditions in the white metal markets, London was unable to fix other than a nominal price yesterday and the Bombay market closed for the rest of the week.

The silver market had the tendency of unsettling the stock market with prices off generally. The day's turnover was 1,700,000 shares as compared with 1,390,000 shares the day previous when general advances had been recorded. Closing averages yesterday: industrials, 140.10, off .50; rails, 40 even, off .08; utilities, 28.20, off .09; bonds, 97 94, up .25.

Government Policy

WASHINGTON D.C., Dec. 19: (CP)—Reiterating a previous statement that the Treasury is still buying silver, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau said today that the government has taken all Mexico's newly mined output during the past year—about 72,000,000 ounces.

WORST WEEK ON ROADS

LONDON, Dec. 19: (CP)—More people were killed on British highways during election week than in any other week this year. The total of 165 was 32 more than the previous week and 25 more than the corresponding period in 1934.

Takes Blame



Premier Stanley Baldwin

California Boy, Shot by Mother, Rallies Slightly

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 19:—Jesse L. Livermore Jr., shot recently by his mother, Mrs. Dorothea Livermore, during a drinking bout, was reported last night to be slightly rallied after having been under an oxygen tent in hospital for the past few days, following an operation for the removal of bullets.

Re-Arranging Of Relief Loans

No More Grants to be Made By Ottawa to Provinces For Cities

OTTAWA, Dec. 19: (CP)—Pending re-arrangement of provincial relief grants, which will be increased as a result of the Dominion-provincial conference, no more loans will be made to the provinces on behalf of the cities, it is announced.

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Townsend Plan Candidate Wins

Scored Three to One Victory Over Democratic Opponent In Michigan

DETROIT, Dec. 19:—The first candidate sponsored by the Townsend Plan has been elected to public office in the third district of Michigan in the person of Vernon W. Main who defeated Howard Cavanaugh, a straight Democrat by a vote of three to one. Elderly people turned out in strength to support Main.

Quadruplets In Northern Texas

Newspapermen Are Endeavoring To Check up on Veracity Of Report

FORT WORTH, Dec. 19:—Quadruplets, two girls and two boys, are reported to have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Commons in Northern Texas and newspapermen have been endeavoring to verify the report. The babies each weigh from 5 to 5½ pounds and are said to be in excellent health. There are nine other children in the family.