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PARLIAMENT BLDGS.

Session Of B. C. Legislature Opened

Steps To Be Taken To Relieve Unemployment Throne Speech States

Forthcoming Visit of King and Queen Hailed With Gratification—Untoward World Conditions are Cause of Apprehension

VICTORIA, October 25: (CP)—A bill to create a public utilities board, amendments to various acts and further efforts to relieve unemployment were forecast by Lieutenant Governor Eric W. Hamber in the Speech from the Throne read at the opening of the session of British Columbia Legislature this afternoon.

The usual ceremonies attended the opening.

The Speech said that news of the coming visit of the King and Queen to Canada had been received with feelings of patriotism, joy and gratification.

"We cannot view with anything but apprehension the present untoward world conditions affecting the peoples of all lands," said the speech.

Business conditions had remained stable during the past year but unemployment was still present, the Speech said, and "further efforts will be made as far as possible to create and stimulate new opportunity."

PROVINCE FINANCES IMPROVED

Surplus of $3,364,899 on Operating Account as Compared with $2,689,023 in Preceding Year

VICTORIA, Oct. 25: (CP)—British Columbia's public accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31 last, tabled in the Legislature today by Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, showed a surplus of $3,364,899 on operating account. This compares with $2,689,023 in the preceding year.

These figures do not include relief costs or sinking fund provision except for sinking fund for inscribed stock held in London.

The surplus is applied toward direct relief, the total cost of which is $3,700,240. A balance of $335,341 for direct relief is borrowed from the federal government. In the preceding year the government was short $1,706,603 on this account.

Revenue from all sources showed an all time high of $31,036,942 compared with $28,102,612 in the preceding year.

Ordinary current expenditures were $26,819,060 as compared with $25,413,589 the year before.

Dept redemption amounted to $852,983.

ARE KILLED IN CLASHES

Death List As a Result of Fighting Between Hungarians And Czechs Placed At One Hundred

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 25:—More than one hundred have been slain and three to five hundred wounded as a result of frontier clashes between Hungarians and Czechs, it is stated by the Czechoslovakian authorities. Of the dead seventy were Hungarian terrorists and thirty Czechs.

MUNICH IS DEFENDED

Necessity of Friendship Between Great Britain and Germany Stressed by Lord Halifax

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Oct. 25:—Speaking here last night in defence of the Munich agreement, Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, declared that an understanding between Great Britain and Germany was the strongest bulwark against world war. He defended a policy of frontier revisions along racial lines and, by inference, encouraged Hungary in its territorial claims against Czechoslovakia.

Tenders Called For Air Base On Queen Charlottes

Tenders are being called by the Department of National Defence for the construction of buildings and a runway for the Royal Canadian Air Force base being established at Aliford Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands.

British Refugees Had Rough Voyage

Steamer Toronto City Lands at Portland After Stormy Voyage Across Atlantic

PORTLAND, Maine, Oct. 25: (CP)—The British ship Toronto City arrived here Saturday after an exceptionally rough 22-day voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. Damage to the vessel included the carrying away of her bridge. Passengers included a number of English people who fled their country owing to the recent war scare.

Halibut Sales

American

Helgeland, 23,000 pounds, Cold Storage, 11.1c and 6c.

Arctic, 31,000, Cold Storage, 10.2c and 6c.

GT. BRITAIN NOT PAYING

Will Again Default On Its War Debt Installment to United States Next Month

LONDON, Oct. 25:—Great Britain will again advise the United States that it is unable to pay a war debt installment of $120,000,000 due on November 15. Active negotiations for a final settlement of the war debt question are denied.

Attempted Murder Of Magistrate Is Charge For Hall

VANCOUVER, Oct. 25: (CP)—Joe Hall, aged 40, has been arrested on a charge of attempted murder in connection with the firing of a shot at Magistrate Edmonds of New Westminster Saturday night.

BRIDGES IS COMMUNIST

American Legion Investigator Testifies Before Committee In Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25:—Harper Noel, of Oakland, chairman of the American Legion radical activities investigation committee, yesterday told the congressional un-American activities committee that Harry Bridges, west coast longshoremen's union leader, was a Communist and had presided over communist meetings. Noel further charged Bridges' organization with having been responsible for the killing of a man whose body had been dumped into San Francisco Bay.

Dodge Death Accidental

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict in Tragedy of Young Automobile Millions Heir

LITTLE CURRENT, Ont., Oct. 25.—A verdict of accidental death was returned here yesterday by the coroner's jury investigating the death of Daniel Dodge, heir to the Dodge automobile millions, who was drowned in Georgian Bay some weeks ago while being rushed to hospital here after having been severely injured in an explosion. Dodge's young bride of two weeks was a witness at the inquest.

LINDBERGH POLITICIAN

Ella Wilkinson, British Labor M.P., Suspicious of Famous Flier's Motives

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Ella Wilkinson, Labor Member of Parliament, was the source of another broadside against Col. Charles A. Lindbergh. She inquired if he was becoming less of an aviator and more of politician and described him as "the Col. Lawrence of the United States."

Lindbergh is expected to visit Italy shortly, astensibly in connection with the insurguration of a new international air service.

Eighteen Die In Air Crash In Australia

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Oct. 25: (CP)—Eighteen persons, including C. Hawker, a member of Australian Parliament, were killed in the Dominion's worst air liner crash on Mount Dandenong, 40 miles southeast of Melbourne, today. fourteen of the dead were passengers and four members of the crew.

MANY ARE INDICTED

Forty-Four Men and One Woman Charged in International Liquor Ring

NEW YORK, Oct. 25: (CP)—Forty-four men and one women were indicted by a federal grand jury Monday on charges of defrauding the United States government of at least $15,000,000 through operations of an illicit liquor ring in cities of United States and Canada.

NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE

Important Hours and Wages Legislation Becomes Operative in United States

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25: (CP)— Important new labor laws affecting wages and hours of work went into effect in the United States yesterday. In the meantime, only interstate commerce industries are affected by the new laws which are designed eventually to establish a 40-hour week, 40c an hour minimum wage and barring of employment of children under eighteen years of age in hazardous occupations. It is estimated that eleven men and women are affected by the new laws.

Several industries have announced closing down on account of the new wage laws which they say they cannot economically meet. Included in these are the pecan shelling industry, employing 30,000 persons. The operators say they cannot pay a minimum of 25c per hour.

Last Appeal Has Failed; Must Hang

OTTAWA, Oct. 25: (CP)—The cabinet today refused a reprieve to Vincent Macchione, who is sentenced to hang tomorrow at Okalla Prison, Burnaby, for the murder almost two years ago of Michael Hudock near Fernie. The executioner has arrived at the scene and all is in readiness to proceed with the hanging.

JUNEAU IS GIVEN VOTE

Sum of $75,000 Is Provided By Washington for Building Of Breakwater

JUNEAU, Oct. 25:—The War Department at Washington has voted $675,000 towards breakwater projects for the protection of small boats at Juneau.

Alaska Flier Has Now Been Missing Week

ANCHORAGE, Oct. 25:—Widespread search has been instituted, but so far without success, for Glen Day, well known Alaska flier, who has been missing for a week now north of here. He was last seen by another flier battling with a storm in the McKinley Range—Kuskokwim River country.

CIVIL WAR IN IRELAND

Viscount Craigavon Outspoken in Regard to deValera Proposal

LONDON, Oct. 25: (CP)— Viscount Craigavon, Premier of North Ireland, in an interview with a London newspaper Sunday, said that any attempt to force Northern Ireland to unite with Eire as proposed by Premier Eamonn de Valera of Eire would undoubtedly be followed by civil war.

"Northern Ireland has learned through experienc to place no value upon de Valera's promises or even on his guarantees," Viscount Craigavon declared.

Gasoline Cut Protest Heard

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Refers Matter to Committee

The council of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting in the city hall yesterday, discussed a communication from the Petroleum Industries of British Columbia, protesting against the order setting the price of gasoline. It was decided to refer the matter to the trade and commerce committee for report to the next meeting.

ANCHORAGE FIRE LOSS

Damage of $200,000 As Result Of Conflagration in Alaska Town Yesterday

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 25: (CP)—Four firemen were overcome by smoke and one was burned on the hands in an Alaska Railway warehouse fire which was brought under control Monday after an all night fight.

The loss is estimated at $200,000.

The fire did not affect the operation of the railroad.

WINNIPEG WHEAT PRICE

WINNIPEG, Oct. 25: (CP)—Winnipeg wheat futures were off 5/8c to 7/8c on Saturday, October closing at 61 1/2c.

Former China Capital Given Up To Invaders Today Without Battle

Move is Stated to Have Been For Strategic Reasons—Had Long Been Objective—Chiang Kai Shek and His Followers Flee

SHANGHAI, October 25.—The Japanese army, after smashing its way into the outskirts of Hankow early today, marched into the city today as evacuation of the provisional capital by the Chinese continued at full speed. Japanese army and navy commands announced that the entry by the Japanese forces had been without resistance, the defenders having abandoned the city. Details were lacking but the Japanese said that units of both services had participated in the capture of the great city which has been the major goal of the Japanese conquest since Nanking fell eleven months ago.

Neutral advices at Shanghai said that retreating Chinese had demolished buildings. Large fires were reported in Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang.

The military council at Hankow decided not to defend the city against the Japanese but to with draw for strategic purposes.

Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai Shek fled yesterday to Chungking in their big Douglas American-made plane followed by five other planes carring high officials and government records.

The great fire in Canton is now reported checked.

FIGHTING GAS CUT

Oil Companies Granted Temporary Injunction Against Government By Mr. Justice Manson

VANCOUVER, Oct. 25: (CP)—Mr. Justice A. M. Manson, in Supreme Court yesterday, granted an injunction restraining until Thursday compulsory reduction in the price of gasoline as ordered by the provincial government. On Thursday the plaintiff companies, seeking to restrain the government from fixing the price, will apply to continue the order. The companies claim that the Coal and Petroleum Act of 1937 is ultra vires of the provincial legislature.

The plaintiffs, through their counsel, Senator J. W. deB. Farris K.C., contend that, if the order took effect, they would lose $1,590,000 over a one-year period. Senator Farris argued yesterday that it was an attempt to regulate trade and commerce.

The plaintiff companies are Home Oil Distributors Ltd., Imperial Oil Ltd., Shell Oil of British Columbia Ltd., Signal Oil Co. of British Columbia Ltd., Standard Oil Co. of British Columbia Ltd., Texas Co. of Canada Ltd., Union Oil Co. of Canada., Pender Garage Ltd. and Roy Stewart Ltd.

Secession Is Not Favored

Sskatchewan Government Heads Give Chilly Reception To Proposal

REGINA, Oct. 25: (CP)—A resolution passed by the United Farmers of Saskatchewan advocating secession of the prairie province from the rest of Canada does not represent the majority of public opinion, declares Premier W. J. Patterson.

"It would be foolish," commented Hon. T .C. Davis, Attorney General, speaking of the proposal.

New Air Service In United States

Plane Covers Distance Between Denver and Des Moines in Four Hours, Twenty Minutes

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 25.—Making an experimental flight from Denver to Des Moines preparatory to the inauguration of a new commercial service between the two cities, a Union Air Lines plane arrived here yesterday after covering the distance in four hours and twenty minutes. The new service will include calls at Kansas City and Topeka.

ARABS ARE EXECUTED

Three Put To Death by British Military Authorities For Rebel Activities

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25:— Three Arabs were executed by British military forces yesterday for rebel activities. Meantime, sporadic outbreaks throughout the country against the British rule continue.

TWO MEN ARRESTED

Quick Action of Police Following Robbery of Vancouver Bank Yesterday Afternoon

VANCOUVER, Oct. 25: (CP)—Police captured two roughly dressed men near the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch in the Grandview residential district yesterday afternoon just after the bank had been held up by two men armed with shotguns, $1000 being taken. The money was recovered, the police said.

George Alfred Martin, aged 38, and Paul Marcel, the men captured, are charged with robbery with violence.

A bank employee fired four shots after the men.

Warehouses In San Francisco Are Re-Opening

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.— One hundred and fifty-seven warehouses in the Bay area, which have been tied up by a C. I. O. strike, are re-opening, an agreement on points at dispute having been reached.