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AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINA LIBERALS VERY CONFIDENT OF FUTURE PROSPECTS HERE

Japan Expresses Its Opinion on Movement United States Makes

TOKYO, Japan, February 10.—Both the north and south factions of China intend to reject the suggestion of the United States that the foreign concessions in Shanghai be made a neutral zone it was said here today on the basis of official information from the Japanese Foreign Office. It is said the United States did not consult Japan before the proposal of Secretary of State Kellogg was made and, therefore, Japan regards the suggestion for a neutral zone as an independent move on the part of the United States.

COMMISSION ON B.C. CLAIMS

PROPOSED BY LEON LADNER IN FEDERAL HOUSE—WOULD INVESTIGATE VARIOUS MATTERS

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—The establishment of a Royal Commission by the federal government to report upon the claims of British Columbia is advocated by Leon Ladner, Conservative member for Vancouver South, in a resolution placed upon the House of Commons order paper. The member suggests that the proposed commission investigate and report upon the province's claims with respect to the Dominion railway belt; the Fraser River block, the Indian lands and the annual subsidy now paid to the province.

FURTHER MOVE DISARMAMENT

SUGGESTION MADE TO BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY AND JAPAN BY COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—In a further attempt to reduce armaments, President Coolidge has suggested to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan that they empower their delegates to the Geneva preparatory commission for disarmament to negotiate and conclude an early date an agreement further reducing naval armaments. The president is made that an agreement be reached supplementing the naval limitation treaty of Washington and covering the classes of vessels not included in that treaty.

NEW YORK NAVY YARD HAS FIRE

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$1,000,000 AND \$1,500,000 IN CONFLAGRATION LAST NIGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Damage estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 was caused by fire last night in the New York navy yard at Brooklyn. Three warehouses and five anti-aircraft guns were destroyed.

IDAHO TEAM WINS BANFF DOG DERBY

Correctly Driving for Charles Trade, 85 Miles in 11 Hours and 14 Minutes yesterday

BANFF, Feb. 1.—Warren Cordingly, driving for Charles Trade of Ashton, Idaho, won the 85-mile Calgary-Banff dog derby yesterday. Cordingly made the distance in eleven hours and four minutes. George Knight of Banff was second, twenty-one minutes later.

FORMER INSTRUCTOR KINGSTON MILITARY COLLEGE HAS PASSED

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Brigadier-General Sir Edward Raban, former instructor at the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont., is dead here at the age of 77.

CONCESSIONS IN CHINA ARE PART TROUBLE CAUSE

FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND OTHER NATIONS HAVE THESE HOLDINGS THERE

Concessions, or territories reserved for foreign residence or business, are one of the roots of trouble in China today. There are in China two sorts of such territories: (1) leased territories on a 99-year lease and (2) concessions granted for an indefinite time.

The leased territories are: Hong Kong, leased to Great Britain in 1841. It now has a population of 625,000. Wei-Hai-Wei, leased to Great Britain in 1898. It has a population of 150,000. At the Washington conference in 1921 it was promised that this territory would be restored to China.

Kwang-Chow-Wang, leased by France in 1893. Port Arthur, formerly leased by Russia, but taken by Japan after the Russian war.

Concessions held by the various powers follow: France—Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, Chinkiang, Tientsin.

Great Britain—Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Kiu-Kiang, Chinkiang, Tientsin, New-chang.

Japan—Amoy, Hankow, Chungking, Tientsin, Hangchow, Soochow, United States—Amoy.

There are international concessions in Italy and Belgium—Tientsin, or quarters in other towns, together with the legation quarters in Peking.

MAORIS WIN AT VICTORIA

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TEAM WINS BY 41 TO 3 IN FINAL GAME ON PACIFIC COAST

VICTORIA, Feb. 10.—Making a clean sweep on the Pacific coast, having won three games in Vancouver, the New Zealand Maoris rugby team defeated Victoria, 41 points to three, in the final game on the coast. The New Zealanders will sail home from here.

FLU NOT CAUSING DEATH OF INDIANS

Tribes in West are Increasing in Numbers—Death Rate is Less

WINNIPEG, Feb. 10.—(By Canadian Press).—Throughout the West epidemics of a mild form of influenza have caused a considerable amount of sickness on the Indian reservation, but there have been no deaths as the result of the malady to date, according to Indian Commissioner W. M. Graham, of Regina, Sask.

The conditions prevalent generally among the Indians of the prairie provinces are very satisfactory, the commissioner said, although they have fallen prey to influenza epidemics that have assailed the whites.

On the majority of the reserves in the West the Indian tribes have increased in numbers. The death rate among the younger generation particularly has decreased.

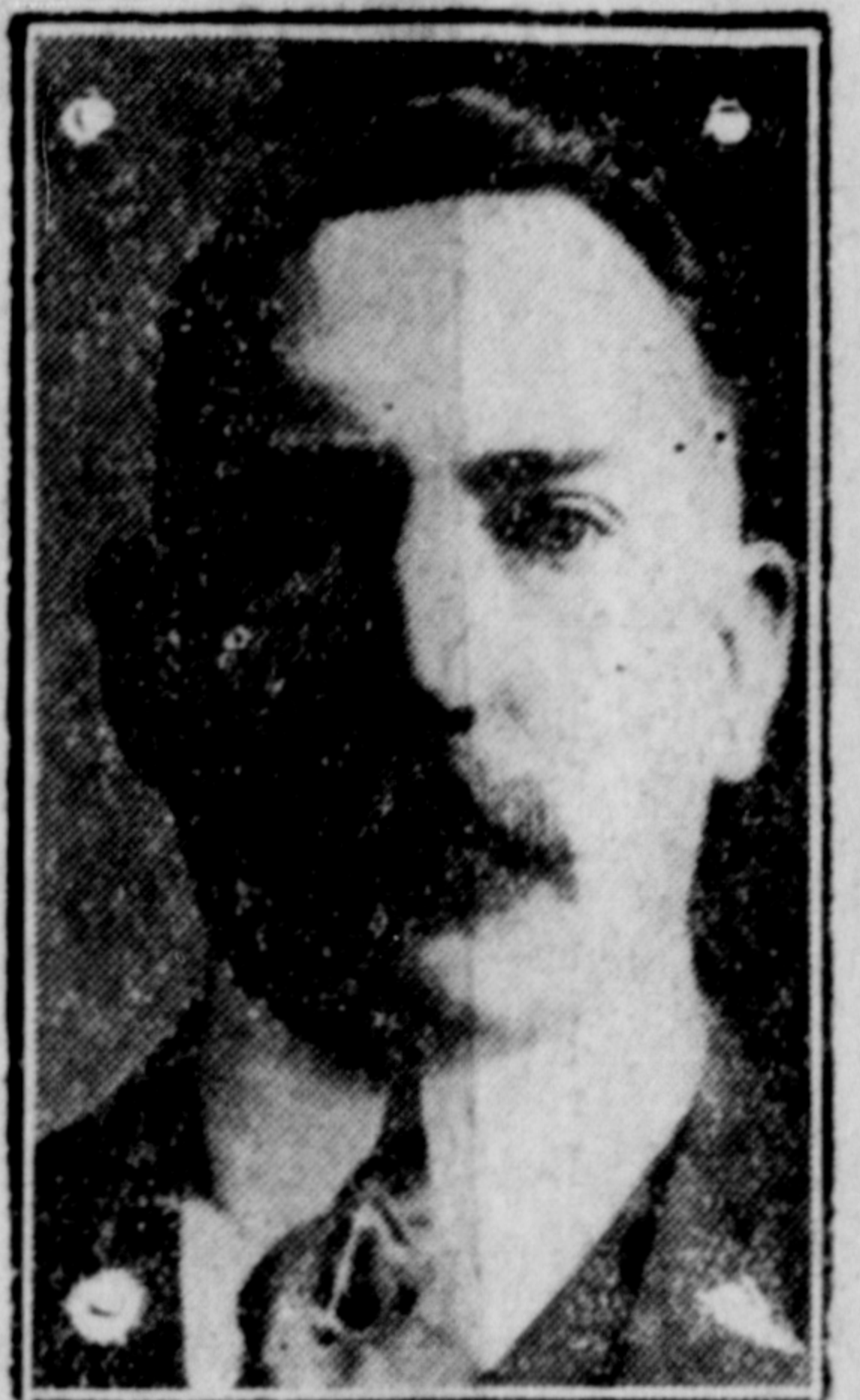
CANADIAN NATIONAL DEBT IS DECREASED

Now Totals \$2,340,000,000 or Decrease of Forty Million Dollars from Last Year

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—Canada's national debt now stands at \$2,340,000,000, a decrease of \$40,000,000 from a year ago.

HON. WM. SLOAN BACK

VICTORIA, Feb. 10.—Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, returned to Victoria on the steamer Tahiti after a trip to Honolulu for the benefit of his health. He has resumed his seat in the legislature and also charge of his department.



SIR JAMES CRAIG, premier of northern Ireland, who became a vicount on the issue of the King's New Year Honours List.

LLOYD GEORGE GIVES PRAISE

COMPLIMENTS CHAMBERLAIN ON CHINESE POLICY—MOVEMENT THERE, HE SAYS, NOT BOLSHEVIST

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Ex-Premier Lloyd George, Liberal leader, in debate in the House of Commons yesterday, paid tribute to Foreign Secretary Chamberlain's Chinese policy and said that he hoped it would be possible to avoid landing troops at Shanghai although the government must act if there was any real peril there. He asserted that the Chinese movement was not a Bolshevik one but was essentially nationalist.

The equipment for the different factions came not from Russia but from American and British merchants in Shanghai.

A little kindness has to go a long way because the supply is short.

Premier Oliver Moves for Probe into Allegation Made in Regard to Money Disappearing; Merville

VICTORIA, February 10.—The provincial legislature has a new investigation on its hands. Notice was given by Premier Oliver yesterday afternoon of a resolution to appoint five members of the House to inquire into the accuracy of a statement made by W. A. McKenzie, Conservative member for Similkameen, that Thomas Menzies, former member of the legislature for Comox, after investigating the soldiers' settlement at Merville, made a report alleging that, in the course of land clearing operations, \$167,000 had disappeared and had not been accounted for. Documentary evidence to the effect that the report was never made and the public moneys of British Columbia or any other amount of public money disappeared or is unaccounted for as alleged by the statement made by the member for South Okanagan and the member for Esquimalt.

The budget debate was continued by Charles Woodward, Liberal, Vancouver; Thomas Uphill, Labor, Fernie; and A. McCreery, Provincial, Vancouver.

"First, whether or not the Thomas Menzies referred to did make or assist in making and did sign any report to the government or any member thereof containing the statement alleged.

"Second, whether or not \$167,000 of

American scientists have measured the temperature of Mars. Tired businessmen can now decide if they want to spend their holidays there.

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Correspondence During Crisis at Ottawa Last Summer May Be Made Public if King Consents

OTTAWA, February 10.—Correspondence between Governor-General Byng and the government during the political crisis last July will be made public if Premier King accedes to a request made by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Conservative House leader, in the House of Commons yesterday. Correspondence between Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader at the time, Premier King and the Governor-General when the government changed and the House dissolved, and further correspondence between Mr. Meighen and Lord Byng in regard to the resignation of Mr. Meighen last fall was also asked for. In the absence of the Premier, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice and senior cabinet member, promised to refer the matter to the government.

SMOKED FISH HIS SUBJECT

D. B. FINN, DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES EXPERIMENTAL STATION, DELIVERS INTERESTING ADDRESS BEFORE ROTARY CLUB

"The smoked fish industry" was the subject of an interesting and enlightening address delivered before the Rotary Club today by D. B. Finn, director of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station.

Mr. Finn outlined existing methods of smoking fish and traced the progress of the industry from primitive times when the fish was held over an open fire down through the time of treating with fire in the bottom of a barrel which in turn evolved the modern smokehouse. The principle had not changed in one hundred years although many improvements had been developed.

Mr. Finn told of the products of various kinds of smoked fish and mentioned the work that the Biological Board of Canada is carrying on with the object of ascertaining best conditions and processes and determining what factors are responsible in producing the best color, flavor, and surface texture. The speaker also referred to experiments now being made by the board on the Atlantic coast with various kinds of woods to determine the smoke of which is most suitable.

C. H. Orme, president of the club, who was in the chair, thanked Mr. Finn for his interesting talk.

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LOS ANGELES WOMAN CLAIMS HEART BALM FROM MAN AT ANYON

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10.—Gwendolyn Hill of Los Angeles has entered suit in the Supreme Court against Terence Ryan of Anyon, claiming \$5,000 as damages for breach of promise to marry. In addition, \$2,400 is claimed as special damages.

Recent Defeat Will Be Spur for Continuation of Efforts to Success

Many enthusiastic speeches delivered at largely attended annual meeting last night—organization starts at once

That the defeat in the federal field last September would serve to spur the party on to greater efforts which would be crowned with success in regaining what had been lost and retaining what was already held until Skeena county again reverted to the Liberal fold was freely predicted at the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association which was held last night in the Metropole Hall. With a Liberal regime firmly established for many years as far as the Dominion was concerned and with prospects bright for the return of the Oliver government by a larger mandate than ever before at the next provincial election, there was unanimity of feeling that the Liberal party would have little if any difficulty in again achieving success both federally and provincially when the next contests should take place. It was generally admitted that the Liberal defeat in Skeena last year had been due to over confidence and the necessity of making an early start on the reviving of the party's organization was stressed. It was one of the most largely attended Liberal annual meetings in recent years, some fifty or more persons being present. Ald. W. J. Greer, president of the Association, occupied the chair and among those who spoke were Fred Stork, L. W. Patmore, Thomas McClymont, Ald. W. M. Brown, David Thomson, Theo. Collart and Harvey Fraser. The addresses were hopeful and stirring and filled with confidence as to the future of the party in the district and throughout the country.

In opening the meeting, Ald. Greer briefly outlined the events since the last annual meeting. It had been a busy year in which there had been much progress. The provincial government had completed a part of the Island Highway and work had been continued on the Queen Charlotte Island roads. Word had been received from the minister that there would be a large appropriation at the present session to complete the Island road to the rapids and also to finish the road on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The greatest development of the year as far as Prince Rupert was concerned, however, was the completion and institution of operations at the elevator.

"This testified to the good work of our member at that time, Fred Stork," declared Mr. Greer amid applause. "Political opponents and doubters first said the elevator would not be completed and then that grain would never be shipped through it. But Fred Stork's hard work has proven that they did not know what they were talking about. The only regret we have now is that we were not able to return him in September. We believe, however, that the party is stronger today than it has ever been in the past and, when the times roll around again, we will give a good account of ourselves."

FRED STORK

At the call of the president, Fred Stork took the platform and, after the applause had died down, gave a stirring address. This, he said, was about the eighteenth annual Liberal meeting he had attended in Prince Rupert. It was a matter of great satisfaction to him, he said, to see so many of the old guard in attendance and also so much new blood. It spoke well for the future of the party in Prince Rupert and district. He congratulated the president on his re-election and paid tribute to his work for the party. He had given the time and attention necessary to the welfare of the party and would, doubtless, continue to do so.

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J. K. FLEMMING IS DEAD TODAY

FORMER PREMIER OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRESENT M.P. PASSES AWAY IN CITY OF HIS BIRTH

WOODSTOCK, New Brunswick, Feb. 10.—Hon. James Kidd Fleming, L.L.D., M.P., former premier of New Brunswick and member of parliament for Carleton-Victoria, died this afternoon.

The late Mr. Fleming was born in this city on April 27, 1868. He was educated in the common schools, Provincial Normal school and New Brunswick University. He taught in the provincial schools for two years and later engaged in mercantile pursuits. He has been a manufacturer and dealer in lumber for many years. First elected to the provincial legislature in 1895, he retained his seat of Carleton continuously and in 1908, he entered the J. D. Hazen administration as provincial secretary and receiver general. On retirement of Mr. Hazen in 1911 to join the Borden federal cabinet, Mr. Fleming was elevated to the position of Premier and minister of lands and mines. He was Premier for several years until his government went down to defeat at the polls. He was elected member for Victoria-Carleton in the federal house in 1925 and re-elected in September last.
