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BRITISH EVACUATE HANKOW CONCESSION

SPREAD OF UPRISINGS
FEARED BY OFFICIALS;
INDEMNITY DEMANDED

Chinese Formulate Request Through Cantonese
on British for Payment, Apology and
Withdrawal of Warships

MISSIONARIES TO LEAVE INTERIOR

London Hopes Crisis Will Ease Without Extensive Bloodshed—
Royal Fleet Ordered to Prepare for Possible
Service in Far East

HANKOW, Jan. 6.—Representatives of laborers, farmers, merchants, students and soldiers of Hankow have formulated demands to be presented through the nationalist, or Cantonese government, to the British consul, including a demand for indemnity for Chinese alleged to have been killed and wounded in the disturbances of Monday, with withdrawal of gunboats and an apology to the Chinese government.

Three hundred armed Chinese troops and 200 Chinese pickets occupied the British concession here shortly before midnight last night, after all women and children were put aboard ships in the Yangtze River. British sailors, marines and volunteers left the concession and boarded British warships.

MISSIONARIES INSULTED.—All missionaries have been ordered to quit their stations in the interior of China, a Peking despatch to the Daily Mail, London, asserts.

Reports of anti-Christian slanders in the Yangtze region, and Szechwan, are being received daily, the correspondent adds. Missionaries have been maltreated, the women insulted and the mission station looted.

LONDON HOPEFUL.—LONDON, Jan. 6.—With British and United States warships racing up the Yangtze toward Hankow and all British women and children evacuated

Canadian Workers

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 6.—Missionary headquarters here of Canadian churches, resident in China, last night had no direct word of the position of Canadians in the troubled area of China.

Rev. Edgar Brownlie, secretary of the China Inland Mission, said they had a mission home in the Hankow British concession, and while there were only four missionaries permanently established there, the home was used a great deal by missionaries traveling to and from other parts of the country.

He explained that the British concession in Hankow was both a residential and industrial center for the foreign population of the city, and that most of the missionary societies had their headquarters there.

Princess Pats' Head
On Adequate Staff

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Col. C. R. F. Willelms, commander of the Princess Patricia Regiment since 1920, with headquarters at Winnipeg, and who has been promoted to headquarters staff of the Department of National Defence, will be attached to the judge advocate general's staff here, Major General J. H. Macbrien, chief of staff, stated today.

PROTECT PICTURES

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Strong police forces are patrolling the galleries of the Royal Academy day and night to protect Finnish masterpieces valued at £10,000,000 (about \$50,000,000) which have been collected from all parts of the world for a temporary exhibition beginning Saturday. Never before has the famous academy housed anything so precious.

Poincare Gov't's Existence Hinges on Result of Sunday Elections

Smugglers' Rocket Signals
Nearly Wreck Big Collier
Off Glace Bay Last Night

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 6.—A run runner making rocket signals to smugglers ashore is believed to have been the real cause of the excitement at Table Head, Glace Bay, which took the big collier Fulham off her course last night and kept her circling about in a blinding rainstorm, near the dangerous coast of Cape Breton in a gallant but futile effort to locate and aid a supposed vessel in distress.

Seeing distress signals at Glace Bay, an appeal for assistance, addressed to all ships in the vicinity, was broadcast. It was picked up by the British Empire Steel Corporation charter steamer, Fulham, 4294 tons register, which was then about 50 miles from the spot, having left Sydney in the afternoon with a cargo of coal for Newfoundland.

COLLIER TURNS BACK.—Despite the blinding rain and weather conditions that made it advisable to keep as far off the coast as possible, the Fulham turned and rushed for Table Head, reaching the place about 7 o'clock. She crossed back and forth for 5 hours over a radius of 20 miles, around the spot. Local shipping men give great praise to Captain Woodcock of the Fulham, for his very prompt assistance under such conditions.

Meantime the authorities are at a loss to know what to make of the circumstances. It was at first assumed that the distressed vessel either had no wireless or it was out of communication and nothing of importance would be learned until she reached some port.

Shipping men now express the belief that what was seen was merely the signal rockets of a run runner communicating with accomplices ashore.

RESPONSIBILITY IS STRESSED BY BRUCE

Says We Should be Proud to Belong to Such a Wonderful Empire

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 6.—"I don't know anything about it" remarked Hon. Robert Bruce, Minister of Immigration, when told today that despatches from London, heralded the coming of 15,000 Russian families to Canada. London newspapers had said that the vanguard of this army of immigrants had arrived in London, en route to Canada, and that the balance would pass through before spring.

NO OFFICIAL APPROVAL.—The Minister of Immigration pointed out that immigration and passport regulations would have to be complied with before any Russian immigrants could come to Canada. He stated that no official approval had been given to such immigration to Canada of citizens of the Soviet Republic and he thought it probable that some misunderstanding had led to the publication of the report in London.

VISION OF RICHES FROM RACERS FADES

Toronto Man Ruined by Promises of Alleged Syndicate at Border

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 6.—Visions of riches, which he believed would materialize from being connected with a syndicate organized to purchase and train race horses, faded today when Burton Turner, of Toronto, was found guilty of theft of \$500 by conversion. Turner's business was Mark Heston, also of Toronto.

He testified before Magistrate W. E. Gundy that Turner, who was secretary-treasurer of the syndicate, induced him to invest \$500 in the scheme. Turner said he had been lured to Windsor to join the activities of the syndicate by a man who called at his hosiery factory in Toronto to outline the plan to own a string of first-class horses. Turner told the court that his own manufacturing company had gone to the wall, while he was flirting with fortune at the border.

NOT SEEKING PACT

British Deny Move to Form Italian Alliance

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Reports in a Paris newspaper alleging that the British Government had approved the recently Italo-Albanian treaty as a preliminary to an Italian alliance to counter-balance growing friendship between France and Germany, have evoked a denial from the British Foreign Office. Officials of the Foreign Office say that Anglo-Italian relations are friendly, but that the reports that Great Britain is seeking an alliance with Italy are "absurd."

SETTLE INDIAN STATUS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 6.—A legal battle to determine whether the American Indian is "a foreigner" starts in Federal District Court today.

Noted Convict Claims To Have Nest Egg of \$120,000 Saved

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—The Journal carries the following front page feature: "Norman (Red) Ryan, of Toronto, Canada's most famous bank robber, and noted international crook, who is serving a life sentence in Kingston penitentiary for his crimes, claims to have a nest egg of \$120,000 distributed between

10 Canadian and American savings banks and drawing interest. "Ryan, with George Courtney, who is now incarcerated in St. Vincent De Paul penitentiary, Montreal, robbed several banks in Canada and the United States, making off with \$237,000 loot, Ryan has said that he has \$120,000 hidden away. He estimates that if he survives 30 years of prison life he may be released, and figures that his gains will have increased to

CASE AGAINST CAPT. F. HICKS IS DISMISSED

Calais Informer Reaches Court Too Late For Sitting

NO EVIDENCE

Had Waited at Station to Get Town Marshal to Accompany Him

Special to The Times-Star
ST. GEORGE, N. B., Jan. 6.—The case against Capt. F. M. Hicks, charged with smuggling liquor into Canada to the value of over \$200, in preliminary trial before Police Magistrate Magowan, was dismissed here this morning, the magistrate holding there was no evidence whatever against the accused.

McGrath, the informer, appeared after court was over. The complaint was entered by Capt. Coffin, of the cruiser Grifin, on information given by James McGrath. Liquor to the value of \$10,000 was found on the Wolves Oct. 23 by the captain of the Grifin. The schooner Edna was seized at Isle Haven Deep Island, by customs officers of the St. Andrews and information laid against Hicks, and the supposed owner of the schooner, from which the customs official declared the liquor on the Wolves was landed.

Hicks was arrested in St. Andrews, brought to St. George and put on trial. He did not appear at the first or second hearing and at 10 o'clock this morning was not present in court.

McGrath appeared, accompanied by Officer Pierce, of the American prohibition squad. It seemed he had waited at the station to get Town Marshal Goodbody to accompany him to court.

Severe Snowstorms in Caucasian Regions

BAKU, Republic of Azerbaijan, Jan. 6.—Severe snowstorms have been raging for many hours over the Caucasian region. Many workers have been killed, and a number of small boats have been lost in the Caspian Sea, with many lives. More than 1000 huge oil derricks have been leveled by the hurricane and enormous damage has been done to property along the whole Caspian coast, with telegraph lines ripped down, trees uprooted, small houses swept away and vineyards destroyed. At one place a train was derailed, but no lives were lost.

TELLS OF RUM RUNNERS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—William R. Newman, dental mechanic, who abandoned his trade to become a rum runner, continued his testimony yesterday in the trial of 18 alleged members of an international liquor ring, telling how he kept the original records of transactions of his employers so that he could "make them come across." The two employers, he said, were Edward and Frank Kelly, brothers, who sat among the defendants.

FREIGHTER TOWED IN.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 6.—Picked up in mid-ocean by a tug after drifting helplessly for four days with engine broken down, the British freighter, Ravenscar, arrived here yesterday in tow. She was picked up by Dutch tug.

Conditions Not as Bad as Painted

N. B. Livestock Head Gives Figures on Provincial Agriculture

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 6.—Agricultural conditions in New Brunswick are not as bad as they have been frequently painted, according to James Bremner, Jr., provincial livestock superintendent, who addressed the members of the York County Municipal Council this morning.

Correcting an impression relating to the gross annual agricultural revenues of the province, gained from the remarks of a speaker who had previously addressed the council, Mr. Bremner stated that New Brunswick's gross agricultural revenue had increased over \$28,222,000 in 1924 to \$39,506,000 in 1925. The 1924 figures, he said, had been quoted in comparison with \$50,000,000 for 1918, the year of peak wartime production, to the disadvantage of the province. While New Brunswick had been making agricultural strides, there were three provinces, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, whose buying powers had not increased. New Brunswick's advance from 1924 to 1925 had been in advance of Nova Scotia.

HELD ULTRA VIRES

Another Section of Grain Act Declared Out of Order

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 6.—Another section of the Canada Grain Act passed by the House of Commons in 1925, which lays down a specific form of contract for the purchase of grain by licensed dealers, has been held ultra vires of the Parliament of Canada by a judgment of the Appeal Court of Alberta. The judgment is written by Chief Justice Harvey and concurred in by Justices Beek, Hyndman and Mitchell. The decision arises out of a damage action for non-delivery brought in the district court.

LUMBER PROBE TO SIT HERE SHORTLY

Body Will Wind-up Sessions at Fredericton Today, Chairman Says

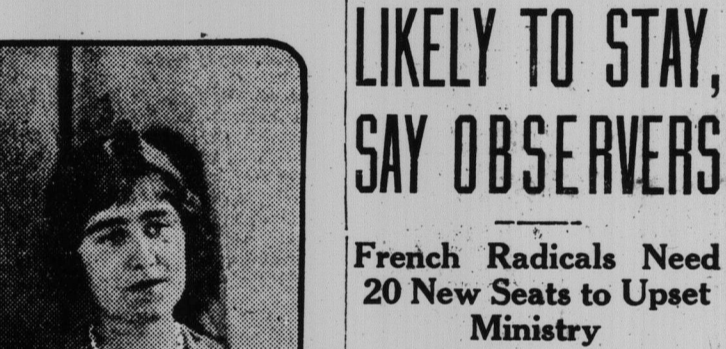
Special to The Times-Star
FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 6.—Mr. Justice Grimmer and F. C. Beatty sat this morning as the commission to inquire into the lumbering business in New Brunswick. The officials of the Department of Lands and Mines are being examined. Chief Sciarra A. T. Murehle, and Chief Forester L. S. Webb, gave evidence this morning. Deputy Minister G. H. Prince will give evidence this afternoon with other officials.

Mr. Justice Grimmer stated early this afternoon after the commission rose, that the sitting in Fredericton would end this evening. He said it was doubtful if the commission would state where the inquiry will be finished.

The next sitting is likely to be held in Saint John. Other parts of the province are likely to be visited later by the commissioners.

Leave For Australia

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DUKE OF YORK AND DUCHESS DEPART ON 34,000-MILE TOUR

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Jan. 6.—The Duke and Duchess of York, boarding the battle cruiser Renown on which the Prince of Wales made his great tour several years ago, today started on their 34,000 miles globe-encircling voyage during which they will visit Australia and New Zealand.

The King and Queen waved an excited farewell as the Duke and Duchess left Victoria station, London, this morning. The Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and Prince George accompanied the Royal voyagers to Portsmouth.

FINAL VIEW OF BABY

Princess Elizabeth, the infant daughter of the Duke and Duchess, was not taken to Victoria station and the final view of her that the Duchess had was as they drove from the Bruton street residence. A nurse held the Princess in her arms on a balcony. The Duchess waved her hand fondly and exclaimed, "God bless my baby."

Premier Baldwin and other government officials as well as the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, parents of the Duchess, also were at Victoria station. The King and Queen who, as the Duke and Duchess of York, made the same trip a quarter of a century ago, affectionately kissed the travelers' good bye, and appeared just as excited at the parting, as the Duke and Duchess themselves.

ONTARIO TO AMEND ITS MARRIAGE LAW

Will Permit Ministers From All Parts of Empire to Perform Ceremonies

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—Announcement was made yesterday by Premier Howard Ferguson of Ontario that an amendment to the Marriage Act of the province would be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature to entitle ministers from any part of the British Empire to perform marriages in Ontario.

The contemplated amendment is the direct outgrowth of what government officials term the "rather embarrassing situation" of last August when Right Rev. A. F. Wilmington-Ingram, Bishop of London, visiting this country, was unable to officiate at the wedding of his Canadian niece because of a provision of the act regarding the residence of clergymen.

Willson Denies Appointment Report

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—Asked about the rumor reported in a despatch from Ottawa that he would be selected by the Ontario government as head of the commission to administer the new government control of liquor act, Sir John Willson, well known Toronto publisher and financier, stated that so far as he knew, there was nothing in the report at all.

Mussolini's Own Story

THE second article of the personal story of Premier Mussolini's daily life appears today on page 10. These articles were dictated to Thomas B. Morgan, correspondent of the United Press, by Mussolini and tell an absorbing story of a dynamic personality. Start this series today, you will find them most interesting.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is now lowest to the northward of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and highest over the Northwestern States. The weather has become somewhat colder in all the provinces and is for the most part fair.

FORECASTS:
Fair and Cold

MARITIME—Fresh to strong westerly winds; mostly fair and somewhat colder. Friday, fresh westerly winds; fair and moderately cold.

NEW ENGLAND—Mostly cloudy and somewhat colder tonight. Friday, fair, fresh to strong west and northwesterly winds.

Temperatures
TORONTO, Jan. 6.—Lowest 8 a.m. yesterday night

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, and Halifax.