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U.S. To Have 183 Speedboats To Hunt Rum-Running Vessels
BRITAIN'S FUTURE IN BALANCE TODAY

BIG ARMED FLEET WILL BLOCKADE ATLANTIC COAST

First of New Vessels Will be in Operation This Week. COST \$25,000 EACH. One-Pounders, Rifles and Lewis Machine Guns to be Carried.

New York, Oct. 29.—The first of a fleet of 183 giant speed boats newly designed and built for operation against rum runners and other smugglers in the illicit liquor trade off shore has arrived at the United States Barge Office at the Battery and was commissioned as a coast-guard patrol boat.

The new boats have a speed of 30 knots. Each is equipped with three one-inch rifles and a complement of Lewis machine guns. They are stocked liberally also with small arms, including rifles and pistols, and are prepared in every way to enforce the prohibition blockade.

CAPTURE LANCHOU Manchurians Defeat Chihli Army

Osaka, Japan, Oct. 29.—(United Press).—A Chihli army, which is still fighting in the north despite the coup d'etat at Peking, was decisively defeated by Manchurians who captured Lanchow today, according to Mukden dispatches.

Jap Pact Means Much To Russia

Moscow, Oct. 29.—(United Press).—In an agreement with Japan reached in the near future, the payment of Russia's foreign relations will be accomplished, Premier Rykov declared in an interview last night.

Working Princess



N. B. MAN IS NAMED INSPECTOR OF BANKS

C. W. Tompkins, of Royal Bank Staff, Gets Federal Appointment. (Special to The Times-Star.) Ottawa, Oct. 29.—C. W. Tompkins, of the Montreal office of the Royal Bank, has accepted the position of Federal inspector of banks, and his appointment will be formally made on Friday next.

CREW MAY FACE A CHARGE OF PIRACY

Return of Liqueur From Alleged British Rum Runner is Demanded. Boston, Oct. 29.—Counsel for Captain Harry Ritchey of the British schooner Margorie E. Bachman, seized by the coast guard cutter Tampa off Cape Cod last Friday as a rum runner, declares yesterday in Federal Court that he would ask for the extradition to Canada on charges of piracy of a prize crew placed on board the schooner by the Tampa unless 800 cases of liqueur taken from the Bachman are returned together with any personal effects alleged to have been taken from the schooner's crew.

DECLARES ONE MAN VOTED 106 BALLOTS

Hon. R. B. Bennett Tells of Incidents in Recent Rimouski By-Election. Calgary, Oct. 29.—Speaking at a Conservative executive meeting here last night, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, termed the Liberal campaign in Rimouski and St. Antoine, the "basest, vilest racial appeal ever known." He said a minister of the crown had appealed to the women of Rimouski asking if they were going to vote for "this man Meighen, whose hands are red with the blood of your sons."

TURKISH PROBLEM LIKELY SETTLED BY LEAGUE TODAY

Belief is Boundary Arrangement Will Please British and Turks. CONFLICT AVERTED. Larger Question of Mostl Sovereignty Will be Decided Later.

(Canadian Press Cable.) Brussels, Oct. 29.—A complete settlement of the controversy between Great Britain and Turkey over the status quo frontier between Turkey and Mosul will be reached at the afternoon session today of the council of the League of Nations in a special session here, it is said by League officials. This opinion, it was explained by the officials, was based upon the belief that the solution of the controversy worked out by Dr. Hjalmar Branting, Swedish Premier, would fit a frontier line acceptable both to Great Britain and Turkey, pending settlement of the larger problem of sovereignty over Mosul.

THOUSAND MINERS THREATEN STRIKE

Edmonton Miners Oppose Move For 13 Per Cent. Reduction in Wages. Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 29.—One thousand miners, members of the Edmonton and District Federation of Miners, will strike on November 1, unless the operators rescind proposals calling for a 13 per cent. reduction in wages paid to contract men. The federation, which filed the date for the strike at a meeting at Beverly, the centre of the mine field last night, demand acceptance by the operators of the award of a recent conciliation board.

BRITISH MASTER TO SPEAK AT CAPITAL

New Water Connection in Devon is Completed and Put to Work. (Special to The Times-Star.) Fredericton, Oct. 29.—Arrangements are being made for J. L. Pilon, former premier of the province, to speak in Fredericton, in connection with his tour under the National Education Council. He is at present in Toronto.

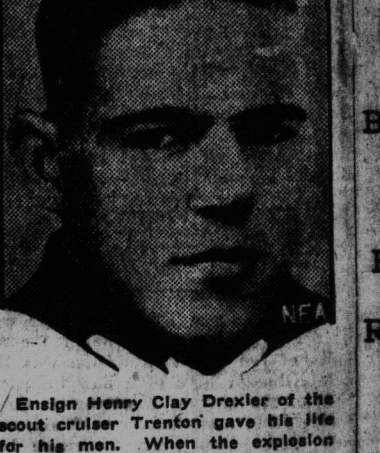
Italian Earthquake Scares Inhabitants

Rome, Oct. 29.—(United Press).—A severe earthquake during the night in the Riolo district, centering near the town of Rivodutri, caused the inhabitants to flee to the fields. They refused to return to their homes today and authorities are sending tents so they may camp in the fields until their fears are abated.

Liberals, Although in Minority, Hold The Whip Hand in British Politics

In the British House of Commons, recently dissolved, no party had a majority. Labor conducted British affairs for nine months. The Liberals furnished the votes necessary to constitute a majority, so long as the Labor cabinet pursued policies the Liberals found not too distasteful.

Dies a Hero



SAYS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT RESIGN

Thomas Declares Labor Will Face Parliament With King's Speech. Desby, Eng., Oct. 29.—Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas, in the course of a political speech here, said that the Labor Government would not resign as a result of the election, asserting: "We will face parliament with King's speech and in that we will set forth our policy and then you will see about November 24 what kind of a political game is being played."

Christian General is Labelled Traitor

Shanghai, Oct. 29.—In a proclamation issued yesterday, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, military governor of Kiangsu, announced that the military governors of Kiangsu, Anhui, Chekiang and Fukien, and virtually the entire Chinese fleet had decided to support General Wu Pei Fu.

Labor's Progress At Polls in Britain

Table showing Labor's progress at the polls since 1900, including columns for Seats, Members, and Votes.

SAY BLOOD POISON CAUSE OF DEATH

Doctors Testify at Inquest Into Case of Glace Bay School Boy. Sydney, N. S., Oct. 29.—That Silas Muford's death was caused by blood poisoning, set up from an infection caused by scratching with his nails, was set in the testimony of Doctors Daniel MacNeil and M. T. Sullivan given last night at the adjourned inquest held at the town hall at Glace Bay.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson To Speak in N. S.

Glace Bay, Oct. 29.—Two famous prohibitionists, "Pussyfoot" Johnson and Rev. Ben Spence of Toronto, are booked to speak at a prohibition rally in Glace Bay on November 19. At a meeting of local ministers at Knox Church last night it was decided to start a campaign for the better enforcement of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act as well as for the stiffening of prohibition sentiment in the district.

AT PICTURESQUE CEREMONY, LAUD CANADA FOUNDERS

British King and French President Join in Praise at Gathering. HEARD ACROSS SEA. Radio Brings to Canada Happenings at Brilliant Versailles Banquet.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 29.—Through the medium of the C. N. R. radio broadcasting station CNRM, Montreal, CNRO, Ottawa, and CNRT, Toronto, France and Canada were linked last night in commemoration of the party played by the original families of France and England in the making of the early history of Canada. At the same time that a distinguished gathering seated themselves around a banquet table in the Galerie des Batilles in the Palace of Versailles, where the descendants of those pioneers of New France were gathered, Canadian radio listeners enjoyed the programme which was listened to by those at the banquet.

NOMINATE TODAY FOR QUEBEC VOTING

Candidates Are Named in Contest For Five Provincial Seats. Montreal, Oct. 29.—Nominations were received this afternoon for the five by-elections to fill vacancies in the provincial legislature to be held on November 8. The candidates, selected as standard bearers by party conventions and who will be nominated are: Bonaventure—P. E. Cote, Liberal; St. Maurice—A. E. Guillemette, Liberal; St. Jean—J. G. Gauthier, Liberal; Sherbrooke—C. E. Therrien, Liberal; A. C. Crepeau, Opposition.

Weather Report

Table with columns for Stations, Highest, and Lowest temperatures for various locations including Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax.

Dry Dock's First Birthday and A Word on Outlook

One year ago today the dry dock at Courtenay Bay was formally opened—the greatest dock of the kind in all the world. The completion of the dock marked a turning point in the history of St. John's development.

The Times-Star yesterday cabled Frank M. Ross, general manager of the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, who is now in England on a business trip, asking for a message to the public through this newspaper on the dock's first birthday. Mr. Ross, who is a member of the Port Committee in addition to his many other activities, and who regards the future of this city and port with an optimism which he steadily justifies by his work, cabled the following reply:

INTEREST IS KEEN AND RESULTS OF POLLING IN DOUBT

General Opinion is That Labor Government Will Meet Defeat. BIG VOTE EXPECTED. Earliest Reports Due About 6 O'clock, Atlantic Standard Time. HOW PARTIES STOOD BEFORE TODAY'S BATTLE.

SUSTAINS RULING OF RAILWAY BOARD

Cabinet Refuses to Suspend Order on Crow's Nest Pass Rates to West. Ottawa, Oct. 29.—There will be no suspension of the order of the Board of Railway Commissioners setting aside the Crow's Nest Pass rates on westbound commodities. This was the decision reached at a brief meeting of cabinet held yesterday to consider a petition received from H. J. Symington, counsel for the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, asking that the order be rescinded until appeal could be made to the Governor-in-Council.

MAKES INSPECTION

Preparation for Budget, Says W. U. Appleton, Here Today. "A general inspection tour of the C. N. R. facilities at St. John" was the information given out this afternoon by W. U. Appleton, general manager for the C. N. R., Atlantic region, who questioned concerning his visit to the city along with several other officials of the Atlantic region. An inspection, he said, is conducted annually in connection with the preparation for the annual budget, and has nothing to do with any arrangements for the new roof on the train shed or any other improvements connected with the present plant. The matter of the new roof, Mr. Appleton said, was up to the executive of the railway and not in his department. He said that he had made his report on the matter a considerable time ago and he was in favor of having the train shed repaired. He considered it probable that this was one of the matters Sir Henry Thornton would take up on his visit to the city. The party spent the morning inspecting the depot, railway yards and Lion Wharf and this afternoon will inspect the C. N. R. facilities along with waterfront, he said, and will return Moncton this evening. The railway province, he said, is better equipped to handle traffic than it has been for long time and expects that the railway business will exceed the records of last few years. Besides Mr. Appleton the other Atlantic Region officials here are: R. Simpson, assistant general manager; F. Stewart, chief engineer; W. Rippey, superintendent of the Mor Division; F. O. Condon, engine maintenance; H. L. Crodge, engine buildings; G. C. Torres, divisional glazier.