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## England Will Ignore U. S. Support to "Irish Republic"

SONAR LAW, IN REPLY TO MR. BOTTOMLEY, STATES THAT GREAT BRITAIN WILL MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS TO THE STATES REGARDING SUPPORT OF "IRISH REPUBLIC."

LONDON, May 6.—The subject of support given to the "Irish Republic" by some persons in the United States came up in the House of Commons today. Horatio Bottomley asked whether the government was aware that appeals for aid in the sale of bonds dressed by De Valera as "President of the Irish Republic" were appearing in American newspapers, and were supported by Governors of various States, and whether Great Britain proposed to make representations on the matter to President Wilson.

Mr. Bonar Law replied in behalf of the Government and said it was understood that such appeals were still appearing in certain American papers, but he was not in a position to say whether they were supported by any Governors. Great Britain, he added, was not prepared to make any representations.

## MANITOBANS BUY FARMS IN THIS DISTRICT

Farmers From Gilbert Plains, Man., Purchase Farm Lands East of This Place.

Amongst the settlers arriving here this week are Mr. James Childs and Mr. Robert Wilson of Gilbert Plains, Man., who have purchased a section of land through Mr. N. C. Jorgensen of this city.

These farmers will return to Manitoba and later in the year they will return here with a complete farming outfit to develop their newly acquired lands. They will be neighbors of Mr. Robert Blackburn, a settler who is developing a large tract of land in the same location.

Others from the same section of Manitoba as these settlers are Mr. James Yulle and Mr. Sutherland, who are also taking up land in this country.

## CHICAGO LABOR.

CHICAGO, May 6.—The Chicago Lumbermen's Association, through George H. Rinn, chairman of the Employers' Labor Committee, declared today that the building tie-up has failed in Chicago as a result of the mill carpenters' strike, the Association withdrawing its offer of \$1.10 an hour, effective June 1st, for mill carpenters, when the men did not return to work Wednesday. The strikers demanded \$1.10 an hour from May 1st.

## STEWART MINING CAMP.

Development work at Stewart, B.C., the new silver mining camp, is gaining speed as the season advances. Contracts have been let for the construction of permanent docks to accommodate the largest ships plying North Pacific coast waters. This work is being pushed forward so that docks will be available for this summer's business. One shipment of 250 tons of ore has already been made to smelters at Tacoma, Wash.

## LUMBER BUSINESS ACTIVE

The Kitsumkalum Lumber Co. mill at Zymacord, on the Skeena River, is being put into operation for this year's business. This is one of the largest and most modern mills in British Columbia, with a capacity of about 45,000 feet of rough lumber a day. The output of this mill for the season is expected to net 10,000,000 feet of heavy timber for railway and bridge construction.

## "BUTTING IN."

WINNIPEG, May 6.—Allens' theatrical enterprises of Canada have been offered four principal Canadian music halls. The contract was put before the shareholders for ratification, but the resolution was withdrawn and the meeting adjourned to consider a higher bid made by Sir Alfred Butt.

## UPSETS DECISION IN KRAMER FUR CASE

Mr. Stuart Henderson Secures Decision Setting Aside Hazelton Magistrate's Decision.

A case of much interest to all trappers and fur buyers in Northern British Columbia was up before Mr. Justice Murphy in the Supreme Court at Victoria on April 20th.

Last February James Kramer, well known in Fort George, brought in \$5000 worth of beaver pelts from the Babine, Bear Lake and Stikine. They were seized under a search warrant by R. S. Sargent, J.P., under Section 50 of the Game Act, on the sleigh driven by Kramer.

The case came before Dr. H. C. Wrinch, J.P., at Hazelton, who fined the accused \$20 and \$4 costs and confiscated the fur, ordering them forwarded to the provincial game warden at Victoria.

Mr. Stuart Henderson applied for certiorari to quash the search warrant, the conviction and confiscation on the ground that the magistrate had no jurisdiction to deal with the furs, alleging (1) There was an improper seizure under Section 50 of furs on a sleigh; (2) They could not be seized under Section 51, as there must be animals, birds or eggs on the vehicle before seizure; (3) And being improperly seized they could not be legally confiscated under the 54th Section of the Game Act.

Mr. Henderson's contentions were strongly opposed by the attorney-general's department, acting for the Crown and the Game Conservation Board, but His Lordship gave judgment in favor of accused. The conviction, confiscation and search warrant were set aside. The Crown and the Game Conservation Board have taken an appeal to the Court of Appeals from the decision of Mr. Justice Murphy and it is likely to be argued about the middle of the month before that body sitting at Vancouver.

**SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRADE**  
A special meeting of the Board of Trade is called for tonight at 8 o'clock to discuss business of importance. All members are requested to attend this meeting.

## Big Hospital Drive Is Carefully Organized With a \$5,000 Objective

ALL ORGANIZATIONS OF PATRIOTIC AND CHURCH DENOMINATIONS BLEND ACTIVITIES IN ORGANIZATION OF BIG DRIVE TO ASSIST EXTENSION OF HOSPITAL'S WORK. DRIVE COMMENCES MAY 15th.

A meeting of representatives from the Associations in the city was held in the City Hall on Wednesday at 8 p.m. The Hospital Board had requested a meeting of this kind for the purpose of instituting a vigorous campaign and drive from May 15th to June 2nd, with the sum of \$5000 as their objective.

This sum is required for the support and maintenance and for the purchase of new equipment for the hospital and for the proposed extension. The new wing to be added to the building will cost \$25,000, and efforts are now being made to secure this amount from the Provincial Government and the city. The latter will submit a bylaw to the ratepayers as soon as Mayor Perry receives information from the Government as to the amount they will give.

Mayor Perry stated at the meeting that he thought the greater portion of the amount to be raised would have to be raised through subscription, and that the city should be divided into districts and a district allocated to each Association. He said in many cases men would willingly subscribe \$25 to be paid by monthly payments of \$5 each, and that he thought it would be a good policy to take notes for the balance unpaid at the time of subscribing. He stated that the Hospital Board would undertake to collect these notes.

The following Associations were represented at the meeting: St. Michael's Women's Auxiliary, Women's Hospital Auxiliary, Girls' Hospital Auxiliary, Daughters of the Empire, Women's Auxiliary of G.W. V.A., Board of Trade, Navy League. It was moved by Mr. Hornsby, seconded by Mr. George McKenzie, that it be understood the business men be solicited in their home district instead of their business district. The following are the districts as subdivided and the parties to whom they were allocated:

## AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSN GETS A GOOD START

Work Will Commence on Clearing of Duchess Park Tonight—Do Your Share.

The boys who are behind the Prince George Amateur Athletic Association are a good bunch of hustlers. They have already carried their arrangements to a point where provision for a splendid athletic park is made, and work on the clearing of this park commences tonight. This work will have to be done largely by voluntary labor, and the promoters of the movement request that everyone who can possibly attend will repair to Duchess Park tonight with the old family hatchet to clear up the scrub. The hour set is 7 p.m. If you can't get there, try and get a substitute.

The city has promised a donation of \$250 towards getting the park in proper condition for athletic purposes. The grounds are to be used for all kinds of athletic fixtures and sports, and in the afternoons they will be free for the school children to play upon.

The Prince George Athletic Association is to be incorporated as a limited liability company with a capitalization of \$25,000, divided into 5000 shares at \$5 a share. The executive and officers propose to form two baseball teams and two football teams immediately.

Plans are proceeding for a big athletic day when sports of all kinds will be held, such as 100 yards and 220 yards flat racing, hop step and jump, broad jump, high jump, pole vaulting, putting the shot, throwing the hammer, etc.

The Association is also trying to secure a suitable site for a curling rink for next winter.

## VACATION VISIT.

Mr. E. W. C. McPhail, paymaster of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, was a visitor to town this week en route for a vacation to be spent at Quesnel. Mr. Macphail was for some years with the Northern Crown Bank at Quesnel, and later with the Hudson's Bay Company there. He has been at Anyox for some time with the big mining company, "Bill" Collins, who is running the hotel for the same company, was formerly factor of the Hudson's Bay Company at Quesnel. Mr. Collins expects to visit this district during the summer.

## Mississippi Will Offer No Welcome to Mennonites

GOVERNOR RUSSELL HAS GIVEN NO ASSURANCE OF HIS STATE EXTENDING WELCOME TO 8000 MENNONITES IN CANADA—THESE SETTLERS WANT GERMAN TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

WINNIPEG, May 6.—The Manitoba Free Press will tomorrow publish the following special from Jackson, Miss.: "Governor Russell states that he has given no assurance, either verbally or in writing, that Mississippi will extend a welcome to the colony of 8000 Mennonites in Canada who desire to move to this state; that he is prepared to say what he will do in the matter. Since the announcement from Winnipeg that the Mennonites intend to move to this state the matter has been rather freely discussed in the state press, and opinion seems to be somewhat general that the Mennonites will not receive a cordial welcome, especially if they insist on having their own public schools with German language taught. The teaching of German in the public schools of the state was abolished during the war period. At that time the language was being taught in a few of the high schools and sentiment demanded that it be discontinued. There has been no revision since that time, and speaking German, even in ordinary conversation, is quite sufficient in some communities to get a person into serious trouble."

## FISHER CASE HEARING OPENED YESTERDAY

Case for Prosecution Proceeded All Day and Is Still in Session.

The case involving alleged misappropriations of city funds by Ex-City Clerk Fisher, who was also a Police Commissioner under the 1919 regime at the City Hall, opened in Magistrate Daniell's court yesterday. The case proceeded throughout the day, and is still occupying the court at the time of going to press. The hearing will probably continue for some days, as there are 23 exhibits registered in the court at this time.

The witnesses so far called by the prosecution appeared in the following order:

Mayor Perry, whose evidence showed his instructions on receiving the report of the deficit in the report of the special audit. This deficit, it is alleged by the prosecution, is wholly or in part traceable to the alleged defalcations of the accused during his employment as city clerk.

The next witness called was Miss Mac Gross, a young lady who has acted as city clerk and as assistant city clerk for a long period and whose capability is generally acknowledged. Miss Gross gave evidence as to the system employed in the City Hall books, and replied to questions as to the manner in which certain transactions involved in the case were conducted.

The present city clerk, Mr. Geo. Fenwick, gave evidence on the proving of the books during certain investigations.

The city auditor, Mr. Hutt, for the firm of Kendall, Barr & Co., of Vancouver, is giving evidence today upon the findings of his audit.

The information in this case was laid on April 3rd, and adjournments have been made from week to week while the investigation of the books on the part of the defence has proceeded.

The prosecution is being conducted by Mr. P. E. Wilson, the city solicitor, who handles the case with a sure knowledge only possessed by lawyers of his great experience. Mr. W. P. Ogilvie, for the defence, is conducting a searching cross-examination of the witnesses, and is putting up a hard fight for his client.

## ECLIPSE OF MOON LAST SUNDAY NIGHT

Astronomical Phenomena Plainly Seen From the Gunn Ranch. Not Seen in City.

There was a total eclipse of the moon on Sunday night at 8 o'clock, which was seen very distinctly from the Gunn ranch. Mr. L. C. Gunn brought a report of the occurrence to The Citizen. On investigation we find this eclipse accounted for with a certain exactitude peculiar to the astronomical gentlemen to whom punctuality is such a fine art. The Astronomical "dope sheet" refers to the matter in an "advance" story as follows:

"In the year 1920 there will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon.

"A total eclipse of the moon May 2nd visible in the United States beginning at 7h 1m p.m. and ending at 10h 41m p.m. Eastern Standard time. Totality begins at 8h 15m p.m. and ends at 9h 27m p.m. Visible generally in the western countries of Europe and Africa, on the Atlantic Ocean and in the Eastern part of North and South America."

How do they do it?

## COUNTY COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Judge Robertson's Court Busy at South Fort George—Small Docket of Minor Cases.

The County Court is in session this week at the South Fort George. Several cases have been heard since Tuesday, and an assault case from Dome Creek, involving the heaving of a chunk of wood at a gentleman by a lady is proceeding today.

A case brought against Mr. G. R. Loewen by Mrs. J. K. Wynn arose out of an auction sale of a house and some wood, in which the lady, a colored person, alleged misrepresentation, and won her case in regard to the cordwood.

Some lien cases involving a dispute between a tie contractor named Johnson and a sub-contractor named Elliott will go to the Supreme Court, as there appears to be a difference between the two as to which owes the other a sum of about \$5000.

Due to the rapid settlement now taking place in the territory along the line of the G.T.P. contiguous to Prince Rupert, this railway's Pacific coast terminus, a company has been formed and 350 acres of land purchased at Woodcock, a station 140 miles east of Prince Rupert, for the purpose of operating a modern stock and dairy farm the company to be known as the Cassiar Farm and Stock Company. It is said that only registered stock will be bred, and it is anticipated that Prince Rupert and other local markets will absorb the total product of the farm. Gangs of men are at present engaged clearing the land, contracts being awarded in lots of 50 acres each. Part of the acreage will be under crop this season.

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