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STUNG AGAIN! New York World.

MILLINERY OPENING

MRS. RIDEOUT wishes to announce a showing of Spring Millinery in a large range of the latest shapes and styles at very moderate prices. Hats also made to order.

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Two Brothers Receive D.C.M.

Platoon Commander Sg't Major W. M. Brown, 7th Battalion, and Serg't M. M. Brown, Machine Gun Section, 102nd Battalion, have been presented with the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Both were wounded in the battle for the mastery of the Somme sector. After receiving their wounds they showed conspicuous bravery, standing for hours by their respective positions. When compelled to retire towards the base for medical attention they on their way halted many times to succor comrades more or less wounded than themselves.

The ceremony of presentation was at the Camp St. Leonards, England, where both recipients have staff appointments.

ILO ILO ITEMS.

Today's program will consist of a two reel drama, "Under the Lion's Paw" featuring Rex Rosselli, the famous animal trainer of the Universal Film company, a single reel drama, "Story of the Woods," and a three reel L-Co. comedy with funny Alice Howell, called "Alice In Society" Come early and secure a seat or wait for the second show at 8 o'clock. Children's Matinee at 3 o'clock.

Next week there will be four five-reel features, as usual, including J. Warren Kerrigan, in Bluebird film, "Measure of A Man;" Edna Goodrich in "House of Lies" Myrtle Gonzales and Val Paul in "Romance of Billy Goat Hill," Redfeather, and Vivian Martin in "Witchcraft," Famous Players.

Coming the following week, Ella Hall in "Bugler of Algiers."

Robert Henderson, manager of No. 4 Mine of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd, has resigned, his resignation going into effect immediately,

Mrs. Roy Rideout, of Derwent Avenue, Cumberland, has purchased a stock of the latest millinery and ready-to-wear hats and is now ready for business. The millinery parlours are on Derwent Avenue near the Cumberland Telephone Exchauge.

TURKISH DIVISON MEET WATERLOO

London, March 30.—The morning newspapers comment enthusiastically on the British victory near Gaza, Palestine, which naturally opens the way for much biblical and historical reference and comparison.

"The political dreams which led to that visit (of the Kaiser to Jerusalem) now are in the process of being shattered. The Holy Land, it would seem, is on the eve of being rescued from the regime which through centuries has held it in bondage," The Times says.

The manner in which the British have pushed railroads across the desert is considered a remarkable achievement. Apparently hundreds of miles of railroad have been constructed over the sands since last August.

London, March 29.—Defeat of a Turkish force of 20,000 men south of Gaza is reported in an official report received from the Egyptian expeditionary force and made public today. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

"We took 900 prisoners, including a general and the divisional staff of the 53rd., Turkish Division," says the report. "This staff included four Austrian officers and 32 other Austrians and Germans. Our booty includes two 4-inch howitzers."

Gaza is a city of Palestine about 48 miles southwest of Jerusalem.

Sunday Closing Law Enforced

Chinese merchants of Chinatown, Cumberland, have been in the habit of opening their places on Sunday contrary to section five of the Lord's Day Act. Information was laid by Provincial Constable Macdonald against Chow Lee, Wah Sang, Shin Shun, Charlie Sing Kee, Charlie Sing Chong and Kam Sun Low, charging them with offering and selling goods and chattels on a Sunday. The Chinese merchants appeared before Police Magistrate Bickle on Friday and pleaded guilty to the charge when they were each fined ten dollars and costs, in default, two months imprisonment. The fines were paid.

R. W. Hunter and Mr. Bland, auditors of the Canadian Collieries, left for Vancouver on Monday.

FUEL OIL DISPLACES 151,000 TONS OF COAL

After one of the most excellent debates on the address which has ever taken place in the Legislature of British Columbia, and in which practically every member of the House took part, the debate initiated on March 2 closed Thursday, March 22nd., with a splendid effort from the Minister of Mines, Hon. Wm. Sloan.

The Minister dealt with the remarks of the member for Yale as to fuel oil, and the connection of Sir Richard McBride with the change which has worked so disastrously to the coal-mining industry. Last year he said, fuel oil had displaced 151,000 tons of coal, and the amount of money which had been sent out of British Columbia to encourage the importation of foreign fuel and build up the oil magnates of California was $2,279,000.

With the late premier as Minister of Mines, Mr. Sloan went on, one might have thought that more attention would have been paid to this industry, but on the contrary when the new wings of the buildings were being erected a contract was signed which called for the installation of oil-burning boilers.

Mr. Bowser remarked that as soon as this had come to his knowledge he used his efforts to stop it, and with success.

"I would beg to point out that it was only after the efforts I made in Nanaimo that the Government decided to make the change," retorted the Minister. "This is only another example of the incompetence and incapacity of the late Government, and the change which was made necessary by this disloyal action of the Government in the first place cost the province $25,000. We would have expected some loyalty and consideration for the interests of B. C., and not for the oil magnates of California from our own Government."

Continuing on the subject, the Minister referred to the denial of the member for Fort George that Sir Richard got the railways to change to oil. In this connection he read from the morning contemporary, saying he trusted it more than Mr. Ross. "That Sir Richard exercised what influence he possessed to bring the use of oil on locomotives running through wooded areas is well known, and his action in that regard met with what appeared to be general approval."

This excuse that what he had done protected the timber was not borne out by the Railway commission of Canada investigations. Mr. Sloan said, since that board's officials had found that the deposits of carbon on the inside of of the smoke-stacks from the burning of oil flying out into the forests were just as likely to start fires in timber as were the sparks from coal burning locomotives.

Provincial Constables Macdonald and Hannay and City Constables Herman and Conn, made a raid on a Chinese gambling den at Chinatown on Wednesday evening and arrested twenty eight Chinamen, charging them with being inmates of a common gambling house. On Thursday afternoon they appeared before Magistrate Bickle and pleaded guilty when they were fined from ten to fifty dollars each. Five of the Chinese who were sick and crippled were allowed to go with a smaller fine and a warning.

PUBLIC SCHOOL HONORS LIST

The following is a list of six pupils of each division who have best work during March:

Div. I. Foon Sieu, Robert Robertson, Stanley Mounce, Ida McFadyen, Maggie Cessford, Laura Robertson.

Div. II. Edith Lockard, Hannah Lockhart, David Lockhart, Edith Horbury, Geneveive McFadyen, Vivian Aspecy.

Div. III. Francis Potter, Hugh Strachan, Hector Stewart, Nahoru K. Abe, Christena McKinnon, Florence Wood.

Div. IV. Robert Strachan, Douglas Sutherland, Etta Hood, Cecil Fraser, Earl Stevenson, Howard Carey.

Div. V. Fanny Strachan, Delina Freloni, Tom McLean, Jack Peacey Pearl Potter. Jung Kum.

Div VI. Mary Francioli, Mary Gillafrio, Lottie Dallos, Nellie Potter, Howard Russell, Edward Russell.

Div. VII. Nellie Smith, Jersie Maxwell, Chrissie Sutherland, Tom Abe, Mary Conn, Dan Adamson.

Div. VIII. Gwendolyn Williams Irene Bates, Peter Pirozzini, Toshiko Tomato, Janet Bogo, Agnes Hoffheinz.

Div. IX. Leland Harrison, Claudia Harrison, George Mar, Jean Weaver, Olive Odgers, Mary McLean.

The pupils and teachers of the Cumberland Public Schools subscribed $15.00 to the Victoria Branch, Can. Red Cross Society, for the purpose of providing food and other necessaries for Canadian prisoners in Germany.

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TOWN TOPICS

Dr. Kambara left for Vancouver on Monday.

Mrs. J. V. Nordgren returned from a visit to Bellingham, Washington on Sunday.

W. R. Freeman, superintendent of the Canadian Collieries, left for Seattle this morning.

John Quinn of Bevan has been appointed Manager of No. 4 Mine of the Canadian Collieries Dunsmuir Ltd. Mr. Quinn will commence his new duties at once.

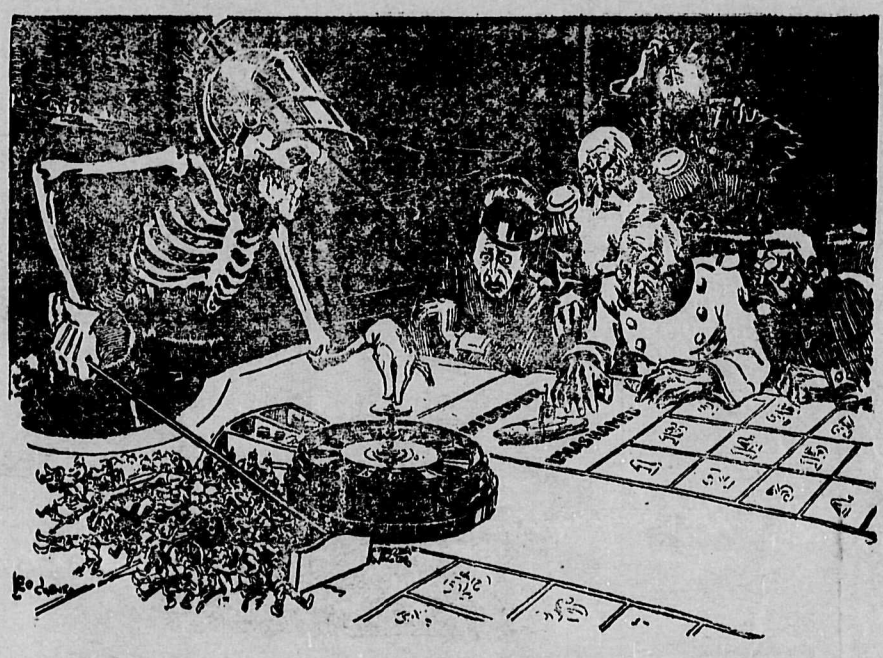
WANTED—Tidy girl for Housework. Apply to D. Thomson, Dunsmuir Ave., Cumberland.

The Ladies' Aid of Grace Methodist Church will hold a Sale of Work at the Church on the Wednesday following April payday.

See Campbell's for Ladies' trimmed and ready-to-wear hats.

The resignation of George W. Clinton, superintendent of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd, goes into effect today after a faithful service of almost thirty years. For some years he was paymaster of the Wellington Colliery Company and occupied the same position when it became the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd, until promoted to superintendent. Mr. Clinton will now devote his time in attending to the United States Consular Agency and his private interests in the city and other parts of the province.

The Mens' Liberal Association of this city held a whist drive on Friday evening of last week. Several tables were arranged, and after a most enjoyable evening's play prizes were awarded. First, Mrs. W. Hudson, second, Mr. Chas. Brown, third Miss Loyal Macfarlane. Members of the Womens' Liberal Association served refreshments. The committee are grateful to the following: Mesdames, Bruce, Parkinson and Ashcroft for donating the prizes and Mr. T. Mumford, who had charge of the floor arrangements. A fine program of songs and recitations brought a delightful evening to a close.



THE GAMBLER'S LAST STAKE.—Leo Cheney in London Passing Show.

Allies: "Our cards are on the table; show yours."—N. Y. Times

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THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

Although iron ores are widely distributed in Canada, the present extensive metallurgical industry in iron and steel has been developed largely on the basis of imported ores, chiefly those from Bell Island, Newfoundland, and from the iron ranges in the United States, south and west of lake Superior. Each of these sources contributes about one-half of the present imports. There are, nevertheless, several important Canadian iron ore deposits that have contributed considerable outputs in the past, and there are numerous occurrences of low grade ores, which, in the future, may constitute valuable sources of supply for this metal.

With regard to Canada's known reserve of ore, an estimate of iron ore deposits, upon which more or less work has been done, shows total known available reserves of about 200,000,000 tons. The great bulk of these ores, however, consists of low grade magnetites and siderites requiring concentration, or desulphurization before being marketable.

The actual ore production has averaged less than 400,000 tons per annum, much of which has had to find a market in the United States, not being acceptable to the Canadian furnaceman. The blast furnace capacity in Canada is about 1,500,000 tons per annum, whereas actual production has exceeded 1,000,000 tons in one year only. In 1913, Canada consumed over 3,000,000 tons of iron and steel goods of all kinds.

Not only is Canada dependent on foreign imports for 75 per cent. of her iron and steel requirements but even the iron ore which is manufactured into steel in the Dominion comes from outside sources.

To utilize Canadian ores of which the known reserves amount to about 260,000,000 tons, it is evident that steps should be taken to encourage the smelting of these ores in Canada.—W. J. D.

BY-PRODUCT COKE OVENS

The Dominion Iron and Steel Company has recently ordered a battery of 120 Koppers by-product coke ovens of 13 tons capacity each. This company was the first to install by-product ovens and on the completion of the new plant will have a total capacity of coking 4400 tons of coal per day. The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company has also increased the capacity of its plant by an additional battery of 40 Bernard retort coke ovens. These ovens recover the gas as a by-product.

The coking of coal in by-product ovens is one of the most practical examples of conservation. All of the valuable constituents of the coal are saved—not wasted as in "beehive" oven practice. The by-products obtained are as follows: tar, from which is obtained pitch, creosote, carbolic acid, etc., gas, used for fuel for heating or for illuminating purposes, and from which are produced benzol, toluol, etc. the raw materials used in the manufacture of aniline dyes and certain kinds of explosives; ammonia liquor for the manufacture of ammonia sulphate, which is valuable as a fertilizer. The coke is used for smelting purposes.

The coal-briquetting industry depends upon a cheap supply of binding material. Coal tar pitch makes a suitable binder, and the manufacture in large quantities of this product in Nova Scotia should tend to encourage this industry and thus reduce the waste of slack coal. It would also make available many inferior coal seams, the coal from which could not be marketed economically otherwise.—W. J. D.

PRECAUTIONS WITH ELECTRICITY.

The installation, maintenance and use of electrical equipment and appliances involve an element of danger not encountered in other lines, and the performance of such work requires the exercise of extreme care to avoid difficulties. Safety demands that the electrical worker be constantly alert, especially where high potentials are handled, and that he possess a knowledge of the fundamental laws of electricity.

Electrical conductors carrying current and those not carrying any are identical in appearance. This fact alone emphasizes the importance of treating all conductors as "live" until the contrary is definitely shown. Elementary technical education and industrial training would prove of great value to electrical workers. While a great majority of electrical accidents are not due to ignorance of danger, the carelessness sometimes shown could be eliminated by teaching the workman every detail as to the source and nature of the danger. Unsafe "shortcut" methods are often employed by incompetent men, whereas there are safe and equally quick ways of performing the same work.

Most of the appliances and wiring are practically "fool-proof," but not always proof against the knife and screw-driver of the amateur electrician. The appliances usually remain perfectly safe until some unmistakeable evidence shows that something has gone wrong. This may be a blown fuse, flickering lights, difficulty in turning the current on or off, sparking, or apparent total absence of current. In all cases, unless one is certain of the cause and knows how to remove it, a competent man should be called before serious trouble or accidents develop. In handling electrical appliances or wires, one should not stand on or touch any metallic, wet or damp object, as this may be in contact with the ground. A particularly dangerous practise is to turn an electric light on or off with one hand while the other is in contact with a tap or telephone or other metallic substance or while standing in a bath or while wet from a bath. There is very little danger when one stands on a dry, wooden floor or carpet. Most of the accidents reported happen in damp cellars, bathrooms, or near taps, pipes, etc. —L. G. D.

NOTICE.

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in arrears for Taxes due the City of Cumberland, that a delinquent tax sale, the date of which will be announced later, will be held during the month of September 1917.

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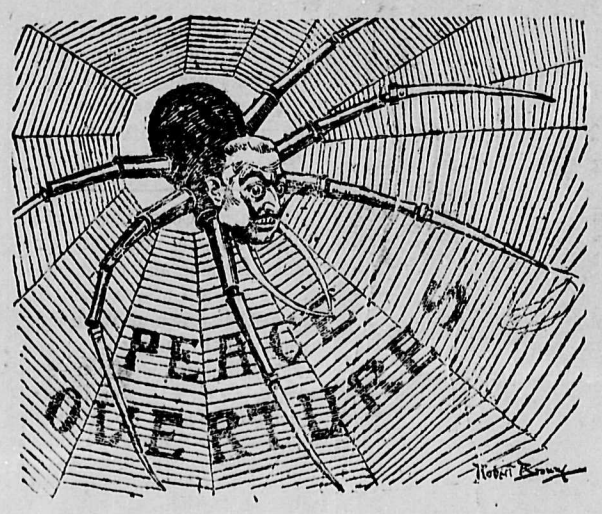
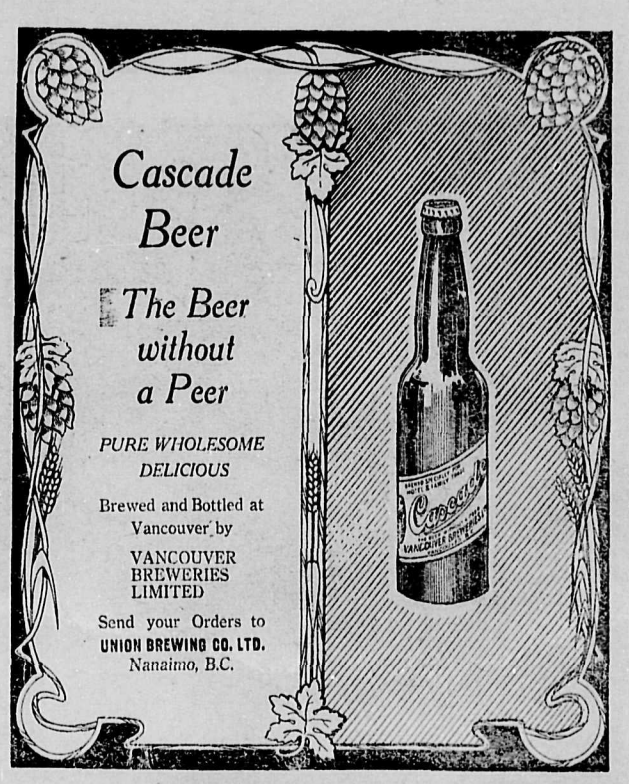


A "POUR-PARLER." The Spider: "Where are the flies?" News of the World, London.



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Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns shall be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

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JAPAN WOULD EXERT HER WHOLE STRENGTH

How War Looks to Nipponese Poet and War Correspondent—All Depend Upon England

Gonnoski Komai, the Japanese poet and author, writes: I do not know that any of you in Canada fully realize what a keen interest we easterners are now taking in the great European struggle. We had foreseen the crisis in Europe long ago. Personally, I watch every move of the campaign on the eastern front with ten times the interest which I felt in the famous Russo-Japanese War, when I was one of the correspondents with the Manchurian forces. The first year was merely the end of the beginning. Our victory in Manchuria, like England's victory at Waterloo, was a "damned near thing," everything, even the Battle of Mukden, was decided in the last five minutes, and so, I expect, will be the great struggle in Europe. To me it is like the contest of wrestlers we have here in Japan. Germany is the strong, big man who has momentarily foiled his enemy; but, like these contests, there are no rounds or pauses, and for this reason, it may be doubtful whether Germany has the reserve strength to keep the initial mastery or whether, like a strong, rash wrestler, she has expended all her forces on the first onslaught.

Can Trust Britain

One thing, however, is certain, in my mind, and that everything is upon the shoulders of England. England alone has the necessary qualities, too, upon which the world can depend in the great struggle. Happily England has the money, the men, and the manufacturing centres, and in addition she controls the sea. But, what is far more important, to my mind, she has the bull-doggedness which alone can bring the struggle to a successful issue, and the spirit of liberty which guarantees that such successes will be honorably used. None of these can Germany take or give.

The task, however, is not going to be an easy one; we know the Germans far better than Canadians do, for, remember, we owe nearly all our military strength and organization to Germany; but though we "hired" them as our tutors we never trusted them as "friends," and not a few of us strongly suspected that the whole of the Manchurian campaign was instigated by them against us. England, on the other hand, we always trusted. We had the first experience of modern warfares, so to speak, and we realize all it means. We had to advance in Manchuria inch by inch, and take trench by trench, and for this reason we in Japan anticipate a long war—a very long war, in fact—tedious, dull and uninteresting.

Japan's Great Work Done

We in Japan are ready—the people are enthusiastic to a man—we have already fulfilled more than our share by driving Germany from the east forever—and China will live to thank us. But we are willing to help in the west as well, if it comes to a pinch. In England they talk a lot of conscription as if they were afraid of it, or as if it were something ignoble or shameful. Well, I wonder whether the English realize that we in Japan are ready to place our whole national army at their service, if once our rulers but give the word of command, and go and fight the great battle of civilization on the battlefields of Europe, to fulfill the spirit of our alliance to England. Would England do the same by us, I wonder? Yet in this crisis everything depends on England and the whole world's future as well.

The Balkan Babel

In no part of the world are so many and such diverse languages spoken as in the Balkans. Bulgarians and Roumanians, for a beginning, are wonderfully at variance, for the Bulgarians keep up the tradition of the ancient Russian language, while just across the river boundary Roumania maintains a language closer akin to ancient Latin than even Italy can claim. Not only Latin but Greek is still the colloquial talk further south, and the Albanians have a language that is a puzzle to philologists, who find in it a mixture of such strange and divergent speeches as the Basque of Spain and the Hungarian of the great central plain of the present Austro-Hungarian kingdom-empire.

Motor Boat Warfare

Motor boats have already taken a great part in the present war, and armored motor boats, mounted with a number of machine guns or a quick-firer or two, have patrolled up and down the Vistula, Danube, and other rivers, and have served to help the soldiers in their attempts to cross. Although the British Motor Boat Reserve has placed a large number of boats at the use of the Admiralty, who have used them along the coasts for scouting, yet the fighting powers of motor boats have practically only been brought into play in France and Russia, especially the latter country.

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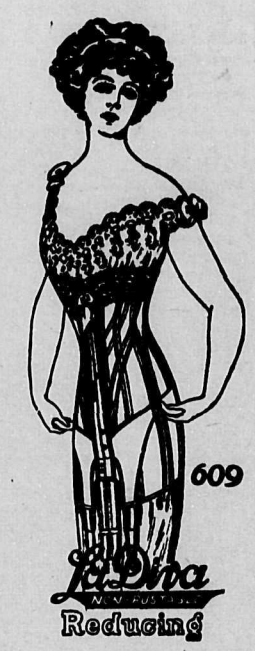

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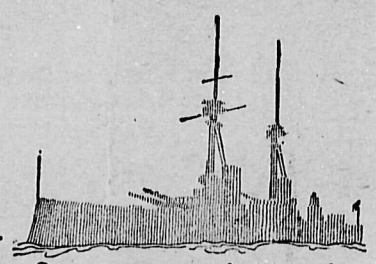

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