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FOR FIRST TIME SEA IS FREE

Paris, Feb. 2.—"For the first time in history England can say 'the sea is free,'" declared Winston Spencer Churchill, Great Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty, in an interview with Hughes Leroux, editor of Matin.

"In the days when you and we fought each other," he continued "our most important victories never brought us security comparable with that which we enjoy today. Even after Trafalgar we knew nothing like it."

"Supposing Germany has friendships and relationships in South America, how can help reach her from them now? There remains the United States. Public opinion there hesitated, perhaps, in bestowing its sympathies, but at the present moment it is fully unified. We shall arrange to take precautions fully compatible with the rights of belligerents and the respect due to neutrals.

"Germany is like a man throttled with a heavy gag. You know the effect of such a gag, when action is necessary. The effort wears out the heart and Germany knows it. This pressure shall not be relaxed until she gives in unconditionally, for even if you of France and if our ally, Russia, should decide to withdraw from the struggle, which is inconceivable, we English would carry on the war to the bitter end."

An indication of possible action by Italy is to be found in an official order to Italian reservists in England to prepare to join the colors.

Flour went up 40c a barrel this week.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

A large attendance was present to hear the arguments for and against the question, "Should Bachelors be Taxed?" Miss O'Neill and Mr. Gallagher were the leaders in the debate and quite a number took part. The verdict given was "That Bachelors should not be Taxed.'

Next Monday will be "Selections from your favorite authors or poets." A crowded meeting will find great interest and instruction from the many who will take part.

A telegram from the Deputy Postmaster General to the postmaster at Victoria says: The postal authorities have made arrangements whereby the postage rate of two cents per ounce is applicable to letters addressed to the British and Canadian troops now on the continent.

Thomas Bickle left for Ladysmith and Victoria on Friday morning.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETY.

A parcel has been forwarded to Vancouver this week containing 3 flannel bands, 5 flannel shirts, 7 pairs of socks, 13 knitted helmets. Any other work please return as soon as finished to Mrs. Clinton. It is hoped to be able to send another parcel in a fortnight

The Cumberland Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold their annual masquerade ball on March 17th in the Ilo-Ilo Dance Hall.

Arthur E. Mallett, manager of the mercantile agency for R. G. Dun & Co., at Victoria, visited this city on Wednesday and Thursday in the interest of his agency.

Albert Sullivan, the new High School Inspector, arrived on Tuesday evening and inspected the local high school on Wednesday.

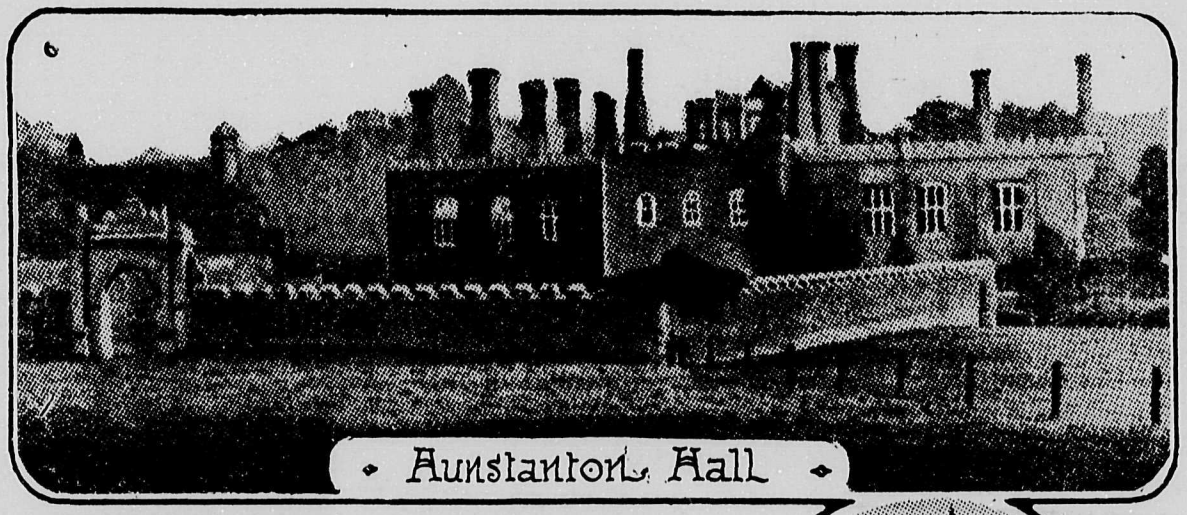
Mrs. J. Wearmouth and two sons left for Victoria on Friday, and will make that city their future home.

HOSPITAL BALL TO BE SWELL

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Union & Comox District Hospital will hold an informal dance in the West Cumberland Band Hall on Friday evening, 12th inst The Young Ladies Basketball Club are assisting in the decorations, and preparations are now well under way to make the dance a successful affair, and it is generally conceded that the Hospital ladies are entertainers of the first order.

The following steamers called at Union Bay for Comox coal during the week: Glen Roy, Ixion, Hurmusen and the Lucerne. The steamship Canada is due today for a cargo of coal.

Custom returns at Cumberland for the month of January amounted to $993.61.



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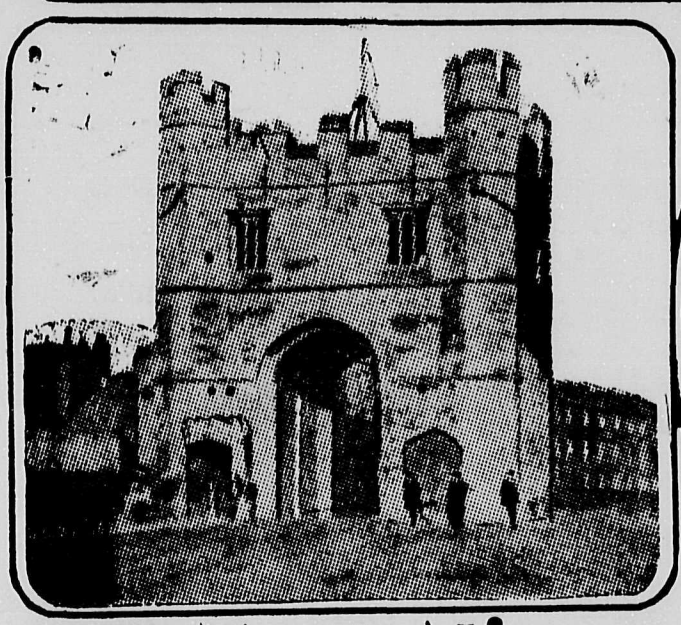

West Gate, King's Lynn

Snettisham Church

VIEWS IN THE TOWNS RAIDED BY THE ZEPPELINS.

Three prominent buildings in the district bombarded by the Kaiser's aerial baby killers. So far as known these structures escaped damage.

Electric power is now used at No. Six mine for hoisting coal. All the local mines have now been equipped with electric power supplied by the Canadian Collieries hydro electric plant.

Mr. Whitely, of Vancouver, grand organizer of the L.O.L. Lodge, and a number of orangemen from various parts of the district will visit Cumberland on the 10th inst., for the purpose of organizing a county lodge.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Thanksgiving services in commemoration of the hundred years of peace between the British Empire and the United States of America will be held in the Canadian churches of all denominations on Sunday, February 14th.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1915.

ONCE in a while someone with knowledge of the situation and an insight into the other fellow's job, gets a proper glimpse of the newspaper men. Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, is a big man who realizes the value of proper relationship between men of his position and newspaper representatives. At a banquet recently given in his honor by the Birmingham, Alabama, Newspaper Club, Gary says:

"I have been obliged to come in contact with the newspaper fraternity for the last fifteen years and from my experience I can say that if business men treat newspaper men right, they are always truthful and faithful. My experience has been that if you will treat the newspaper man fairly—will be frank and honest and give him the truth and the opportunity to publish the truth—he will do it honestly. If you are untruthful and unfair, you may expect to take the consequences."

The general public should give some consideration to this statement. It gives the newspaper man his due. No other fellow is required to know so much and get little credit for his knowledge. No other man can do so much harm or so much good. Accurate fair-minded intelligence always are demanded of the newspaper worker. His labours are constructive. The popular demand is that they be so.

No community can attain the greatest success unless it has and supports good newspapers. Its newspaper is its criterion of progress or sluggishness. The importance of the newspaper too often is overlooked, as is the importance of the newspaper man. Both deserve fair-minded, open treatment, the very things which are demanded of them and which they give.

We understand that one of the aldermen will ask leave to introduce a pound by-law at the next session of the city council. This should certainly be made effective before the spring gardening commences. At present cows and horses are seen roaming the streets at all hours of the day and night, walking up the cement sidewalk as though they paid the road tax.

Will some of our business men who seldom take an interest in anything that affects the welfare of the city join the board of trade? Don't stand on the street corner and knock the town, saying, "Oh, it is run by a clique!" Join the board of trade and become one of the clique. We have streets to improve, a town to beautify and advertise.

It is reported from a semi-official source that the Hohenzollern family have made heavy purchases of New York State bonds, issued last year, for use of the Kaiser and his relatives if they are compelled to leave Germany. These bonds are for $51,000,000 and cover canal and highway improvements and bear 4 1-2 per cent interest.

The Nanaimo board of trade on Tuesday upon reading the letter from the Merritt board of trade advocating the inauguration of a "B. C. Coal" campaign, decided to appoint a committee of three to interview the coal operators of the district in reference to the proposal.

The Frazer Valley Record says: "It seems a pity that the Vancouver Island mines are idle, and the coal miners in some cases destitute, and citizens of the province purchasing coal brought in from a foreign country.

We would ask the citizens of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, when purchasing coal to insist upon having Vancouver Island coal, and especially "Comox" coal. It's the best on the market today.

The members of the Cumberland Board of Trade will not be satisfied until "Comox Coal" becomes an household coal throughout the province.

There will be quite a number of empty seats on the Conservative side of the Federal House this session, left vacant by members who have gone to the front with the Canadian army.

A farewell dance was held in the U.M.W. of A. Hall on Thursday. Working men would have done well to have said "good-bye" to that organization over two years ago.

New bread regulations in Germany have caused so much unrest that 12,000 special constables have been appointed to guard the bakeries in Berlin.

The public debt is going up, but the Kaiser is coming down.

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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.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
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BOARD OF TRADE GETS BUSY

The Cumberland Board of Trade held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers on Monday evening, Vice-president W. T. White occupied the chair.

The secretary read a communication from the Merritt Board of Trade requesting the assistance of the Cumberland board in endeavoring to secure the British Columbia market for B.C. coal, and suggesting that a delegate be sent from every board of trade in the province to interview the Government with that object in view. This was disposed of by selecting Mr. Thos. E. Bate to represent the Cumberland board, and the secretary was instructed to notify the Merritt board by wire to that effect.

The secretary read the decision of the Dominion Railway Commission with reference to the interchange of tracks at Royston between the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company and the Wellington Colliery Railway Co., which ordered that the E. & N. pay two-thirds of the cost, providing the Canadian Collieries paid one-third.

Several of the members spoke upon the matter, when it was decided to write the Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Railways for this province, and ascertain the attitude of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., towards paying their portion of the cost, or what steps would be taken to secure the interchange of track.

A copy of the letter on the Washington coal question, sent to Vancouver, Victoria, and New Westminster boards of trade, by the Cumberland board, was read. The matter of raising the tariff on foreign coal was fully discussed. It was stated that the Government was paying out large sums of money for the relief of the unemployed while our markets were being flooded with foreign coal. As a consequence, the mines here are idle, and men are wandering the streets who would otherwise be engaged in some branch of the coal industry. It was said that surely the Government could adopt some measure that would relieve the situation.

Even taking into consideration that the Washington coal was cheaper, it was inferior in quality. It was evidently the desire of the Board to leave no stone unturned until the Washington product was banished from the British Columbia market.

Some of the members of the Board had evidently been accused by the business men of sending out of town for goods that could be purchased in this city. The explanations given proved conclusively that the accusations were false.

T. E. Bate will wait for a telegram from the Merritt Board of Trade who will decide upon a date to interview the Government, before leaving for Victoria.

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"AN EVENING IN JAPAN."

A very enjoyable evening is looked forward to next Monday (Feb. 8th) in the Methodist Church beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. The program is in the hands of the Missionary Committee of the Epworth League.

The chief feature will be an illustrated lecture on "The scenery, customs and life of Japan," by the Rev. Wm. Elliott, who spent fifteen years in that country. The slides are beautifully colored. Besides the lecture there will be a few selections of special music and recitations in keeping with the subject.

Collection at the close.

The British Columbia Gazette of the 4th inst. contains the following appointments: Ald. D. R. Macdonald and Thomas D. McLean to be members of the Board of Licence Commissioners for the City of Cumberland; Ald. K. E. Crompton, M.B., and H. P. Millard, M.B., to be members of Board of Licence Commissioners for the City of Courtenay; Ald. John W Cooke and Neil McFadyen to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Cumberland; Ald. Wm. H. Kirkwood and Harry Idiens to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Courtenay.

Died, at Happy Valley on Saturday, January 30th, Mrs. Bridget M. Delaney, aged 65 years. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at 2.30 from the residence of her daughter Mrs. A. Gray.

It is reported that the Comox Logging Railway Camps will reopen in the near future.

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TOWN TOPICS

The local mines were idle yesterday.

Louisa Bickle was a passenger by Friday's train for Victoria.

Mayor Parnham was on the sick list but is now recovering.

General Supt. Lockard is reported to have left Victoria for San Francisco.

Supt. G. W. Clinton entertained a number of Masonic Grand Lodge visitors during the week end.

Mr. Christie, of the Canadian Collieries Victoria office, left for that city Monday.

Mayor Kilpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Calhoun, of Courtenay, visited this city this week.

Frank Sawford, Superintendent at Union Bay, and Dr. Thurm, assayer, visited this city Thursday.

FOR SALE—Household goods, furniture, stoves, carpets, etc. Call on T. A. Macfarlane, corner Dunsmuir Ave. and Fourth St.

FOR SALE,—During breeding season, broody hens, $1.50 each. Burton & Randall, Cumberland Road, Royston.

Henry Devlin, Inspector of Mines, arrived on Sunday on his regular monthly tour of inspection of the local mines.

Provincial Constable Mills, who is in charge of this district, left for Nanaimo on Monday and returned Tuesday.

"The Million Dollar Mystery" and "Zudora" continue to draw crowded houses at the Ilo Ilo Theatre on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

A special meeting of the Cumberland Fire Brigade will be held in the Fire Hall on Thursday evening to appoint committees and make arrangements for the coming masquerade ball.

All parties indebted to the estate of Macfarlane Bros., Ltd., are requested to pay the same to T. A. Macfarlane, at his residence at the corner of Dunsmuir Ave. and Fourth Street.

W. H. Fleming, chairman of the Executive, and J. R. Lockard, General Superintendent, of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., arrived in this city on Saturday last, and left again Monday morning for Victoria.

Mrs. A. R. Kierstead was taken to the Union & Comox District Hospital on Tuesday, and will undergo an operation on Sunday. Dr. R. E. McKechnie, of Vancouver, is expected here to assist the local doctors.

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