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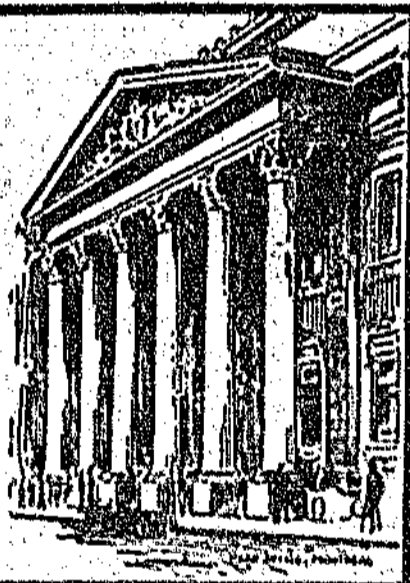
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Dr. H. H. Fries of New York, who is associated with one of the largest chemical manufacturing concerns in the States, is at the Hotel Vancouver, and says that British Columbia rivals Switzerland in scenic beauty, and now is the time for the people to make that fact known to the hordes of American tourists who, before the war, visited the European resorts and spent many thousands of dollars annually in that way.

Here you are Doctor. This way for the Alberni District. Got 'em all backed off the map. Come and take a look see.

Mining Movement.

There is little doubt but that the next movement in the Alberni District will be along mining lines. Those who were here in the early days know that there were many places that did not get a fair show, and others that have not even been prospected. Now that times are slack is a good chance to look up some of those old places, and get in line for the mining boom that is coming just as soon as the situation clears a little. Mr. Rochester is an old timer, and he can select just the right kind of meet to put strength into the prospector, and insure his success. His selections are just as good for other people. Try them.

BOOSTING FOR AUTO CIRCUIT

Just now there is a disposition to boost for what is known as "The Georgian Circuit," an auto tour which takes in the leading east cities of British Columbia and the State of Washington. At the last meeting of the City Council there was received a circular which indicates that a big effort is being made to attract people over this route. The Island Development Association has the matter in hand, and have issued very interesting folder regarding the delights of such a trip. That part of the folder that refers to Alberni is as follows:

Saturday, 6th June. Tonight we are at ALBERNI. We had a magnificent run today, perhaps the finest and most interesting of the whole trip. The splendid forests are never-to-be-forgotten, and if a strike can only be preserved along each side of the road, from the ravages of the lumber men, then the people of this generation will have done their duty to unborn generations of sailors and motorists yet to come.

Sunday, 8th June. Spent today touring over all roads to be found in the vicinity of Alberni, and tonight find ourselves at the little floating hotel on GREAT CENTRAL LAKE.

Monday 7th June. Fished Great Central Lake from early morning till midday and caught a fine basket. Tonight we are at the little chalet at CAMERON LAKE.

The movement should attract considerable attention as there are a large number of people on the coast just now who are looking for an outing of this kind before returning home from the San Francisco fair.

The matter of several sidewalks was attended to, and some accounts ordered paid.

Applications for both light and water were granted.

It was reported that, owing to lack of funds, it was not likely that the City would be able to finance the trip of the Fire Department to the tournament this year. This is too bad as the boys were in fine shape and had a good chance to win some of the cups offered.

By-Law No. 41 was laid over pending the receipt of a report from the Board of Fire Underwriters. This By-Law deals with the storage of gasoline within the city limits.

The City Clerk submitted some figures with regard to the outstanding taxes, and reported that he was sending out notices to all of the rate payers regarding the extension of the rebate period to the end of August.

The council then adjourned.

Bad Ammunition.

Thousands of cases of ammunition of all kinds when opened at the front, were found to contain rubbish, says Daily Mail in an account of the conditions under which the Russian army has been fighting. The situation is popularly ascribed to the work of German agents in Russian munition factories.

Petrograd is full of wounded, the daily mail asserts, and the Russian casualties are unofficially estimated at 3,500,000 up to the middle of July, in killed, wounded and prisoners. The paper says, however, that this estimate seems guesswork as the military as the military authorities themselves do not know the real totals. Notwithstanding the enormous losses the Russian people are cheerful and confident for they believe Germany's financial collapse is near.

Rifle Range.

At a meeting of the committee of the Alberni District Rifle Assn. it was decided to begin shooting for Mr. Wood's spoons this week. The shoots will be held on Thursday and Saturday of each week. Highest score for one week wins one spoon and a competitor is entitled to one trophy.

A PATRIOTIC SMOKER HELD

The Patriotic Smoker held in Alberni on Wednesday evening in the Lord-Best Hall was a very pleasant and successful affair. A few days ago Capt. Harrison of the 89th Victoria Fusiliers, came in to the District for the purpose of looking over things, and seeing if he could get a few more men for his regiment. As a means of meeting these men it was thought that a smoker would be as good as any, and the success of the movement was all that could have been expected. As has been pointed out before, this section has sent away so many men to the front that only a few are left who are fit for service, but of these quite a number came forward and signified that they were willing to join the colors.

The usual songs and short addresses and from one and another of the citizens formed the programme for the evening. Captain Harrison declined any pretensions to the gift of orator, but he made a very pleasant impression with his clean and well stated explanation of the situation, and more than one of the men were impressed with the desirability of going service under the gallant Captain.

A strong note of patriotic determination to see the thing through to a finish, no matter what the cost, was evident in all the speeches, and the frequent applause which greeted the remarks testified to the fact that the audience was in full accord with every point scored by the speakers. Mayor Huff was asked to take the chair and in an eloquent manner explained the objects of the meeting. He hoped that those who were not willing to either fight or work for the country would at least leave the country. (applause)

Capt. Harrison made a neat and telling little speech and asked for volunteers. The 89th Fusiliers had already sent 2,000 men to the front, and hoped to go as a unit in the near future.

Lieut. Harde came forward amidst great applause, and made one of his happy, snappy, little speeches which highly delighted the audience.

He was followed by a song from Mr. Gladhill which brought down the house and was encored.

Dr. Morgan that as a Canadian it made him sorry that he had not joined the first contingent. He would not like to be a man conscripted. He thought every man felt the same. He was ready to go to the front if he was needed more there than at home. (applause.)

Prof. Carruthers pointed out that for the first time in a thousand years a foe was trying to plant a foot on the soil made sacred by the ashes of the fathers and mothers of those who were now called to rally to the colors. The speaker closed with an eloquent appeal for every man to rally to the call of his country.

Mr. Davies then sang a couple of songs.

Lieut. Thompson and Mr. Blandy made a few remarks. Mr. Neill made some excellent concluding remarks and the following signed on:

Clyde Paxton, D. McKenzie, Walker Green, G. A. Thompson, J. Thompson, R. Kinnear, G. E. Kirkbride, Sam Evanson, A. Thompson, Jas. Drinkwater, D. Kershaw, who joined the 6th; and E. Vaughn, H. DeBury, H. Little, H. Blois, D. Dootson, N. Walton, H. Lewis who signed on with the 88th.

Serbia Next.

Despatches from Salonika say that 100,000 troops have concentrated in Orzova, Hungary, and the Austro-Germans may make an attempt to light their way through Serbia to Turkey. Athens reports that Italian consuls in Turkey are leaving.

RUSSIANS REFUSE PEACE OFFER

Copenhagen, August 9.—The German Emperor made an offer of peace to Russia last week through the King of Denmark; Russia replied that the peace could not be considered. It is reported that the Kaiser offered Russia all of Gallea if the Germans were permitted to hold the western part of Poland.

It is officially announced at Petrograd that the Germans have evacuated Bessarabia, Courland, and have retreated to Mittau. Military critics in Petrograd say this indicates the failure of the enemy's campaign in the Baltic Provinces.

PAY CHEQUES CARRY MESSAGE

"Your king and country need you. We can spare you."

Those words were written on all the pay cheques of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company that were handed out to the men in the company's employ in Victoria on Saturday. Just what the meaning was seemed open to conflicting opinion, so A. T. Goward, local manager of the company was asked for information.

Mr. Goward replied that there was no other meaning than that which the words conveyed; that if any of the men felt called upon to go to serve their king and country the company will not hinder them in doing so.

Mr. Goward was asked if the words were written across his pay cheque, and he answered that his pay day was not the same as the majority of the employees, but he supposed when he got his cheque the same message would be contained in it.

"We are just following along the lines of the C. P. R. and other big companies," he said, "who have written similar intimations to all their employees on their pay cheques."

Harvest Work.

In order to ascertain how many men there are who would be available for harvest work on the prairies, the provincial government is about to open a register at all centers where there is considerable unemployment, in the event of there being a demand from the prairies for help from this section and of the railways granting the same reduced rates to harvesters that are given from the east.

The provincial relief officer P.R. Fleming, is in Vancouver taking up with the railway authorities the matter of excursion rates, and the government has made representations direct to the federal minister of agriculture and to the railway heads in Montreal.

A difficulty which arises in the matter is that for years past there has been a steady supply of harvesters for the west from the eastern provinces which has assumed the proportions of a regular and well established system. To send harvesters from this side would to some extent disturb that arrangement, and, of course, the problem of unemployment is just as pressing in the east as it is in the west.

Registration.

London, Aug. 9.—The Registration Act, passed by the British Parliament, is being put into effect. Blankets were issued today to all males between the ages of 16 and 65. These are to be filled up, and returned before next Saturday.

Heavy Hammering.

A despatch from Athens states that the Allied troops have resumed their attacks on the Turkish position at the Dardanelles with great vigour and have made appreciable progress. Turkish losses heavy.

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Alberni, B. C., Canada - August 13, 1918

PATRIOTIC MEETING

THE patriotic meeting last week struck one clear note that rang like a gong bell. The note of a firm determination to spare, on the part of Canada, nothing, absolutely nothing, to the last dollar and the last man, for the aid of the Empire in this righteous war against Prussianism.

Speaker after speaker struck this note and held it amidst the waves of applause that swept the large audience time after time. It was probably the most enthusiastic meeting ever held in Alberni, and the good people of the Port, who joined with us to make it a success, were not a jot behind in their appreciation.

We predict that as a result of this meeting there will be a period of activity in recruiting. In fact the signs are not wanting that such a period is now under way. The recruiting officer is already in our midst, and signing on quite a number of men. When we remember that the two towns have already sent out over one hundred men, it is all the more to the credit of both that the recruiting officer is still able to find more, and yet more on the occasion of every visit to the Albernis.

And now just a few plain words we do not know how true it is but it has been reported that in a number of places in the East big companies have handed their pay checks to young unmarried men who have not offered for service, and that on these checks were found the words, "Your King and Country need you—We do not." If this is true it is a good thing. If not—let it go at that. But this brings us to the plain words. If the Governments, Provincial and Dominion, can find commissions for their followers, it is up to them to take similar steps with regard to a number of young, unmarried men who are drawing government salaries. This is not intended as a reflection in any way on those who have secured these commissions. We know some of these men, and have only the very best wishes for their success, mingled with a little envy at their good fortune. To these men, who are now officers of the King, we say "The best is none too good for you—Go in

and win," but with this spirit of heartfelt good will comes the other spirit, and we give it voice. No young man, who is unmarried has a right to continue to draw Government pay until such a time as he can show that he has been rejected by a recruiting officer after an offer for service at the front.

This is not only true of those holding government positions, but is equally true of those employed by the big transportation financial and manufacturing institutions. There is no fear that such a movement will result in hampering the wheels of progress. There is many an older man who was willing to go on the shelf for the purpose of giving room to the younger generation, who will now come down off the same shelf and get into harness, doing his "bit" in this way gladly. There is the "cap" if it fits—wear it

PARKER WILLIAMS

WE are not always able to see just eye to eye with our friend Mr. Parker Williams, but there are times when he really says something. The other day he was addressing a crowd at Central Park. He called according to the press, "The attention of his hearers to the miserable way in which the affairs of the province have been administered.

He issued a warning against again placing the confidence of government in the hands of Sir Richard McBride and Attorney-General Bowser. The government officials, as an election is coming shortly, are out with an agricultural bill and a working-man's compensation act, which Mr. Williams characterized as pure-campaign bait. The common assumption that conditions prevailing here in an industrial way are due to the war, Mr. Williams said was not the case at all, but the real cause was the maladministration. A province so rich in natural wealth as British Columbia, Mr. Williams said should be a shelter, in any economic storm or financial crisis and hardship and poverty should not exist here."

Just to give you an idea of the manner in which this man Williams "scorches" when he gets going, the following brief remarks are quoted from his speech

"Never mind the smooth, oily word and the greasy hand, for the politician is very nice along about election time."

"If we had put the dogs on this kind of people a few years ago, conditions would not be as they are today."

"The compensation act is absolutely a campaign trap."

"It is a bait for you to give another five year lease of power."

"Bowser's whole activity has been against the working class."

"Thousands have come from the Old Country to find out what want is."

"We need not look for any thing from outside people till we as a people have made a different reputation."

It is not too late to rescue this province."

And a few little things like that. All of which are very true, even if they are from the tongue of Parker Williams.

PRACTICAL POINTERS ABOUT ALBERNI

Alberni is reached by train from Victoria. Connections are made with Victoria, running through to Alberni on every other day. Passengers from Vancouver City can connect with this train at Nanaimo.

Alberni is also reached by steamer from Victoria, and in the summer months there is no more delightful trip than this up the west coast of Vancouver Island and along the picturesque Alberni canal.

The Island trunk line of the C. N. R. is now building from Victoria to Alberni.

Land prices as to acreage varies from \$20 to \$100 per acre for bush land and from \$100 to \$400 for land that has been cleared and brought under cultivation. Prices are governed by quality and location, and land can be had in any quantity.

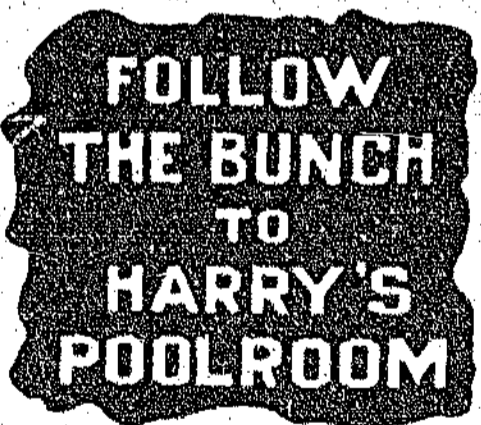
It has been found that mixed farming pays best. On plots of from ten to twenty acres fruit growing, dairying, poultry raising, hogs and cattle will all pay well.

In Alberni will be found the usual advantages of a progressive Western Community that has faith, and the courage of its convictions. There are a number of good stores carrying a wide range of goods, schools, churches, the Alberni Advocate, newspaper, and a number of athletic and social clubs.

The climate is as fine as can be found on the Pacific Coast, taken the year round. The rainfall is less than that of the City of Vancouver, the frosts are light. There is seldom frost enough for skating or snow enough for sleighing, and when either of these comes it only lasts a few days. For the summer and autumn months there is nothing in the world to equal the Alberni weather.

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Liberal Platform.

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