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WEATHER REPORT FOR MARCH.
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Highest Max. (20th) 60. Lowest Min. (2rd) 8
Rainfall, 6.16 inches. Snow, 14 inches.
Rainfall for the year (1915) 34.33 inches.

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ITEMS OF WAR NEWS

Washington, April 10.—President Wilson decided that Germany must not only absolutely pledge herself but also show that the pledge be observed and not to countenance any further attacks on unarmed belligerent or neutral merchantmen, or else diplomatic relations between the two nations will be broken.

Paris, April 11—West of Meuse bombardments continued violently, particularly directed against Hill 304. An attack was delivered yesterday against Deadman's Hill, which, generally speaking, was repulsed with important losses to our adversaries. Two attacks to penetrate our advanced trenches on Hill 295 were easily repulsed, we took over 100 prisoners. East of Meuse there has been spirited fighting in woods Fontain and St. Martin. We also made progress in the communicating trenches of the enemy south of the village of Douamount. In Woevre there has been bombardment of villages. Our gains in the foothills of Meuse heights were confirmed on April 9. In the region of Verdun there marked the first general offensive which forced the enemy to attack over a distance of 20 kilometres. Our adversaries did not achieve any results commensurate with their efforts. Their losses suffered were evidenced by the bodies piled up in the front of our lines.

Petrograd, April 11.—90,000 Turks, officered by Germans, defending Trebizond in a battle for its possession which began by an attempt of the Turks to expel the Russians from the right bank of the Karadere, failed. The Turks sustained heavy losses.

Paris, April 12.—The supreme effort of the Crown Prince to capture Verdun is spending itself against a stout, intelligent defense. French observers point out that when our assailants realize their failure to attain the objective then they invariably assault with great violence before lapsing into a normal trench warfare, as was the great German attack at Ypres during five days before the battle ended in a failure. The assailants hope by these manoeuvres to surprise the defenders and by their unexpected effort to obtain by taking them unawares, rewards for their sacrifices. General Pretain, the French commander, was not caught napping, but anticipated this possible move on the part of the enemy by strengthening his lines. The battle is still continuing, but with perceptibly dwindling violence.

London, April 12.—The British and French ministers at Athens have informed Premier Skouloudis the intention of their governments to land forces at Harbor Cephalonia, one of the Ionian islands a few miles east of the mainland. Assurances are given that the sovereign rights of Greece will be protected.

Rome, April 12.—German bankers are now transferring their reserves to neutral countries without heeding the losses incurred by unfavorable exchange as long as they succeed in getting their money out of Germany. These steps are ascribed to the reports of the failure of the last loan which it is feared may lead to coercive measures being taken.

Washington, April 12.—When the cabinet meeting broke up this morning the indications were that the president and cabinet are not thinking of the destruction of the Sussex alone, but about the accumulation of cases of the destruction of ships since Germany gave the last assurances.

London, April 13.—The destruction of British shipping continues. The Senator a new steamer of 3500 tons, has been sent to the bottom. It is believed the crew is saved.

Official investigation of the Dutch steamships Tubantia and Palembang, has resulted in finding that both were torpedoed.

Valparaiso, April 13.—The British steamer Orbita, acting as a decoy, trapped two German commerce raiders between the Straits of Magellan and Falkland Islands. H. M. S. Cumberland sank both raiders. The part of the crews that were not drowned were taken prisoners.

Brest, April 13.—The captain of the Italian steamer Unione has landed here and said his ship was torpedoed without warning; that the firemen had no time to escape from the stoke hole, the remainder of the crew leaped into the sea and swam until rescued by a French torpedo boat.

Paris, April 13.—On the left bank of the Meuse the Germans this morning delivered attacks on our positions at Caillette Wood, in which they used flaming liquids. They were everywhere repulsed. It has been confirmed that the violent offensive action yesterday afternoon was repulsed by us with heavy losses to the enemy. The German assault on the Verdun front was resumed this morning. Troops advanced on Caillette woods, the war office announced, but were repulsed. Calm reigned on the Verdun front last night after the bombardment. An atttack on Hill 304 was prevented.

Rome reports the Kaiser ill at Potsdam over failure to capture Verdun and the heavy casualties.

Washington, April 13.—Germany's note regarding Sussex and other merchant ships which have recently met disaster, was expected to reach the State Department late today.

14,000 American troops in Mexico are surrounded by 30,000 of Carranza's troops. The Mexicans awaiting diplomatic showdown following the demand for the withdrawal of the American expedition creates a military predicament if President Wilson refuses to comply. Villa who was reported dead two days ago is now in Sistine valley with more than three thousand troops.

Washington, (Flash 11 a. m.) April 13.—White House announced this morning "there will be no withdrawal of troops from Mexico."

El Paso, Texas, April 13.—Masking his trail with the deluding fiction spread broadcast by Mexican peons that he is dead of wounds, Francisco Villa, is thought by officers in Juarez, to be safely hidden away in the sheltering recesses of the Sierra Madre mountains, while the American cavalry are pursuing a rear guard band of Villistas, whose strategy is to beguile Villa's pursuers away from their chief.

Friday—Owing to telegraph wire being down no news received.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Secretary, Bella Coola Telephone, Light & Power Co., will be received at Bella Coola until noon, April 29th, for repairs and upkeep of Telephone line from Bella Coola to A. Hammer's place for nine and a half months (May 1st to February 15th).

Further information apply to—

A. C. CHRISTENSEN, Secretary.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Chelohsin arrived Sunday morning 10 o'clock. The summer coming on apace and with it renewed activities at the cannery she always deliver some freight there before landing at the government wharf, and this time proved no exception.

The usual amount of freight was landed and the following citizens arrived after a few days outing at Ocean Falls: Dr. W. Quinlan, W. Sutherland and F. Broughton.

T. H. Thorsen, Levi Lauretson and Miss Thorsen went away.

Levi Lauretson, after spending the winter in the valley at his father's home and improving his time by putting up for his father one of the finest residences in the settlement, left for his summer's work at the Pacific Cannery on the Skeena River, where he is the foreman, which position he has filled for several years.

T. H. Thorsen after residing in the valley for several years, decided to seek his fortune in the remote regions of Alaska. It is understood he will proceed to Stewart with the intention of securing a piece of land, the fertility of which is said to be far greater than people in southern climes would believe possible.

His sister, who accompanied him, will stop at Seattle, while his mother and another sister remain here until he is permanently located.

There were a few news items which escaped the notice of our reporter last week and we hasten to correct the oversight. As no other paper has secured a "scoop" on us in regard to them our prestige has not suffered.

Peter Evenson left two weeks ago for Beaver Cannery, Rivers Inlet, to take up his work as watchman.

C. Charlton, while at work on the bridge, had his leg squeezed, near the ankle, between two pieces of timber to the extent that he now moves about by the aid of crutches.

G. B. Olsen became tired of leading the life of a lone widower and therefore entered the matrimonial state by being joined in wedlock to Miss Klingenberg at his home at Hagensborg, on Tuesday, last week.

The Courier extends to the happy couple its heartiest wishes for a long and happy union.

A. Svisdal is cutting and hewing some long pieces of fir timber at his place near Noosatsum for the big bridge. When he gets them finished he will take his men to do some repairing on the Saloomt bridge.

H. D. Brown is now superintending the re-planking of the approach to the wharf.

Iver Fougner, Indian agent, left last week on the Dominion launch Charles Todd for a tour of his district. Herbert Sutherland having resumed charge of the engine and with Mr. Fougner at the helm, it is safe to assume that no mishap will befall the expedition.

The tug Shimoiget, Capt. J. L. Tough, came in from Rivers Inlet on Thursday with 6000 cases of sanitary tins for the local cannery.

The manufacturers of these cans, on which they have a patent, put up a building at Wadham's cannery last January for the manufacture of cans to supply the canneries of the surrounding district. They are now making them at the rate of 1700 cases per day.

The following members of the fraternity of commercial travellers arrived from Vancouver last Tuesday on the launch Dazlayne: T. G. Wall of the McClary Manufacturing Co., H. W. Fraser of the Consolidated Rubber Co., Chas. A. Munro of the P. Burns & Co., and J. W. Forrest of Ramsay & Co. They reported a pleasant trip up the Coast. It was with much fear and trepidation however that they ventured upon the crossing of the Queen Charlotte Sound. Mr. Wall, on a similar trip last year on the launch Niade, had experiences across this particular piece of water which when related to his fellow passengers made them wish they had embarked on a larger craft. Their dark forebodings of involuntary libations and sacrifices to Neptune we are glad to relate proved groundless, the Sound was on its best behaviour and as smooth as glass. They therefore arrived at Bella Coola in fine spirits and in the pink of condition which resulted in their selling the merchants big bills of goods. In their optimistic frame of mind they imparted to their customers the firm conviction that the busy future of Ocean Falls would have a beneficial effect on Bella Coola. After spending a pleasant and profitable day here they left on Wednesday for Rivers Inlet.

Rev. W. H. Gibson announces that on Easter Sunday a musical program of some pretensions may be expected at the evening services at the Mackenzie school.

The customary gravity prevailing at religious services was slightly disturbed last Sunday evening when Rev. Mr. Gibson at the close of the service, announced to the audience that there had been left on his desk for distribution a large number of copies of the liquor dealers plea for compensation. There did not seem to be anyone there who had not already made up his mind on that subject. The papers containing the eloquent speech of Mr. Tulk, the lawyer engineering the cause of the liquor dealers, were not in much demand; it was decided that they might aid in starting the fire in the stove.

F. A. Johnson went up the valley to his home at Firvale last week and returned a few days later with his family, they will spend a few weeks in town and add some comfort to the life of a lonely man. The effect of the happier state of Mr. Johnson's mind may be inferred from the fact that his mill has doubled its output this week and he, Mr. Johnson, whistles when he passes by our office on his way to the wharf with loads of lumber.

There is no rose without its thorn and Mr. Johnson realized that when one of his small boys a few days ago received a kick on the head from one of his horses. Being of the hardiest kind of stock, it had no really serious results. After the doctor had bound him up he appeared again among his playmates, as clearheaded as ever.

The Concert.

(CONTRIBUTED)

A most enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday by all who attended the concert held in the Hotel Hall under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in aid of the Red Cross.

Mr. Macdonald welcomed every one at the door and they passed on twenty-five cents poorer.

After a few remarks by the chairman, Rev. W. H. Gibson, the musical part of the program commenced with a wonderfully stirring piano solo by Mrs. Grant. Mrs. Jacobsen next sang in her usual pleasing manner, a patriotic solo. Mrs. Linnell then delighted the audience with a selection on the cello to such an extent that she had to return. Mr. Atkins followed with the "Veteran's Song," in his deep, rich voice, but refused to be recalled. A selection by the orchestra (Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Noot, Mr. and Mrs. T. Saugstad) was greatly appreciated and an encore was called for. This finished the first part of the program. During the interval the young ladies who had charge of the candies sold their sweets at five cents a bag; realizing three dollars and ninety five cents.

The audience was then informed that the girls of the townsite have a society known as the Girls' Aid. Their object being to raise money for the Red Cross. They have been very busy sewing and made quite a showing.

Mr. Teebay kindly consented to act as auctioneer and caused great merriment by the description of the articles, while he praised the quality of the work. The sale realized eleven dollars and eighty cents, of which the girls are donating ten dollars and keeping the balance with which they will continue working. The officers of this society are: President, Miss Susie Christensen; vice-president, Miss Margaret Fougner; treasurer, Miss Phyllis Gibson; secretary, Miss Janet Gibson. There are no other members!

A beautiful cushion top with the flags of the Allies worked in silk by Mrs. Wood, was exhibited and it was decided to raffle it at some later date.

Order was called and Mrs. Grant played with great feeling a very fine setting of the "Marseillaise," the audience standing. Mrs. Noot followed with a patriotic song, which was appreciated by the audience as evidenced by the manner in which all joined in the chorus of the last verse. Mr. Teebay was then heard in "The Admiral's Broom" (not literally you understand) and his listeners wished they might hear his splendid voice oftener. Miss Clayton sang next that fine song entitled, "Brave Old Bobs"; after which Mrs. Linnell again played her cello and was again encored. Mr. Atkins then charmed everyone with "Lighterman Tom," and on being recalled with "Romeo and Juliet." The orchestra again delighted the audience and but for the lateness of the hour would have received an encore. Mr. Macfarlane moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Madonald for the use of the hall and lights, Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion, and everyone showed their appreciation by a hearty clapping of the hands. This part of the program was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

We then learned that Mrs. Fougner and Mrs. Carlsen had been very busy preparing a grab

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1916.

The Shell Commission Under Fire.

In these days of charges and countercharges made to such a great extent against men connected with public affairs, an ordinary plain citizen is being tempted to believe that it is only dishonest men who get a chance to do the business of the country.

That men in high authority use the calamity of the war and the great need of the country as means of either enriching themselves or allowing their friends to do so, is so highly reprehensible that radical means ought to be adopted to put a stop to it.

It is aiding the enemies of the country in that they deprive it of some of its means to carry on the war, and as such it is of a treasonable character and should be dealt with accordingly.

The last piece of dishonesty brought to light is of even graver nature than the many preceding ones, and implicates one of the cabinet ministers of the Dominion government. It is hoped that for the honor of our land he may be able to clear himself of the charges reflecting upon his integrity.

Mr. Geo. Kyte, M. P. for Richmond, on the floor of the House of Commons stated that dummy companies were incorporated in the United States for the handling of Canadian munitions contracts. For instance the American Ammunition Company was incorporated with an authorized capital of $1,000,000 and a subscribed capital of $1000. The International Arms and Fuse Company which had an authorized capital of $1,500,000 and a paid up capital of $3000, received a contract from the Canadian Shell Commission for two and one-half million fuses at $4.50 each, amounting to $11,250,000. Up to March 14 this company had delivered only 6000 fuses, which is less than 1-400th part of the order although the contract was signed on June 19, 1915, nine months previous. On the day that the contract was signed this company received a cash advance from the Shell Commission of $1,125,000 and within four months thereafter an additional $562,500.

The other concern, the American Ammunition Company, has been equally generously dealt with. Without entering into further details we may state that the summary of the whole sordid deal is something like this. These two Yankee companies with no plant, no machinery, no buildings, did not only receive orders for $23,000,000 worth of fuse, but also cash advances of over $3,500,000.

Altogether they have delivered only ten per cent of their orders. Each of the contracts these mushroom companies received was accompanied by a ratifying letter from Sir Sam Hughes, the minister of militia.

Sir Sam Hughes is the member of the government under whose supervision this branch of the work is being carried on. When the accusation was made he was away on a trip to Europe, but Premier Borden considered the situation so serious that he cabled Sir Sam for an explanation. At this writing it is understood that he found himself compelled to drop the business that took him to Europe and return home to face the charges.

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A Dastardly Attack.

Of a piece with allowing the Legislature to be used by "false alarms" like R. H. Pooley, government member for Esquimalt, with his resolution (afterwards withdrawn) attacking the validity of the elections of Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald, is the even worse prostitution of the people's deliberative assembly (supposedly to be devoted to public affairs) to the wretched, petty business of trying to manufacture partisan political capital by raking up and spreading before the House and the world purely personal correspondence, four years old, concerning an issue just as long dead—to wit, the appointment of President of the B. C. University. The meddlesome and petty person who moved for the correspondence in question—between Rev. Dr. Mackay, principal of Westminster Hall College, Vancouver, and members of the McBride Government, relating to the then proposed appointment of Dr. Mackay to the presidency of the B. C. University—was Henry Thomson, one of the Government's "solid" from Victoria. The object was to discredit Dr. Mackay's recent and weighty activities against the Bowser Government on public platform and in connection with the publication, "The Crisis in B. C." The only effect, publicly speaking, of the publication of this personal correspondence is to convict the late, which is the same as the present, Government of British Columbia of the most outrageous and gratuitous discourtesy and caddishness, and bad faith, toward Dr. Mackay—just as between man and man.—The Pacific Canadian.

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The day of the political grafter is nearing an end in Canada. The eyes of the whole Canadian people have been opened through suffering and loss to a saner appreciation of ethical values. Mr. Special Interest, Mr. Subsidy Hunter, Mr. Rake-Off, Mr. Middleman and their colleagues of the loot brigade will soon realize that government no longer means tapping the treasury in their behalf. There is going to be a distinguished gathering in Canadian jails before very long. All these inquiries from the Atlantic to the Pacific are symptomatic of a condition of the public mind which it would be unhealthy to defy.—Victoria Times.

It is gratifying to learn that those who are in touch with public life hold views as expressed above.

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Our administration has been somewhat unfortunate in its appointments of the Returned Soldiers' Commission. Not only the chairman, as pointed out in a late issue of the Courier, is under a cloud, but according to the staunch Conservative organ and apologist, "The Week," of Victoria, its secretary, Mr. John Day, has actually been up for trial and by the court found guilty and fined for "using the most opprobrious epithet which one man could apply to another."

In view of facts as revealed by the findings of two different courts as regards the character of the two principal members of the commission, it would seem to be in the interest of the object of the Commission that it be reorganized.

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H. S. Clements Exonerated

There has been considerable grafting done of late in connection with some dredging contracts in Victoria. Thousands of dollars have been stolen from the Dominion treasury by the contractors through the collusion of the Conservative party bosses. Our representative, H. S. Clements, M. P., was also under the accusation for a few days of having received $1500 of the loot.

We are very glad to relate that he has been exonerated from any guilt whatever in the matter. Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., who made the charge, expressed in committee his regrets for the references made to Mr. Clements. We make notice of this in order that the innocence of our member shall not be overlooked by any of our readers.

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The Searching of the Mails.

Some neutral nations and the sympathizers with Germany's efforts to become the dictator of the policies of the nations of the world, have felt very much scandalized because the Entente Allies have found it necessary to detain the mails in order to search them for contraband. United States has especially been active in voicing their protests. The Entente Allies have now replied to these and maintain that the Hague treaty does not prejudice the right to visit and if need be to stop and seize goods which are falsely deposited in the mail sacks.

The reply gives instances where rubber and even revolvers have been found in the mail sacks. In this connection it is rather curious to note the lack of a sense of proportion on the part of the complainants. While they cry out in loud tones against the high handed proceedings of the Allies in detaining the mail some hours or even a few days, they fail entirely to take any note of the fact that in the year 1915, the Central Powers sank without warning or inspection thirty-one mail boats, resulting in the destruction of the mail and the death of non-combatants. It seems that murder does not excite the wrath of these good people nearly as much as the fact that their mail does not arrive exactly on time. The touching of their pocket book and the suffering of some slight inconvenience injure their feelings in a far greater degree than the violation of every law of humanity.

The necessity of searching the mails may be gathered from a letter written by the wholesale firm of G. Vogelman & Co., Hamburg, December 15th, 1915. It says in part: "From a certain date we have been receiving regularly from Para shipments of rubber, and you may pay attention to this matter. The shipments take place like "sam without value," ord red, by post about 200 packages, containing about 320 grams weight of rubber. The tr of making the packages are high price of mailing are co covered by the high price ceived here for the merch dise."

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Germany Wants Peace

The many victories of Germ do not prevent the civilian po lation of that unhappy cou from feeling the evil results prolonged war. Copenhagen spatches state that the Germ are facing the fact of threa ing famine. Up to the clo February the greater part of population had not really suf ed, although the rations had been greatly diminished: b March a great change came a catastrophe is apprehend It is impossible for poor pe to get an adequate supply food, as a wholesome diet wo cost 10 or 12 marks daily. Th is meat enough, but as it is w ted in sugar and water it c

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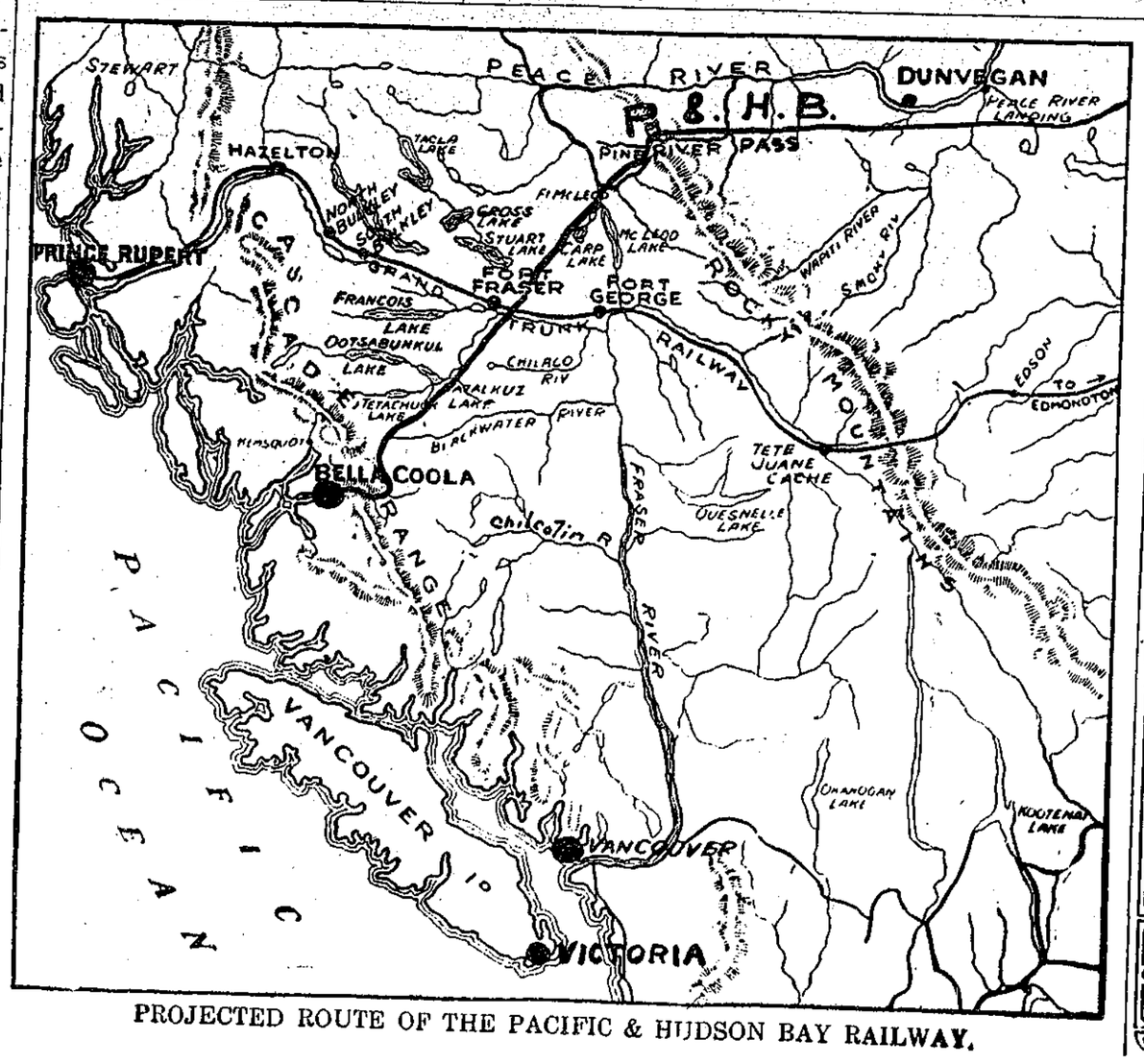

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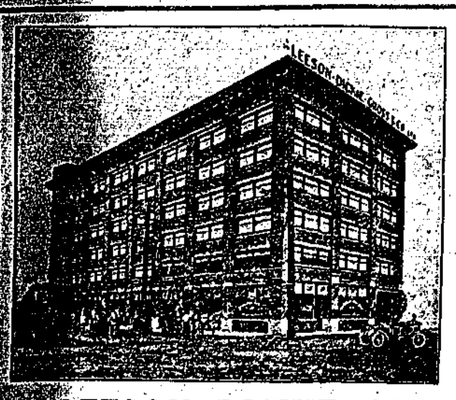
not strengthen the constitution.

A Dane, Dr. Edward Lehman, lately returned from Berlin, says "that everybody there stays at home now. It saves money and it save strength. It is curious," he adds, "to see how slowly they move their feet. At first I thought it was depression, but soon I learned to walk slowly myself on account of the small rations of bread and especially of butter."

This state of affairs causes the people to yearn for an early peace. Because the sorrow inflicted by the killing of their friends and kindred in battle and the suffering endured at home; the heart of the world goes out in sympathy with a people who have been plunged into this awful situation by the ambition of their rulers.

Maximilian Harden, the most distinguished among German journalists, who at the beginning of the war had unlimited faith in the glorious destiny of the German people, its great superiority over all others and its right to dominate the rest of the world, in his magazine Die Zukunft, has this to say now:

"In spite of almost uncountable victories, in spite of the fact that our land is free from the enemies' armies and that we are occupying a big conquered area, we think that war is a cruel misfortune, the recurrence of which must be prevented by all possible means. Let us come to the conclusion that the war was a mistake, made not by one, but by all. Let us end it and organize peace."



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PART II.—THE INDUSTRIES.

Invariably, from the head of the inlet, the track of the glazier can be followed up the courses of shallow rivers and by a sequence of lakes to higher altitudes: and the same sequence brings us to the salmon, for to such backwaters—shallow rivers and silent lakes—they come to spawn; and in the comparative calm and quiet their eggs subsequently hatch. The "fry" escape to the ocean; but after a definite period (in the case of the "sockeye" it is four years) they return in some wonderful way as full grown salmon to the place of their origin to spawn and, their mission seemingly fulfilled, to die. This mysterious and wonderful fish has of late years become an object of study and the government is giving it much attention. The first variety to be caught are the large Spring salmon, a favorite for the table. The Sockeye fishing covers the period from June 1st to August 15th; then follows the turn of the Cohoe.

The canneries are very numerous and are to be found in all the inlets and on the large rivers such as the Skeena and the Naas. Rivers Inlet, of which I can speak with exact knowledge, has seven of them installed at distances varying from five to ten miles of each other. Their appearance does not vary so greatly but that a general description will apply. Each is a tiny town in itself; a collection of white buildings and a pile wharf, a bunkhouse, a blacksmith's shop, a row of fishermen's shanties, an office, and a store; besides the large cannery building and a netloft, where the fishing gear is kept. Each has its own fleet of skiffs, and two or three power boats which make the daily round for a load of fish from the nets. The salmon are cooked and canned and boxed-up for shipment right on the spot.

Another great and valuable industry on the Pacific littoral is logging. Huge trees are felled and slid over skilfully-placed "skids" into the water, and great booms of saw-logs are ofttimes towed by powerful tugs for hundreds of miles. However, the mills are more often than not within easy distance of the scene of operations. A quantity of this timber is also used for pulp, a valuable commodity in this age of paper, whose output is increasing year by year. The resources for lumber and pulp are immense and facilities on the Coast ideal, the timbered areas being extensive and contiguous to the inland waterways.

Mentioning fur, I may revert to the wolf and bear, but the enthusiastic trapper who follows this subtle calling into the quiet coves is well rewarded for his pains by a plentitude of marten, mink, beaver and coon. Before the advent of settlement Calvert Island was a happy hunting ground for the latter fur bearing species, and even today the energetic and careful artist (the word is well applied) may reap a harvest of pelts.

(To be concluded in our next issue.)

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL MINING RIGHTS of the Dominion, in MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN and ALBERTA, the YUKON TERRITORY, the NORTH-WEST 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 2,560 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 should 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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The ladies of the W. C. T. U. wish to thank all who so kindly assisted on the program; also all who contributed candy and articles for the grab bag.

Mr. S. Le C. Grant has handed us an interesting letter from his son Fred, dealing with life at the front of a peaceful character. We publish a few extracts:

February 25, 1916.

Ws are having it pretty cold now with almost three inches of snow. As you know we were in the divisional reserve or what is called rest camp for six days, but I do not think the name is exactly suitable, however, we were very fortunate those six days as our reinforcements had just come in and we only went on working parties every second night instead of every night regulary like we did before.

After that we went back to the trenches for a few days. The second day we saw more aerial scraps than we have seen in a month. Almost all day long whenever we looked up we could see a fight somewheres. Two German planes were obliged to vault-plane to their own lines. I happened to be observer for our company that day and was supplied with a splendid pair of glasses which enabled me to see a long distance. I told you that it would not be long before we had a better plane than the new German Fokker. As far as I know it is used only for defensive work. It certainly turned a large number of German planes back to their own lines that day.

The same day three German planes succeeded in getting behind our lines and drop bombs on a couple of small towns. On returning one of them was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns. One of the boys who saw it fall said it went down like a dead duck, smashing the machine all to pieces and killing the pilot and observer. Today they made another raid close where we are now, but did very little damage.

We are being treated better than ever lately. When we were relieved the last time we were in the trenches we only had a short walk to a farm where we stayed for the night and following day. We never take our blankets into the supports or front line trenches and as we were stopping at this farm for the one night only we did not bother bringing them. All we had to sleep on was a cement floor with our overcoats for covering. It was the first really frosty night and the floor did not look good enough to most of us so we went up to the Y. M. C. A. close by and spent the night there. It is quite large, with a canteen at one end, all kinds of tables for writing, reading, playing games, and a very good piano. On account of it being so close to the trenches they keep it open until 3 o'clock in the morning; but this time they kept it open for our benefit all night. The first half of the night was very musical and from midnight on we sat around the fire and talked, having a cup of tea about every hour.

Yesterday we were all paraded to the swimming tank for a bath and change of clothes. This morning we went on a march from 9:30 to 11:30, after lunch a rifle parade from 2 until 3:30 and supper at four.

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