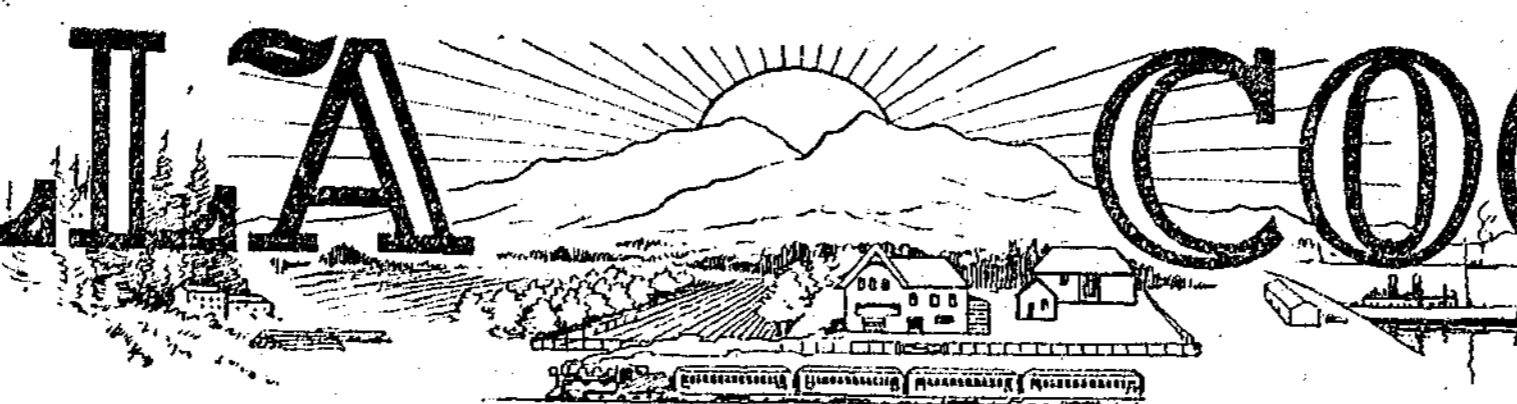


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German Warships Bombard English Coast Ports

Summary of News from Seat of War

Monday. Statement from Russian commander-in-chief says: "In direction of Mlwa the Germans kept up a strong offensive throughout the day and night of the tenth but were repulsed. Our troops took offensive and pursued German columns which in some places retreated in disorder. North of Lowicz, enemy made some fierce attacks on the nights of the ninth and tenth but were repulsed with enormous loss. South of Cracow we continue offensive with success. Here we captured several guns and 2000 prisoners."

Dispatch from Northern France states: Along the whole front the Germans are showing signs of discomfort. The Allies lines are being gradually pressed forward. Slowly but surely an unyielding wedge is being driven into the heart of Belgium. The air is full of rumors of Allies' victories and German retirement. General opinion is that Allies will begin definite operations within a short time and their passage across West Flanders is likely to be swift. Enemy plans to make great stand before Brussels.

On December 10, on north and west fronts Servians continued pursuit of enemy and occupied Baina Baista, Rogatchitza and Kamenitza. In direction of Belgrade enemy's attacks have been unsuccessful. On December 11, Servians took as prisoners seven officers and 4740 men.

Tuesday. In Belgium, several attacks by the French have resulted in progress along Ypres canal and to west of Hollebeke. Violent counter attacks were successfully repulsed.

Servians after a fierce battle have reoccupied Belgrade according to Nish despatch to Reuters.

Despatch from Buenos Ayres says that the minister of marine has been informed that two British warships have entered the Straits of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden which has taken refuge at Punta Arenas. The Dresden, which is badly damaged, will be allowed to make repairs but will be compelled to sail immediately afterwards or else be interned.

Despatch from Athens says: "There is reason to believe that Roumania will declare war on Austria before end of December."

Wednesday. The official bureau issues the following announcement: "German movements of some importance are taking place in the North Sea. Scarborough and Hartlepool were shelled yesterday morning and our flotillas have at various points been engaged. The situation is developing." A Hull despatch says nine persons are reported to have been killed and a number injured in the bombardment of Hartlepool by German cruisers on Tuesday morning. The bombardment lasted twenty-five minutes. The hostile vessels which took part in the operations are estimated from two to six, but never once were they clearly visible. The forts on the river Tees replied to the fire of the German vessels. The damage to the town is considerable. One shell hit a gas tank, setting it on fire. Reports are current in London that two German cruisers have been sunk in the North Sea. Two German cruisers also bombarded the town of Whitby between 9 and 10 Tuesday morning. A later official announcement states: "The fortress-commander at West Hartlepool reports that German war vessels engaged that fortress between 8 and 9 Tuesday morning. The enemy was driven off. A small German vessel also opened fire on Scarborough and Whitby doing no damage whatever."

After a period of comparative quiet, fighting in Northern France has recommenced. A combined attack by the Allies was made yesterday on the line from Hollebeke to Wythchaete in Belgium. Several German trenches and a large number of prisoners were captured and substantial progress was made. The definite statement is made in Rotterdam that the Germans have begun their retreat, falling back in Belgium toward a prepared line farther from the coast. Official confirmation was lacking however.

Thursday. Official statement issued today states as follows: "Three enemy's warships were sighted from Hartlepool at 8:15 Tuesday morning. They immediately commenced bombardment. These ships appear to be two battle-cruisers and one armored cruiser. The land batteries replied. At 8:50 a. m. the firing ceased and the enemy steamed away. None of our guns were touched. One shell fell in Royal Engineers' lines and several in the lines of the Durham Light Infantry, killing seven men and wounding fourteen. During bombardment, especially in Hartlepool, the populace crowded into the streets and twenty-two were killed and about fifty wounded. At the same time a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser appeared off Scarborough, firing about fifty shells causing considerable damage. Thirteen casualties are reported here. At Whitby, two battle cruisers fired shots, doing damage to buildings, killing two persons and wounding two."

Despatch from Paris says: "There has been slight progress north-east of Nieuport to south-east of Ypres and along the railroad in direction of Labasse."

Vienna officially admits that the Austrian losses at the hands of the Servians numbered over 100,000 killed and wounded. Public

Greetings!

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Over One Hundred Killed in Bombardment of English Ports

Berlin Report Says German Ships Slightly Damaged

London, Dec. 18.—The latest official reports from Hartlepool estimate the casualties of the raid by German warships on that place as eighty-two killed and two hundred and fifty wounded. It is feared that when the search of demolished buildings is completed the number of dead will exceed one hundred. At Scarborough twenty dead are reported to date, and at Whitby two dead and twenty-four wounded.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—It is officially reported that the German war vessels engaged in the bombardment of Hartlepool, Scarborough, and Whitby, were hit several times by the fire from the coast batteries but sustained only slight damage.

Russians Pursue Germans Across Frontier

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The following statement from the headquarters of the Russian general staff has been issued: "In the direction of Mlwa our cavalry and troops are energetically pursuing the beaten German forces. Several of our corps have already crossed the frontier. During the pursuit many prisoners and guns have been captured, besides large quantities of war material."

During the past week the garrison at Przemysl has attempted several sorties all of which were repulsed, with heavy losses to the enemy. During one of these sorties we captured several hundred prisoners and machine guns.

German Cruiser Reported Sunk

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—It is semi-officially announced that the German armored cruiser Frederick Carl has been sunk during a recent sortie in the Baltic Sea. Two-thirds of her crew are reported to have perished, less than two hundred men being saved.

sentiment in Berlin is strong against the Austrian leaders, especially Field-Marshal Potiorek, who eight days ago accepted from the Emperor a high decoration after telegraphing that the Servians had been completely defeated and that he would be in Nish in three weeks.

Egypt Becomes British Protectorate

London, Dec. 18.—The Secretary of State has given notice that in view of the state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of his majesty and will henceforth constitute a British protectorate. The suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated and the British government will adopt all measures necessary for the defence of Egypt and the protection of its inhabitants and interests.

Mutiny in the Turkish Fleet

Athens, Dec. 18.—Mutiny has broken out among the crews of the Turkish fleet at Constantinople, owing to the brutal conduct of the German officers. At the same time, owing to a similar cause, there was a revolt in the barracks at Stamboul, in which two German officers were killed.

Fire at Skagway.

Skagway. More's wharf with all the warehouse buildings was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday. The loss is estimated at \$210,000, of which \$60,000 was on the wharf and the remainder on the warehouse and contents.

LOCAL JOTTINGS

S.S. Chelohsin made her usual weekly call at this port on Wednesday bringing a heavy consignment of Christmas goods for the local merchants.

Mr. T. A. McGarrigle, B. A., the late teacher in charge of the Mackenzie School left for Vancouver on Wednesday. His successor is to be Miss Kate Potts from Grand Forks, who is expected to arrive in the course of a week or two.

Miss Ethel Barwise, teacher at the Hagensborg School, has also resigned her position and left on the last steamer for Vancouver on her way to her home in Cheshire, England.

A special service will be held at the Mackenzie School on X'mas morning, when Rev. T. C. Colwell will preach a special sermon.

Arrangements for the various Christmas entertainments are well in hand, the dates being set as follows: Hagensborg, Saturday 26; Lower Bella Coola, Monday 28.

The annual entertainment at the Indian Mission is billed for Christmas Eve, when besides the usual Santa Claus and Christmas tree, a short magic-lantern entertainment will be given.

On New Year's Eve a concert will be held at the Mission Church when the choir will render some beautiful selections, besides which there will be other pleasing items by the school children and others.

An invitation is extended to everyone to attend both these entertainments at the Mission.

On New Year's Eve a watch-night service will be held at the Mission Church at 11 p. m.

Work on the wharf, which was suspended for some time awaiting the arrival of a boom of piles from down the Inlet, has been resumed.

Lou Heckman of Atnarko is visiting town on matters of business.

Antoine Capoose the well-known Indian trader of Anaham Lake, left here with his pack-train of thirty head on Friday last, after spending a few days in town. Capoose brought down with him a magnificent collection of furs including fifteen valuable silver-fox pelts, which have been purchased by B. Brynildsen & Co. He reports that the weather in the interior has so far been cold with very little snow, which is the ideal condition for the trapper.

The fact of such a large pack-train coming to this place from the interior at this time of the year speaks volumes for the Bella Coola route to the upper country. It is extremely doubtful if at any other point on the northern coast it would be possible to penetrate the coast range with horses at this time of the year.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 19, 1914.

The management wishes to announce to the readers of the Courier that there will be no paper issued from this office during Christmas week.

The Christmas Spirit.

With the approach of the Christmas season the minds of people are naturally turned away from sordid things of life. Even matters of grave concern to individuals and communities are for the time being shelved, as each one prepares to enjoy himself in his own way. This year we are confronted with a situation which makes it difficult for us to speak in the true Christmas spirit—"Peace on earth, Goodwill towards men." Yet we cannot but believe that the present terrible conflict between nations is but the means by which will be obtained a lasting and blessed peace. While nations are being ruled by despots; while people are content to believe that righteousness no longer exalteth a nation, but rather a rigidly enforced system of militarism, together with the sacrifice of all national honor. While the ambition of the strong is to crush the weak, there can be no lasting "Peace on Earth." Let us therefore rejoice in the success attending our armies and navy and those of our allies, inasmuch as every day shows us that it is only the right that can be expected to prevail.

There is another thought which we should not lose sight of. While we are living in peace and comfort let us remember the thousands who are offering their lives for the principles of right and justice. Let us remember those who are mourning the loss of father, son, or brother, on the battlefield, and endeavor to do our duty towards them. There are many opportunities offering by which we may in some way help those who are making the supreme sacrifice for us, and it behoves us not to neglect them. Perhaps never in the living memory of man has there been such a sphere for the exercise of Christian charity, and if we find it difficult to rejoice and sing with a glad heart "Peace on Earth," we can at least each and everyone display the Christmas spirit by showing "Goodwill towards men."

Christmas Day is Celebrated in Some Countries on January 7.

The day—Christmas day not on the 25th of December would come as a shock, it wouldn't seem Christmas at all; yet in the early centuries of Christianity January 7 was Christmas day.

The Eastern church did not come into line with the Western, which had adopted December 25 for over 400 years. And even now the Armenian church keeps Christmas day in January, on the day when the rest of Christendom is keeping Epiphany.

The event—Christmas day commemorates the birth of Christ, but the actual day and month of that event is not known. December 25 is not the actual day.

The latest researches put the year B. C. 4, and the month as not later than February.

The old name for Christmas is the Festival of the Nativity, which is still its official title, the Prayer-book adding, after that, "commonly called Christmas day."

The pudding.—The popular Christmas pudding is, comparatively speaking, quite new. It is the successor, improved out of knowledge by many extra ingredients, of "plum duff," which a sailorman made from dough and raisins, on Christmas day on board ship, as an experiment in cookery.

It was liked, and from being the sailors' favorite pudding for Christmas day, it spread to the shore, and rapidly became popular.

The Christmas box.—Many and various are the explanations given as to the beginning of this custom. It seems to have had its rise in the early days of Christianity in Rome.

Boxes, made of pottery, were placed near the altars at Christmas times, and in these boxes the people placed money gifts, which were afterwards distributed among the apprentices.

The custom spread and reached England, and under varying conditions it has been kept up.

The day on which the gifts were made became known as Boxing day, and, though the boxes have ceased, the name remains.

IN TRAINING.
A descriptive series by our soldier correspondent, Archie D. Darlington, late of Shushartie Bay, B. C.

Tidworth is a huge barracks on Salisbury plain. Here are Canadians mounted and afoot, lancers, and sturdy line regiments from the English shires—new battalions of famous regiments whose scroll of glory dates back to the Peninsula and Waterloo. The regiment to which I am attached was known as the Sixty-fourth and formed an integral part of Havelock's immortal column in the Indian mutiny. But these are Kitchener's men of the new army—brown-faced, clean and alert; a section of the war minister's million and a quarter, which, in three or four months time will be a trained engine of destruction, a million active and intrepid bayonets to hurl against and crush the wasted forces of the declining Hun.

We are a mixed lot; there are British Columbians in the Staffords, Nova Scotians in the Warwicks, and somewhere on the plain near to Tidworth a battalion or so of New Zealanders.

I am not permitted to say how many troops there are at Tidworth, though the number would surprise you. Active service conditions prevail here as in other training centres, and the intense patriotism of these fine fellows of the "new army" is emphasized by their endurance. Some of them only two months ago were at the office stool. Today, their motto is, "Be Alert!" Their wits must be ever present. They must be alert and ready to obey commands speedily and without hesitation. They must possess a rigid, unblinking and sphinx-like exterior on parade at all times, even whilst the regimen-

tal sergeant-major passes scathing comments on their appearance and spits stinging invectives at the unfortunate ones who hesitate just one second in the motion of forming fours or whose service equipment is just a trifle askew. There are route marches at night and sham attacks with full equipment and rifles, and advances at the double over a sort of Grand National course in the dusk of the morning. Yet with all and though so many hours on his feet, this new edition of Atkins is also, as the French say of his predecessor, "gay." He squeezes in the time for singing and his humor is a captivating thing.

We are having south of England weather, breezy, bright, but cold. Aeroplanes are passing over us every day and have become a common object.

This corner of Wiltshire today is a wonderful spectacle, a feast of lively colors. From an elevated point the green downs roll before us, to the left in the distance the sharp and severe terra cotta walls and grey roofs of the depot, and farther yet ploughed fields and the tall spire of a church: everywhere little patches of white show out in relief where the canvas encampments lie in the lee of the smaller hills, and likewise everywhere—like insects on a billiard table—regular shaped masses of sombre khaki move and deploy, and overhead in that blue "inverted bowl we call the sky" pass and repass at incredible speed those latest devices of human handicraft—aeroplanes. Nobody stands agape, this is the twentieth century!

The mistletoe.—To find the origin of kissing under the mistletoe we have to turn to Scandinavian mythology, although the mistletoe under the Druids in Britain, was greatly venerated, and efforts have been made to connect this and the kissing.

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In Norway and Sweden the farmers put out huge sheafs of wheat to provide a Christmas feast for the birds.

Ten million people in Canada and the United States will depend upon charity for their Christmas dinner.

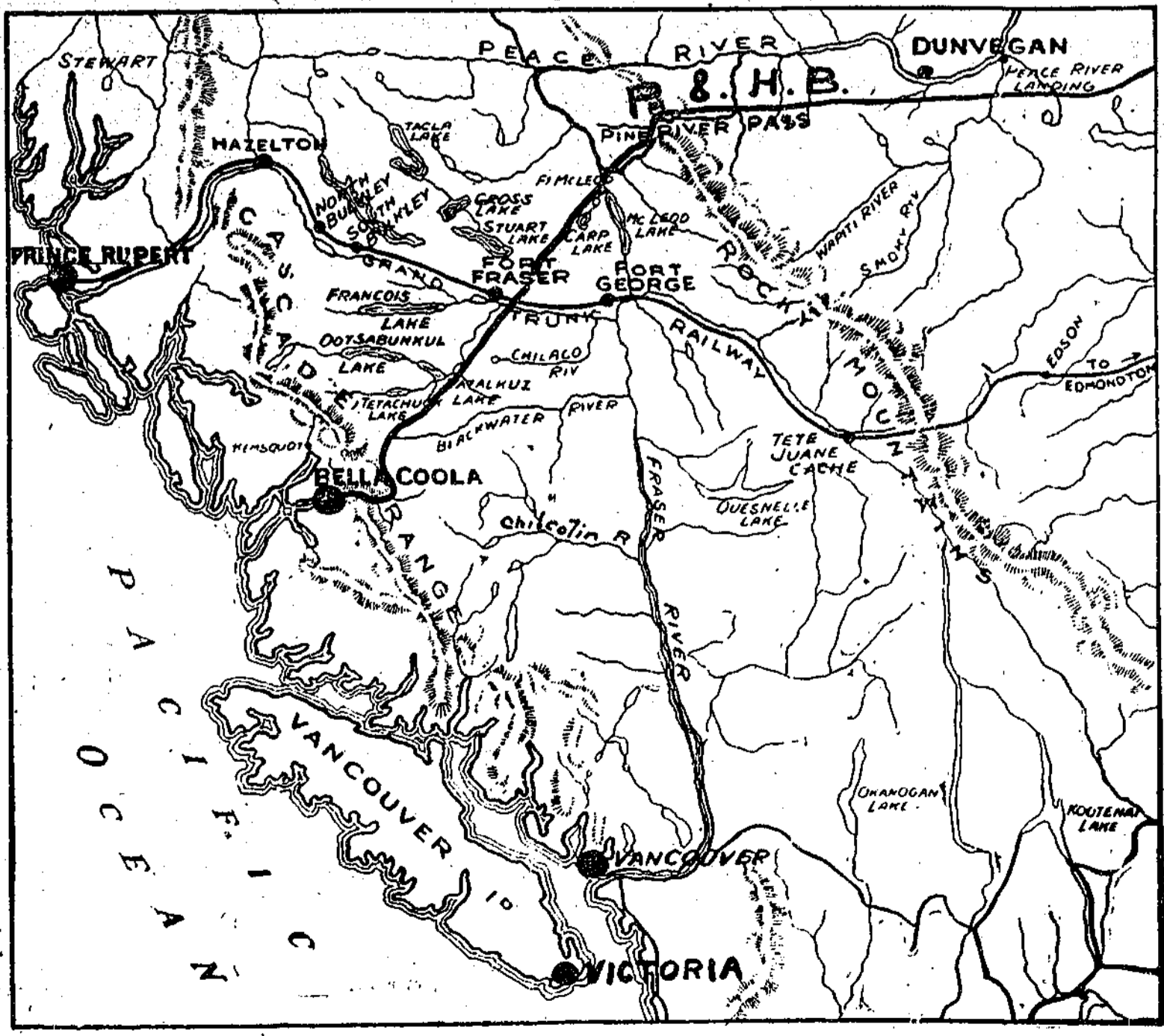
Strasburg pie, made of the livers of fattened geese and truffles, and boudin, or black-puddings, are the Christmas delicacies most favored by the French.

When the emperor and empress of Germany visit the stores to personally choose their Christmas gifts, as has always been their custom, other people are "shoed" out while they are shopping. The Kaiser and Kaiserin usually spend about \$25,000 for presents for the family, servants and palace attendants. This year they will probably substitute iron crosses.

In South America, Australia, and Africa, Christmas comes at the beginning of the summer season.

About 175,000 people in Canada and the United States will "celebrate" Christmas in prisons and almshouses.

The First Christmas.
The first observance of Christmas as a festival in commemoration of the nativity of Christ was in the year 98 A. D. It was first ordered to be kept as a solemn



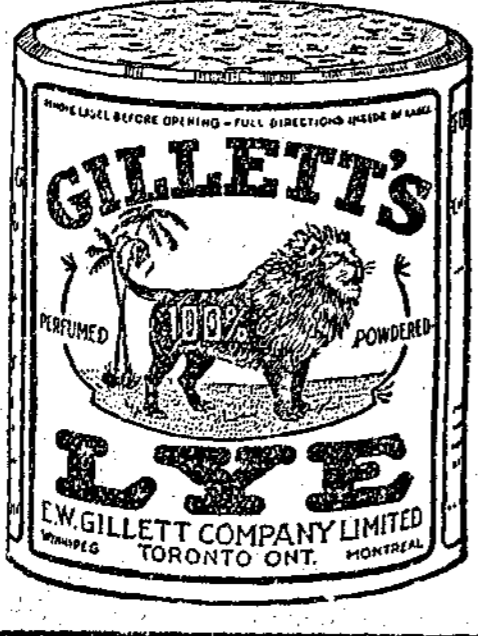
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and sacred feast by Pope Telesphorus, in the year 137. At this period, however, there was no agreement as to the date on which the holiday should be observed. Among some Christians the feast was kept on December 25, while others chose varying dates in December and January. December 25 was chosen as the day for celebrating the nativity of St. Julius I., the pious and learned pope who reigned from 352 to 362. St. Cyril of Jerusalem called his attention to the wide divergence of dates in the observance of Christendom's greatest feast, and Pope Julius ordered that enquiries be made throughout Palestine with a view to determining the correct date. This investigation resulted in the choice of the December date, which has ever since been kept as Christmas. Many scholars have denied the authenticity of

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the date, basing their objections on the fact that December is the stormy season in Palestine, and that shepherds would not have been grazing their flocks on the hills at that time.

Public Meeting at Mackenzie School

Matters of Provincial Interest Discussed.

The second of a series of public meetings, held under the auspices of the Bella Coola Liberal Association, took place at the Mackenzie School on Monday evening, Mr. B. Brynildsen in the chair. The object of these meetings is that the people might be brought together to discuss matters political concerning the future welfare of the province. For too long has it been left to politicians on the eve of an election to drop suddenly into our town and, by means of reckless promises and appeals to sentiment, blind the electors to the all-important issues. It is regrettable that a greater interest is not shown in matters of public concern, and it is unfair that the local leaders of the party in power in the province should not feel it incumbent on them to attend such meetings as these and by setting forth their views, with good reason for same, to assist in arriving at a conclusion regarding what is right and proper concerning the administration of provincial affairs.

On Monday evening the opening remarks were addressed to a very meagre attendance, who, nevertheless, showed great interest in the addresses of the various speakers. The first speaker to be introduced by the chairman was the Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., who, after explaining that he was affiliated with no political party, proceeded to show that the province was sorely in need of remedial legislation. He strongly urged a system by which the nominating of candidates for election be brought directly into the hands of the people. He also spoke strongly in regard to the government's action in practically supplying Mackenzie and Mann with funds to build a railroad and then permitting Mackenzie and Mann the railroad builders to allot the contract for the construction of the road to themselves as railroad contractors. He showed how they let the work to subcontractors who in turn sublet to smaller contractors from whom it came into the hands of stationmen. Each of these contractors had to have his percentage of profit, in the case of Mackenzie and Mann without doing a hands turn of actual work on the road. This system he claimed brought undue pressure to bear on the workingman, who more often than not worked under conditions which were not creditable to our province. Dealing with the need of remedial legislation he gave as his opinion that such could not be obtained by any quicker means than by the granting of votes to women. The introduction of woman's influence into politics would tend towards a cleansing of social conditions, and was a matter worthy of the earnest consideration of electors. Mr. Colwell on taking his seat was accorded hearty applause.

The next speaker to be heard from was Mr. T. A. McGarrigle, B. A., who spoke on the National Policy, showing that from the initial mistake of granting a special privilege to a certain class had evolved the present system of government bonus. The rapidly increased cost of living was

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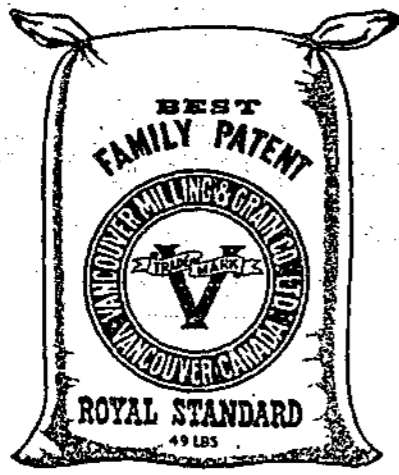
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