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WEATHER REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
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Highest Max. (3rd) 48. Lowest Min. (12th) 17
Rainfall, 3.41 inches. Snow, 4 inches.

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Allied Forces Retire Into Greek Territory

Bulgarians Lose 5000 Killed and 15,000 Wounded

Paris, Dec. 16.—Bulgarians enter Greek territory in the Struma region. The Greek government has ordered the Fifth Army Corps to leave Saloniki. The Bulgarians have lost 5000 killed and 15,000 wounded in the last few days.

The Greek election takes place next Sunday. King Constantine is down with the influenza. He has been ordered to take a complete rest.

Allies retire into Greece with comparatively small losses. Ammunition and all other supplies saved.

Saloniki harbor is crowded. Huge transports loaded to the gunwales are constantly arriving with troops, freighters are disembarking munitions and stores; hospitals being erected and hospital ships fitted up supplementing the accommodation for the wounded.

The transferring of Greek troops from the neighborhood of Saloniki is now begun extensively.

Bulgars Lose Heavily

Paris, Dec. 16.—The Bulgarian efforts to cut our lines failed with heavy losses.

The Bulgarians seem to have no desire to come to close quarters since the fighting on Monday.

Zeppelins Destroyed

Copenhagen, Dec. 16.—An official special despatch reports the destruction of one super-Zeppelin and forty members of the crew killed and wounded.

Three Zeppelins were destroyed by accident in Germany during November.

A Fearful Explosion

Havre, France, Dec. 16.—The effects of the explosion of a munition factory on Saturday were appalling. Town and villages in a fifty miles radius were badly shaken and a chasm 140 feet deep was made as the first explosion occurred.

Result of Lord Derby's Recruiting Plan

London, Dec. 16—Between two and two and a half million men have enlisted under Lord Derby's recruiting plan.

Worst Blizzard in 21 Years

New York, Dec. 15.—New York and neighboring States have been swept by the worst blizzard since 1894. A despatch from Poughkeepie reports three men dead, two missing, hundreds of passengers imprisoned on 25 trains, factory roofs crushed by snow, dozens of conservatories broken down, and numbers of people badly wounded and frozen.

Germans to Attempt Capture of Nieuport

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—The Germans are busily preparing a vigorous offensive for the capture of Nieuport. The allied fleet constantly frustrate the plans of the enemy by the systematic destruction of the German defenses.

Prussian Losses in the War

Rotterdam, Dec. 16.—It is officially reported that Prussia alone has lost, up till December 1st, 1,244,248 men in the war.

Meeting of the Reichstag

London, Dec. 16.—A stormy sitting of the Reichstag is reported. The trouble arose over the government's refusal to answer questions of Dr. Liebknecht the Socialist deputy.

Bella Bella Jottings.

We are indebted to Mr. B. C. Cassidy of Lady Island, for the following items from Bella Bella and vicinity.

Mr. F. McCrae, timber inspector, after receiving orders from the government to tie up the launch at Bella Bella has left for Vancouver with the intention of enlisting.

J. A. Pauline's wharf at the old town suddenly collapsed last week. However, no one was hurt, and Mr. Pauline now has a float in place of the wharf.

Dr. W. J. Quinlan is staying at Mr. Pauline's place for a few days. He intends going to Bella Coola on Sunday.

The gasoline launch Chintz of the Gosse-Maillard Packing Co. on her way up from Vancouver started engine trouble at the entrance of Queen Charlotte Sound and was blown ashore, becoming a total wreck in less than twenty minutes. The crew after a very trying time were rescued by the S. S. Chelohsin and landed at Shushartie Bay. The crew say next time they attempt the Sound it must be on a fine day.

Martin Pearson, a logger from Namu, has sold his gasoline boat to Geo. Seely. Martin finds that he needs a fifty-foot boat and has gone to Vancouver to buy one.

The Indians at Bella Bella are very busy preparing for the Christmas festivities. The band is at practice every day getting ready for a concert.

The Thos. Crosby called in at New Bella Bella last Sunday on her way south.

T. Hanson, fishery overseer of Port Essington, called here after a successful hunt for mountain goats in Cascade Inlet. Now he is out hunting ducks with James Boyd.

All our local sportsmen are getting ready for the annual goose hunt. Geese appear very plentiful and the boys are determined to have some for their Christmas dinner.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun came into our port 10 o'clock Saturday night on her northbound trip as far behind time as when she went south. As the Christmas time is drawing near the shipment of goods become heavier and as a consequence the amount of freight unloaded at the wharf was unusually large. Among the passengers arriving were: Mrs. Wm. Davidson, Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Clayton, and Messrs. Cecil Lancaster and C. Ellison-James.

The S. S. Venture will take the place of the Camosun the next trip north and bring the arrival of the mail back to schedule time.

Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Clayton returned from attending school at Victoria during the autumn. Miss Dorothy will return to school after the Christmas holidays, while Miss Marjorie will remain at home.

Mrs. Wm. Davidson and two children, of Vancouver, came in to pay a visit to Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Oveson of Hagensborg.

Cecil Lancaster and C. Ellison-James, arrivals on the northbound steamer, are here for the purpose of finding suitable parcels of land on which to make their homes. It is to be hoped they will be successful in their search, and if that should prove to be the case they say that several more families will follow.

Mr. Lancaster was formerly a master printer in England, and also a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He comes here from Montana where his family still remains.

Mr. Ellison-James is an Australian, and has decided to join his fortune with his friend and fellow traveller.

S. S. Coquitlam ran in on Wednesday of last week with the machinery, engine and boiler for the new sawmill now being erected near the townsite. She also brought a large shipment of stumping powder and gasoline. Although the Coquitlam is not of the fastest of steamers, still she proved to be the carrier of the mail on this occasion, to the satisfaction of our population always hungering for news.

Rumors are afloat that the government is about to condemn the bridge across the Bella Coola river, two miles above the town. It has never received any coating of paint for the protection of the wood and now this shortsightedness on the part of superintendents of roads is being rewarded by the obvious consequence of premature decay.

Mr. Cecil Lancaster will conduct the usual evening service at the Mackenzie school tomorrow.

The officers and teachers of the Mackenzie Sunday School held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison on Tuesday last formulating plans for a Christmas entertainment. It was decided to have a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Hotel Hall, on Tuesday evening the 28th inst.

The first windmill ever seen in Bella Coola is now in the course of construction at the Bella Coola Hotel, under the able foremanship of A. Natzill and B. D. Tenton. Its function will be to supply the hotel with water.

B. C. Cassidy and Stanley Shorts, of Lady Island, Millbank Sound, came in this week on Mr. Cassidy's launch Rambler.

It seems that Capt. Stephenson, Chas. Taylor, Fred Hendricks, H. Gustafson, H. Burt and Orville Robinson, of Bella Coola, made a descent on Mr. Cassidy's place about a month ago under the pretext of looking for land. To keep up appearances they nearly all did pre-empt land on Price Island, and built a cabin. But soon Mr. Cassidy tired of their company and offered them that if they would go away he would take them home in his gasoline launch, when instead of working at the oars in their own open boat they could take their ease in a snug cabin and tell stories about the many geese they did not shoot. They accepted of his offer and are now safely at home in Bella Coola. It is not likely that Mr. Cassidy will tow them out next time they go to Price Island.

Mr. Cassidy and Stanley Shorts left here last Wednesday, taking with them a supply of Bella Coola potatoes.

On Tuesday evening last at the Colony Hall the ladies of the Hagensborg Lutheran Church held their third sale of the season. It proved as successful as its predecessors as it netted about $130.

H. D. Brown has a crew of men at work making a road from a point on the main road just below T. Draney's house to T. H. Thorsen and A. F. Gothard's ranches situated about one half mile to the south.

In connection with this public work, it may be of interest to note that orders have been received from the government that only married men be employed on public works.

Some of our enterprising and patriotic single men are contemplating submitting a proposal to the powers that be to the effect that the work of replanking the approach to the wharf be given to men who are willing to devote the amount of wages received in excess of two dollars per day to the Red Cross or Patriotic Fund. It is surmised by the ones conversant with public affairs that such a proposition will not be entertained.

We regret to learn that Mrs. P. A. Peterson is now at the hospital suffering from a rather severe illness.

Miss Edna Widsten is under orders to say in bed for a period of three weeks, undergoing a treatment for some heart trouble.

W. E. Gallienne and P. Gadsden were the lowest bidders for the contract of cutting and delivering logs for the new sawmill.

We learn on the authority of Rev. H. Sageng that the Sunday School at Hagensborg will hold its Christmas entertainment at the church on the evening of the 27th.

We would like to remind our Bella Coola readers of the concert given for the benefit of the hospital at the Hotel Hall this evening. Everything is free, but a collection will be made for the hospital, and an opportunity afforded to give according to means and inclination.

Plans are being made to give those of the people of Bella Coola who are in favor of prohibition a chance to identify themselves with the People's Prohibition Movement. It is likely a public meeting for that purpose will be called after Christmas in order that the forces opposed to the liquor traffic may be organized.

A letter has been received from Randolph Saugstad, who left here a few weeks ago to join the fighting forces of the Empire. He is at present in Vancouver and has joined the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders. He will not remain long with them, however, as Col. Warden, commander of the Comox-Atlin regiment has discovered him with his eagle eye, and is determined that this stalwart son of Bella Coola must fight under him. Colonel Warden, together with Major Leach, took a look at him the other day and decided to have him transferred, consequently he will leave for his new regiment at Comox at an early date.

Fridthjof Peterson, who has been an invalid for years and for a long time been using crutches, seems to be in a fair way of recovering his health. He has travelled the distance of five miles from his home to the townsite on business lately, a fact which his friends will be very glad to learn.

T. R. Astleford, after spending a couple of weeks at the townsite working at the new mill, returned to his home at Firvale on Monday. He will return shortly.

At the Mission Church on Christmas Eve (the 24th) there will be a Christmas service with an excellent program; the singing especially will be very good as it is admitted that our Indians are the best trained singers among the natives on the coast.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1915.

We beg to remind our readers that the Courier having completed its third year, the subscriptions of all our early subscribers are now due for renewal.

The management wishes to thank our numerous readers for their support during the past and trusts to a continuance of the same in the future.

The subscription rate remains at $1 per year, payable strictly in advance.

Reputation Being Restored.

Our readers may not have noticed that in the discussion of national affairs the Courier has never referred to Lord Northcliffe's criticism of the government and the conduct of the war.

We have been aware of the almost unanimous condemnation of his conduct in this critical period of the nation's life; but have never been fully convinced that he was as black as depicted.

This frame of mind on our part was strengthened considerably by reading in the Ottawa Free Press the following special cable from its correspondent in London, Mr. F. A. McKenzie:

"Referring to the headlines and introduction to my cable in The Ottawa Free Press of November 8th, greatly regret my message, apparently unintentionally, was held to convey an attack upon Lord Northcliffe. I believe Lord Northcliffe's campaign here has been actuated by the highest patriotism, and has been on the whole exceedingly beneficial in promoting the more efficient conduct of the war. Our greatest dangers here have been over-confidence, nepotism, and a desire to smooth things over. Lord Northcliffe has fought these dangers and, as a result, has been the subject here of a campaign of malignant slanders, unequalled in the history of British journalism. The stories of conspiracies and attacks, often without a vestige of foundation, are promoted by disturbed special interests and envious competitors. The real facts of his position are now being more and more widely recognized here. His brother has not been connected with the London Globe (the paper closed up by the authorities) for some time past."

It is with sincere pleasure we earn that these times bring forth men who, in their desire to serve their country, are willing to suffer losses in money, prestige and reputation. It is a very hard task to perform and may be misunderstood even for a long time; but there is in store for them at some period a reward which will amply compensate them for any temporary losses sustained. We believe the London Times will soon resume its leadership of the newspapers of the world.

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Time Is Up.

In our issue of October 30th last we published an open letter directed to Wm. Manson, M.P.P.

In this letter we asked him, as our representative, to "give a detailed account of the expenditures for public works" in Bella Coola in the past year, and we requested that he give an answer before December 16th.

With this issue of the paper, the ample time given him for an opportunity to give an account of his stewardship is passed and we arrive at the conclusion that he will not do so.

It is but fair to state, that knowing something of the character of our representative, we never entertained any high hopes of his complying with our request. He well knows that a detailed account of these expenditures would reveal a profligacy and extravagance that would disgust even his strong supporters; therefore, he has decided that, even if there are suspicions abroad, that things are not as they ought to be, it is better to leave the people in doubt than to have their suspicions verified.

Our purpose in propounding the questions referred to, was not prompted altogether by a desire of placing our representative in a dilemma, but more for the purpose of pointing out a way by which public expenditure could be better scrutinized. Under present political systems prevalent, not only in British Columbia, but in a great many states and provinces, it is very hard to keep adequate surveillance over the work of the many officials engaged in carrying out the work of the government. But under the lax system, utter indifference and probable connivance of our

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government it is almost impossible to find officials that will be scrupulous in their expenditure of the public money entrusted to their care. And it is for the purpose of finding a remedy for this evil that we asked for an accounting of the work in our community done under our immediate notice, in order that errors and extravagances might be pointed out and, as we believe, would result in considerable improvement in the future.

Reform in the direction of economy in public expenditures will be found very hard to inaugurate if each community is to be kept in the dark, or nearly so, of what is done in its midst.

In a country ruled by the people it is imperative that they be given this opportunity. It will have the effect of putting the public servants on their best behavior, because they know that their every act is watched and it will be hard to keep dubious transactions hidden.

If Mr. Manson is the honest man he is said to be, he will be willing to assist in bringing about economy in public affairs by giving publicity to the expenditures in each community. Let the war bring about strict economy in both private and public matters and the discipline the land is experiencing will bring about blessings, although they may be in disguise.

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United States Becoming Unpopular.

It is a maxim that every person is supposed to know his own business. Outsiders may stand round and criticize because they are unable to see the reason or wisdom of some of their neighbors acts or positions taken. In like manner we may for instance criticize the attitude assumed by the United States towards Germany.

We are unable to see how a self-respecting nation will tolerate the indignities heaped upon her by Germany; in the cold-blooded murder of her citizens and the trampling under feet of international laws and usages. And that citizens of countries fighting against the military monster of the world are not the only ones who thus criticize the United States may be assumed from the fact that Joseph Choate, one of that country's greatest lawyers and former ambassador to Great Britain, in a recent speech at New York said that "the United States was the most hated country in the world."

We clip the following from the Ottawa Free Press:

"Anger being unavailing, the thinking section of the American people have now only disgust and shame for the lack of action by their government in connection with the indignities heaped upon the United States by Germany. A few extracts from letters appearing in the New York Evening Post show the feeling of the American People.

De Witt D. Barlow protests against the Post's forecasts of action by Washington, "Why may we not abandon such intellectual hypocrisy?" he asks. "Why all this patter about a ship load of people murdered by the Teutons? You know, and I know, and the world knows, that nothing will be done about it, whatever the attendant circumstances. That is our policy. That is our new nationalism, if you will. We are too proud to fight. By our acts we have announced to the world that we are a people of new ideals.

"We have announced to the world that there is no principle of faith or honor for which we will fight, nor is there any people in this broad world whom we will help, should helping imperil our ease." He says: "We care nothing for honor, who know not sympathy, surely we do not count so poor a thing as dignity."

"Is this irony?" asks Rev. J. Archibald MacCallum, referring to the Post's assumption that the American government will act. "Since when has our government maintained its rights against Germany? . . . . Surely it must be apparent to those who, unlike the Evening Post, have their feet upon the ground, that, if we pursue a policy of equal vigor against Great Britain, we shall enjoy the luxurious emotion of another paper victory, but shall merit only the contempt of those who are dying for us in their fight for civilization."

When Americans themselves feel their position so keenly it is not necessary to make any further comment.

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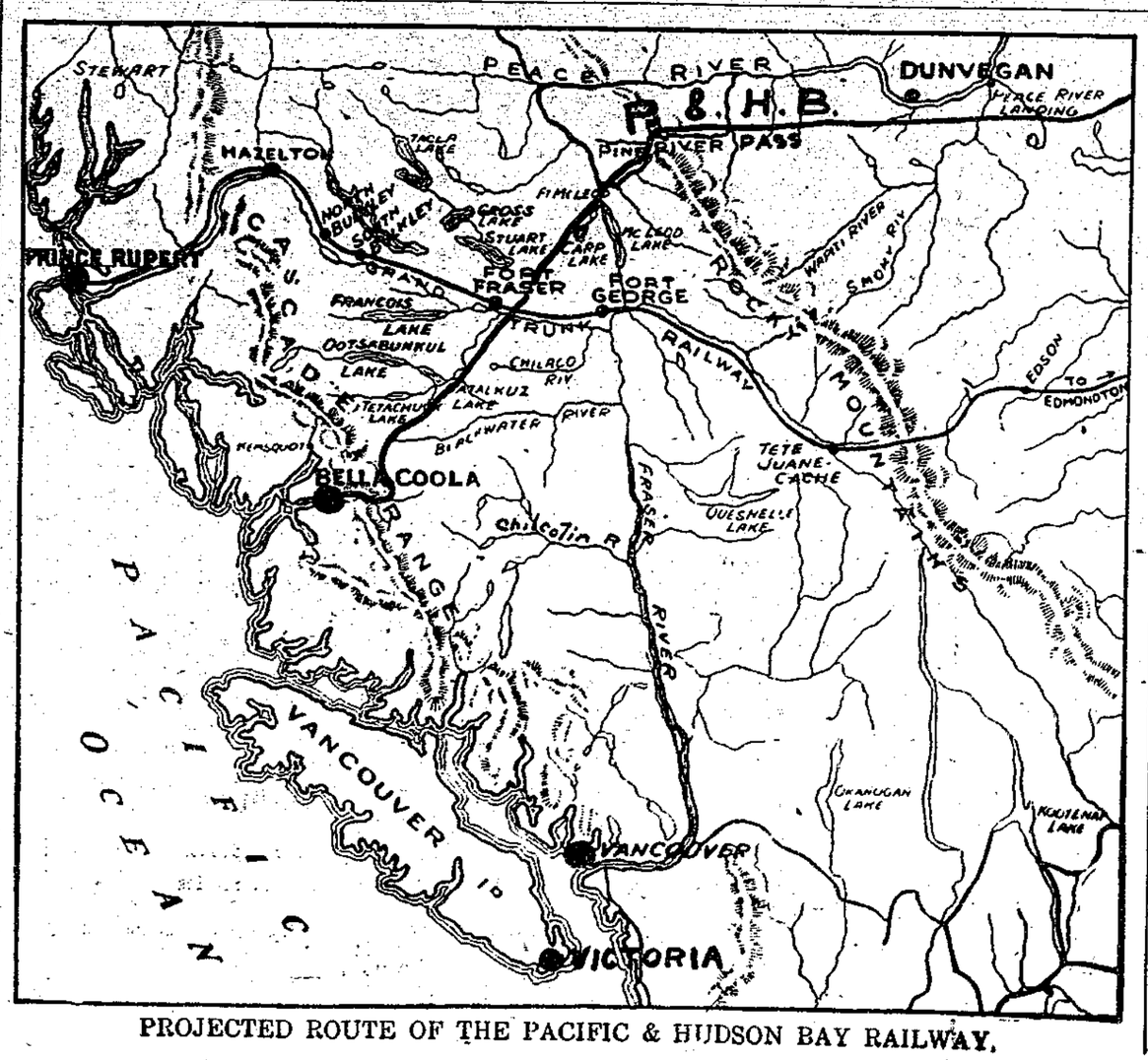
The Vision Has Faded.

The situation among the middle and lower classes in Germany are from all reports really deplorable. The winter is coming on and in the face of that, there is a scarcity of many of the necessary articles of food, with very high prices. And Germany, in common with the other warring nations, has its daily sorrow of fathers, sons and brothers stricken in battle. The misery caused by this war is so great it is impossible for us, being so far removed from its horrid scenes, to fully realize it. The glory of war with its victories is not able to make up for the misery which follows in its wake.

The Voerwarts, a great Socialistic newspaper published in Berlin and several times suppressed for its outspokenness has this to say in one of its recent numbers:

"Wherever we plunge beneath the flag-waving and band-celebrating triumph of arms this note of misery is apparent, the misery of war. The short, successful war, the spoils of victory, the wealth of Belgium, huge indemnities, annexation of colonies, trade which would make everyone prosperous and contented and bring back the armies in triumph and splendor—that was the reward promised and the dream dreamed. Today the reality is growing farther from that intoxicating vision; in the sight of enormous and increasing losses in the field, starving women at home fighting for food for their children, the miseries of another winter in sight, with increasing privation, and no alternative but ruin, whether victorious or defeated at the end."

Good humor and generosity carry the day with the popular heart all the world over.



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Members of the Farmers' Institute, Attention!

The local Farmers' Institute is an organization on which to a great extent depends the rapid development of the Bella Coola valley. It must be clear to all who have any experience in conditions under which the settlement is placed, that there must be united efforts on the part of the people in order to obtain results from their lands in proportion to their needs and possibilities. And with the organization and facilities at the disposal of the Farmers' Institute it should be possible to so organize our means, our energies, our strength that the prosperity of the community will develop at a far more rapid rate in the future than in the past.

In the first place allow no repetition of extraneous, disastrous dissension to disturb the harmony so necessary for co-operation. Discuss business, not doubtful amusements.

Take a survey of the different problems confronting us, and appoint committees to investigate and study them, with the object of reaching practical solutions, with instructions to report at an early session of the organization.

The great object for which all efforts should be concentrated is larger production.

In order to attain this more land must be cleared. Have a committee on land clearing appointed which shall devise an economical and rapid way of clearing land.

A committee on co-operation should find a large field for investigation and many problems for solution. Co-operation in dairying is a pressing problem. The bull should be placed at more convenient points for service.

The process of making first-class marketable butter needs to be looked into.

The raising and marketing of the most profitable kinds of produce should be studied.

The buying in large quantities of powder, lime, etc., would save time, trouble and money.

Last spring the Courier contained several articles on a system lately introduced in the United States of the employment of farm demonstrators.

It has proven of the greatest value to the farmers wherever established, and there are indications that the Dominion and Provincial governments of Canada are making tenative efforts along the same lines. Mr. H. O. English who was here during our fall exhibition, holds the position of soil and crop instructor, which is somewhat similar to that of farm demonstrator. A system on such lines should be adopted here. The assistant horticulturist who calls here quite often may find time on such occasions to give both public and private advice and instruction on present problems. He, no doubt, observes a great many things in this settlement which from his vantage of experience he knows could be changed to the advantage of both the individual settler and the community as a whole. The Farmers' Institute should invite his advice and aid in everything appertaining to the welfare of the farmer.

This point is of equal importance to some of the others we have called attention to.

There is conducted in our midst for the instruction of our farmers demonstration plots. They can be made of vastly more usefulness if the boys and girls of the valley could spend a season in some such place in the settlement where they, from a competent instructor, could receive practical lessons in many branches of actual farming. This is practised in other places and can be done here.

In conclusion, permit us to advise that the Farmers' Institute hold frequent meetings for the discussion of these and similar problems in order to become familiar with them. Solutions may be then found and benefits to the whole settlement result.

The Opinion of an Expert.

Germany's crops have failed. Only two-thirds of a crop has been harvested this year in that country, and there is where the pinch comes. Ordinarily Germany requires three hundred thousand Poles to assist in the harvest. The failure of this year has been due to the shortage of labor and to the unfavorable weather conditions. This has struck at the very basis of Germany's financial strength. Germany is now forced to pay cash for food in such neighboring countries as Switzerland and Denmark, and gradually her gold supply is being drained, leaving a small reserve on which the strength of paper currency may be issued. As a result Germany's food supply has been cut in half. Her soldiers must be fed, and the people behind the trenches are forced to do without regular rations. Accordingly, we are hearing of the bread riots in Berlin, and the offers of peace which Germany inspires with such magnanimity.

This constitutes the most startling of a series of startling statements pertaining to the war, by Mr. Clarence W. Barron, editor of the "Wall Street Journal," on his visit to Toronto.

He visited Europe in November of last year for the express purpose of acquainting himself with the underlying principles of the war, and the articles which he is now writing have been embodied in the well-known book, "The Audacious War."

It is Mr. Barron's opinion that Germany and Austria have reached the maximum in the strength of their forces in the trenches and in the utilization of their national resources.

"They are at the point now," he said, "where they have no reserves. On the other hand, the Allies are just beginning to approach their maximum strength."

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The Western Call is authority for the statement that 98,000 girls in England have organized and pledged themselves to marry soldiers returning from the war.

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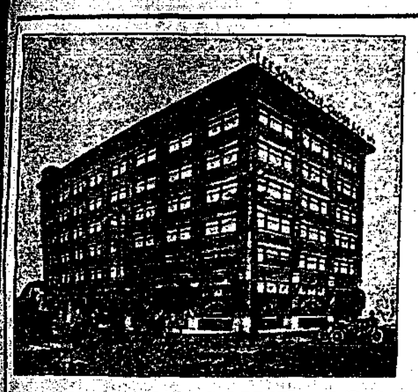

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This amount should be easily raised once the prime importance of the Patriotic Fund is realized. Soldiers are essential to British victory. Soldiers are only obtainable if decent provision is made for their families. The public, through the Patriotic Fund, must make that provision.

The expenses of administration are interesting as showing what can be done by effective organization and business management. The Fund has not merely to spend its money. Much of its energy is devoted towards safeguarding itself against the greedy and the unscrupulous. But for the thorough work of the Head Office and Branches many thousands of dollars would have been given to persons not entitled to assistance. To get through the first year of its existence, therefore, on a combined expenditure of $70,000 is a feat to be proud of. By far the greater part of this amount was covered by the bank interest earned on deposits, so that the actual impairment of the Fund only amounted to 65 cents for every $100.00 of expenditure.

Let us all from now on work vigorously together for the advancement of Bella Coola.

A STORY OF HARDSHIP.

When J. W. Macfarlane and Vincent Clayton were returning from their cattle ranch at Anaham Lake a short time ago they found at a place near Precipice, far away from any human dwelling, an old man in a very precarious condition. At the time of meeting he was standing near some water, with his clothes wet, his food nearly gone, no fire, no horse and nearly dead from exposure. In the cold and snow of that high altitude he would soon have been beyond the reach of human help. By the efficient aid of the rescuers he was soon put in a comparatively comfortable condition, and told the story of his adventure.

His name is Miles Mooney and he is 67 years of age. He had worked at William's Lake during the summer and having heard of the attractions of Bella Coola he, when the work was over, started off for that place with three horses. Misfortune soon overtook him in the loss of one horse, which an Indian ran off with. Arriving at Tudistan, he left another horse with Tom Engebretson to be "wintered." He now proceeded on foot, the remaining horse carrying his belongings. When near the place where he was found he halted to camp; but during the night his horse started on the back track and although he did his best he was unable to find it. Macfarlane and Clayton had found the horse at Anaham Lake, however, and brought it with them. At the present time Mr. Mooney is comfortably located at Bella Coola.

To the Boys at the Front.

CHRISTMAS, 1915.

By S. Le C. GRANT.

Here's to you Boys! but neither glass nor liquor
Presents this toast of mine,
But a bright fluid richer, warmer, thicker
Than cometh from the wine.

When from the heart unto the seat of reason
Our throbbing life-blood goes,
It bears to you the greetings of the season,
Love's message, as it flows.

Yours, in the sight of God and every nation
For us is freely shed;
Ours is but kept in fervent circulation
Bleeding within, instead.

We say to you brave Comrades who, so dying,
Have entered Honor's Roll—
"You've done your bit to keep the old flag flying,
You—are the Empire's soul."

Between us we perceive a secret portal
Open both night and day;
Your sacrifice, to us remains immortal,
The part that is not clay.

And you, dear brothers who by Right annointed
Oppose the mailed fist;
Whose sacrilege forbids what God appointed
—The weaker to exist.

Your attitude has overthrown forever
The fear that ruthless might,
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