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### Allied Squadron Reduces Forts of Dardanelles

#### For the Fall Fairs

Government Grants Certain to Be Pared Down to Low Notch

Victoria, Feb. 26.—The fate of all fair and exhibitions in British Columbia, so far as government grants are concerned, hangs on the impression the agricultural committee can make on the executive, in urging that a sum be included in the estimates as in former years, in aid of the various associations in the province. The committee in discussing the matter, recognized the difference between the three large fairs in the coast cities, which are provincial in nature. At the same time the value of small local fairs in stimulating efforts to excel was strongly upheld by the members of the committee, and in this Deputy Minister Scott heartily agreed.

It was decided to secure an early meeting with the executive before the estimates were finally drafted when the whole subject is to be discussed. Last year the grants included in the estimates for agricultural exhibitions in the province totalled \$90,000. No hope is held out that any such sum, if any at all, will find a place in this year's estimates. In discussing the matter it was pointed out that the Dominion Government is this year increasing its grants to agricultural exhibitions.

#### B. C. Pulp Mills Capture Trade of Australia

As a direct consequence of the European war British Columbia pulp industries have captured a large part of the Australian paper supply trade, and very large shipments, running into over 1,000 tons a month, are being made to the Antipodes by coast mills. So great an incentive has been given coast paper manufacture mills by this new trade that a heavy demand has arisen for sulphur, which is extensively used in the pulp industry.

British Columbia coast mills supply the paper to the entire group of Pacific coast cities. A meagre invasion into the Australian trade had been made before the outbreak of the European war. When hostilities broke out, the supply of paper from Norway broke down owing to the high insurance rates and also to the fact that much of the carrying between Norway and Australia had been done by German vessels. Australia at once turned her eyes to the Pacific coast and, as a result, activity in pulp mills in British Columbia jumped by leaps and bounds.

#### Artillery Engagements Favorable to Allies

Paris, Feb. 24.—Official statement issued today as follows: "There has been artillery engagements from Lys to Aisne at times rather spirited, all ending favorably for us. In Champagne region to north of Neunil, we have made fresh progress and repulsed several counter-attacks. Our artillery on heights of Meuse has silenced several German batteries. Supplementary reports emphasized importance of success at Les Eparges and extent of enemy's losses on very small section of line carried by us. We have already found over 600 Germans killed. According to prisoners captured after the action, two regiments driven from their positions by our attacks lost over 3,000 men, that is to say more than half their strength. We have made progress in Bois Brule in forest of Apremont."

#### German Supply Ship Captured

Montevideo, Feb. 25.—German steamer Gotha, loaded with provisions for German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm, has been captured by a British cruiser, according to reliable advices, and taken to Falkland Islands. Gotha was last reported leaving Buenos Aires February 2 with supplies. She is a vessel of 6,000 tons and belongs to the North German Lloyd Steamship Company.

#### German Losses Said to Exceed Russians

London, Feb. 24.—Despatch to Daily Telegraph from Petrograd says: "Russian military leaders expect considerable portion of Russian twentieth army corps will succeed in fighting its way out of East Prussia and rejoin the main Russian forces. These hopes are based on continual arrival of small detachments of troops who have extricated themselves from forest labyrinths. Reports from Russians indicate that German losses are larger than Russians. Along this front present fighting seems to show that Germans are not now trying to push definite forward movements but are merely feeling about for weak spot in Russian line."

#### Danish Defy Germans

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.—Danish ship owners defy German war zone decree and send ten ships to England with foodstuffs.

#### Russians Stubbornly Defending

Reserve After Reserve Hurlled Into Fighting Line

London, Feb. 26.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times describes the position of the Austrians in Eastern Galicia as critical. The activity of the Austro-German forces in Bukovina seems to have reached its utmost limits. Meanwhile the Russians continue to move across the Carpathians immediately on the flank of the invading columns whose position is extremely hazardous.

Telegrams from Budapest report fierce fighting around Stanislaw in Galicia.

Reuter's Venice correspondent says: "The Russians are said to be hurling reserve after reserve into the fighting line and defending their positions with the greatest stubbornness. The chief struggle is proceeding on the heights around a town where the Russians have concentrated with the object of stopping the advance of the Austrian right wing, which threatens their whole front. In the Carpathians, near Wyzskow large Russian forces are making continuous attacks with fresh troops."

#### Effectual Bombardment of Dardanelles' Forts

London, Feb. 26.—All the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles have been reduced by the Allied fleets. The admiralty announcement is as follows: "The weather moderating, the bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles was renewed at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, February 25. After a period of long range firing, a squadron of battleships attacked at close ranges. All the forts at the entrance to the straits were successfully reduced and the operations are still continuing."

#### Britain Declares Blockade

Washington, Feb. 26.—The formal announcement was made at the State Department yesterday of Great Britain's disposition to declare a blockade of the coast of German East Africa as from midnight on February 28.

#### Austrian Government Seize Grain and Flour Stocks

London, Feb. 26.—Despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Venice says: "Austrian government is confiscating entire stocks of grain and flour in the monarchy."

#### Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Chelohsin docked here late on Wednesday night. Among the passengers for this place were Mrs. and Miss Blayney who return from an extended visit to Mr. A. Blayney at his ranch in the Francois Lake country.

A joint meeting of the Ladies Aid and W. C. T. U. took place at the Mission House on Tuesday last at 2:30 p. m. The main business was the apportionment of work among the numerous members. The knitting of socks for the Red Cross is receiving special attention at present.

The boys who left our valley and friends and relatives of members, who are on active service are to be remembered with gifts from the W. C. T. U.

Rev. T. C. Colwell was present and opened the meeting also giving a short address on Red Cross work at the close, after which refreshments were served.

A telegram has been received by the local athletic association from the secretary of the Hazelton association stating their regret that a meeting of the ice hockey teams of the respective districts can not be arranged for this season. Hazelton, however, express their willingness to arrange baseball fixtures with our

local team, and it is expected that their offer will be readily accepted.

#### Liberal Association Holds Annual Meeting.

MANY NEW MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Bella Coola Liberal Association took place at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, Thursday afternoon, the attendance being much larger than on former occasions, showing a great revival of interest in things political. President B. Brynildsen occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting welcomed the members, many of whom had travelled many miles to attend. When the minutes of the last general meeting had been read and adopted and the financial statement submitted, the names of many young men were added to the membership roll. In reviewing the past year the secretary spoke of the work of organization which was being carried on throughout the whole province, and paid special tribute to the party leaders who were putting the party on such a perfect fighting footing. Mr. A. Hammer spoke at length on the principles of Liberalism, and took pride that local Liberals

were always prepared to publicly discuss the issues of the day fairly and squarely, without fear or favor, a compliment which he was unable to pay to his political opponents. Addresses followed from Messrs. B. F. Jacobsen, M. B. Christensen, R. N. Levelton and G. Gentner.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, B. Brynildsen, re-elected; vice-president, B. F. Jacobsen, re-elected; secretary-treasurer, H. L. Harris, re-elected. Executive committee, A. Hammer, M. B. Christensen, R. N. Levelton, T. Jacobsen, T. Thorsen and C. Allerton.

The meeting was brought to a close with a brief speech by the president in which he appealed to all Liberals to closely watch events and be prepared to engage in a campaign the result of which would be the breaking of the power of the present administration.

In the evening a public meeting was held a full report of which will appear in our next week's issue.

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The entertainment held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg under the auspices of the Young People's Society last Saturday evening was perhaps one of the best of its kind for a long time. An interesting feature was the debate on the live topic "Should women be granted the right of the franchise." For the affirmative A. Hammer and R. Saugstad brought forward some strong arguments, which all the heavy artillery of the opposition brought into action by B. A. McBeth and J. Schulstad failed to dispose of, the judges finally giving their decision in favor of the champions of the ladies cause. Songs by Mrs. Saugstad and Miss Ruth Nordschow were, as usual, greatly appreciated, also a cleverly rendered recitation by Mrs. M. Saugstad, and an interesting reading by Mr. Frank G. Hagan. The recently organized male choir quite excelled themselves and the charming vocal selection by the school children added the last touch to a capital evening's entertainment.

#### A Basket Social and Sale of Work

will be held in the COLONY HALL, Hagensborg, on Saturday 27th, at 7:30 p. m.

A musical programme will be provided. Proceeds in aid of Bella Coola General Hospital.

Admission—Gents, 50c; Ladies Free.

The members of the newly organized Live Stock Association met at Hagensborg on Monday last for the purpose of discussing the importation of live stock. With the increased interest in the raising of live stock in the valley it is deemed advisable that early steps should be taken to improve the breed and it is intended that further meetings will be held to decide definitely what steps should be taken in this direction.

The snow is rapidly disappearing and there is considerable hustling going on on the part of the sawmills. All available teams are employed getting in the logs for the coming season's cut.

Mr. M. B. Christensen, the well known storekeeper of Hagensborg visited town on Friday.

Mr. Wm. Sutherland has left Victoria with his new power yacht and is expected to arrive early next week. Accompanying him on the trip north are Mrs. Sutherland, Messrs. J. R. Morrison and Wilfred Gibson. The latter gentleman is taking a vacation for his health's sake and will spend some time here.

Mr. Sutherland is taking the trip in easy stages, choosing his weather, as he has in tow a commodious gasoline launch.

#### Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.  
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

All Are Welcome.

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#### Shushartie Bay

(FROM OUR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT)

Captain Harry Hanson is taking charge of the auxiliary schooner Amy, which ship will shortly engage in halibut fishing.

Mr. Fred Olson met with an accident recently which resulted in the dislocation of his shoulder. Proceeding to Alert Bay hospital Mr. Olson was soon set to rights and is now back on his ranch.

The panthers are getting very bold indeed in this district. One full-grown animal recently came right up to the residence of Mr. A. E. Hole and was lousy devouring a chicken when disturbed by Mr. Harry Darlington, who put an end to its deprivations with three well aimed shots.

New settlers continue to arrive and a great influx is expected to take place in the spring.

Mr. James McClane of Nahwitti, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. W. R. Lord contemplates making extensive enlargements to the local salmon cannery with the coming of spring.

Mr. J. J. Skinner is busily engaged in the construction of a number of cottages in anticipation of the arrival of numerous new settlers.

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, FEB. 27, 1915.

In the Vancouver Sun of February 12 appeared an interview with ex-Mayor Findlay on why the mills of British Columbia should receive the large orders for lumber required at this time by Great Britain and other European countries. The explanation is not hard to find and it is strange that Mr. Findlay of all men should be so apparently in the dark. Of one thing we may rest assured, Great Britain will buy in the cheapest market, which in this instance means the United States.

We are not prepared to say that the American mills are better equipped than ours, or that they have better timber, yet we know that they sell cheaper.

Why is it that the Oregon and Washington mills have for years past supplied our prairie provinces with the bulk of the lumber used at from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per thousand less than could the Vancouver mills?

Mr. Findlay cites the fact that the mills in Washington employ only white labor, while in B. C. cheap Asiatic labor is employed, and yet we cannot compete.

Personally, we cannot see why it should be cheaper to log on the American side than in B. C. If the Canadian logs cost a little more, the cheap Asiatic labor in our mills should offset that, although we are strongly of the opinion that yellow labor in the long run is the most expensive.

Mr. Findlay wants to know if there is a remedy that can be immediately applied. He earnestly seeks the root of the evil. We would ask the question of Mr. Findlay, has he ever studied the capitalization of the lumber concerns in B. C. as compared with the capitalization of those across the line?

We happen to know that the system followed by our American cousins is usually first to lay the foundation of a lumber mill, install sufficient machinery as cheaply as possible and the mill commences to operate. This small mill not only helps to pay for a larger mill out of profits, but produces, at the minimum cost, the material for the larger mill which is in turn constructed with an eye to economy and efficiency.

With our B. C. mills it is quite different. Seldom are the origin-

al builders the ultimate operators of the mill, and anyone witnessing the extravagant system too often employed can no longer wonder why we cannot compete with others in the lumber industry.

We do not need to go to Vancouver, we have fair examples at home. Of course the public have no right to know what any of our mills cost to build, this is strictly private, though they may guess more or less accurately.

Supposing that the Swanson Bay Forrest Wood-Pulp and Lumber Co. spent four million dollars on their plant, what would the output have to be in order to enable the company, after defraying all expenses, to pay to the investor, say six per cent. on his investment?

Supposing that the Ocean Falls Co. Ltd., expended six million dollars on their plant, what would be the annual output of this plant in order to pay a dividend of six per cent., after defraying all expenses? These questions cannot readily be answered.

From a business standpoint, we have never been able to see how either of these two concerns could ever expect to pay. Indeed we have sometimes doubted if it was really ever intended that they should.

Who knows, that if the mills of this province were only capitalized up to the amount of their actual cost of construction and operation, they would then not be able to compete with the American mills.

This then, we submit as the chief reason why we cannot expect to get these big orders. Our mills are far too heavily capitalized and are crippled by dividend paying.

In respect to Vancouver. What about the expensive Conserva-Harbor Commission? Vancouver got along pretty well before such a thing was thought of. All these things help towards increasing the cost to the consumer. Ten cents on a thousand feet of logs coming into Burrard Inlet is considerable, and applied to an order for 500,000,000 feet of lumber means a good round sum. Every steamer coming into Van-

couver must pay heavy harbor dues to oil the wheels of the Harbor Commission, and this again adds to the freight charges and so increases the cost of the lumber to the consumer at the other end. So the port where the lowest dues are charged have a distinct advantage. Every day means considerable expense to ship owners. Washington and Oregon are nearer the Panama Canal than is Vancouver, so that everything else being equal owners are still apt to prefer to load their ships at the ports to the south.

It is simply up to the people of Vancouver to cut out all barriers to their harbor, one of the best in the world. Make the shippers welcome, not by banqueting the captains, but by making the port as free to cargo vessels as it is possible to make it, and the shipping will soon come.

All hindrances to progress in this province have been placed there by politicians, whose aim it is to make an easy living at the expense of their fellow citizens, the voters. These men tell the people anything that suits their purpose, and strange to say the people believe them. The longer this is allowed to continue the worse off we will be.

The various nations are making ready for a great expansion of trade and commerce after the war. What are we in British Columbia doing?

To Mr. Findlay we say: First, do away with your Harbor Commission, the sooner the better. It is a barrier to progress. Your business men can make Vancouver a free port if they have the mind to, and they will be the gainers. The politicians will not do this for you, as they want the soft jobs for themselves and their friends.

Secondly, cut down the capitalization of your Vancouver mills to a legitimate working basis, something approximating the actual cost of the mills plus working expenses, never minding what the inflated value of the property may be. Having done these things commence to do business along proper lines



and you will lose no lumber orders from England, France, or anywhere else. There will be no more half-starved men, women and children about your streets seeking bread and not finding it. Time is fleeting. British Columbia has gone wrong on inflated values and equally inflated politicians, and the sooner we rid ourselves of these and get down to honest business the better it will be for us.

When Sir Richard McBride stated in the legislature that the intention of the government was to reduce the wages of the men working with pick and shovel on the public roads to two dollars per day, the premier certainly knew what he was talking about. We sympathize with the man who first has to join the Conservative Association in order to get work, and then has to accept two dollars for a back-breaking day's work. However, we can easily see that Sir Richard may well assume that men who will let government heelers dope them in all manners imaginable, and and take it all with good grace, will stand for anything. Sir Richard knows they are a cheap lot and he is only treating them as he thinks they deserve.

We have yet to learn of anything that our Wm. Manson, M.P.P., has done for the part of Northern B. C. which he is supposed to represent in the legislature at Victoria. Some things improve with age, but not Mr. Manson. Apparently the longer we keep him there the more useless he becomes. Hard times are ahead of us, and heavy curtailments are necessary. With Mr. Manson as our representative we may well expect that the curtailments will be made "Particularly in the North."

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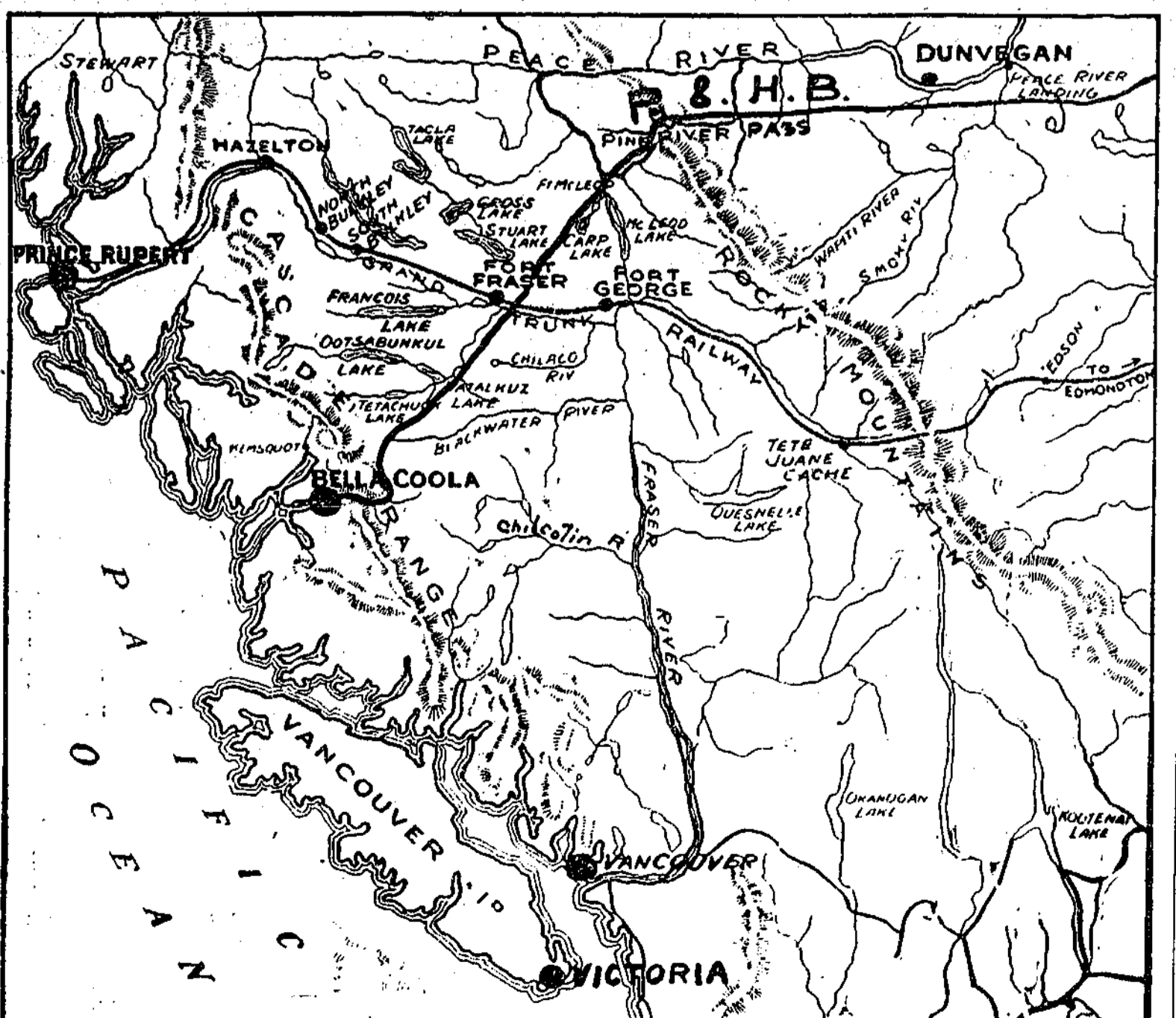
owing to lack of funds, the work of constructing any part of the Provincial university buildings must be indefinitely postponed. But while we have no place in which to house or instruct the waiting students, we already have a staff of high salaried professors, wandering about like disembodied spirits and licking up the money of the province taxpayers, as silently as a Chinook wind carries off a carpet of beautiful snow. It must be remembered that this is one of Sir Richard's schemes, so what right has taxpayer to complain, anyhow? "Has anybody here seen the kaiser's daily que-

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### LEST WE FORGET.

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

A few days ago we quitted the barracks at Tidworth, and are installed in comfortable billets in a small, sleepy, and ancient town in Old Hampshire. The 101st Edmonton Battalion stood to attention by companies as we marched past their quarters and as a farewell compliment their band played the old regiment to the station. It was good for a Canadian heart to hear the "Maple Leaf" once more.

This town, which is quite a near cry to Southampton, had its origin in the Roman days and the name, in pre-Norman jargon, signifies a stockade. There is a hoary old church of the Norman type, and the ruins, weather-worn and crumbling, of a still older edifice. A half-forgotten place at the edge of the chalk where the rustic moralist in the ingle often sits and thinks and more often just sits, it rubbed

its sleepy eyes at the coming of the soldiers, and seemingly awoke to the fact that events were toward. In fine, the shopkeepers ordered a fresh stock of goods and the prices of hardware, dry-goods and provisions made a short, sharp jump like a "jack-in-the-box." The civil population were especially civil—they were getting well paid for Tommy's board. Otherwise, though it may sound cynical, I think that but for the coming of the soldiers, this tiny town would have slumbered on in lotus-bred indifference to all outward things.

What an awakening if the troops had worn the grey of the Landwehr, or the blue of the Uhlans, and fire and steel had swept the winding streets, and the fine old church had become a heap of stone and plaster? What if, in the fury of the blood lust, the old men had been led out to

die, and innocent babes tossed onto lance points?—as in Belgium. Doubtless then the sleepy eyes would be alert enough with mortal dread and the fear of death in them. A dream! yet it might have been reality—a violent nightmare from sweet repose. Only because the Belgian dead lie thick around Liege, and the British dead and wounded strewn the fire-blasted spinneys and blood-soaked fields at Mons, it fizzled out into a Zeppelin raid—an anarchial bomb-dropping affair, a despicable assassination of boys and old women unworthy even of the Black Hand!

The green fields of England are still unsown with iron, the rolling prairie of the Middle West lie placidly in the rejuvenating process under their pure white coverlet of snow—unraped; the sweet-scented woodlands of our own British Columbia have no blood and iron in their make up; on the westerly wind across Queen Charlotte Sound there is no echo of the cannon's roar; our quiet, grey-looking cedar houses are sheltered and free from the scattering shrapnel—and will be please God!—because men died in the sacrifice at Liege and Mons.

Now the young men have taken up the sword to the end that the difference between might and right be made plain. The clans and the yeomen of the shires are out, Our Lady of the Snows has sent her best, and Australasia likewise her portion, and India a host of little brown warriors from the Himalays: in the meantime bearded men who speak Taal are chasing the foe across the boundary of Namaqualand. Moreover, that the sleepy-eyed may rest, there are those whose watchful vigilance never ceases; on the broken waters of the North Sea they lie like sleeping dogs who growl at an approaching step—watchful always amid perils unguessed from in the air and under the water, so that the tentacles of the German octopus shall be withheld from Sydney and Vancouver. A cosmopolitan company, is it not? Such as even the doughty Saladin, who tilted with the Crusaders, would marvel at.

It is a marvellous thing when one considers that for the like of these who sleep not and shed blood and make the supreme sacrifice there is no adequate payment this side of Heaven except in the respect of posterity and the judgment of history; but their monument we trust will be everlasting peace. However, when the noise of battle is still, and lovers meet again in the lanes, and children play in the fields of a resuscitated Belgium, we cannot give back a life for a life, or a limb for a limb! Therefore, we must not forget; let their memory be kept as green as the mounds will be where their bones rest.

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### SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

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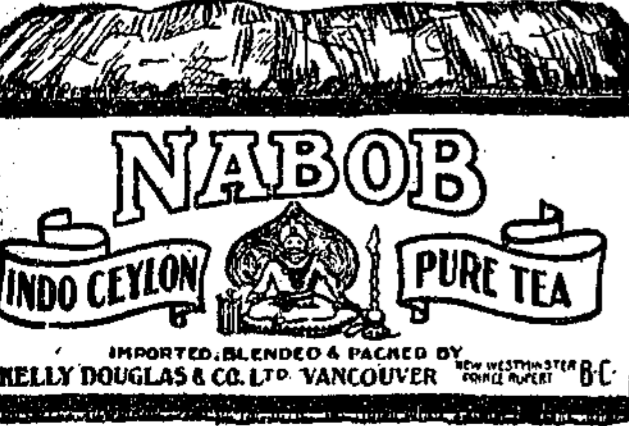


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