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Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 37. Minimum, 29.
Highest Max. (3rd) 48. Lowest Min. (20th) 13
Rainfall, 2.98 inches. Snow, 21 inches.
Rainfall for the year (1915) 34.23 inches.

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Italy to Send Large Force to Albania

Milan, Feb. 2.—Important consultations have been going on in Rome between the king, Signor Salandra, the prime minister, and Baron Sonnino, the foreign minister, and the military authorities with a view to more decisive military action in Albania. Prolonged conversations have been held with Baron Sonnino, who has insisted on the necessity of Italy making a strong demonstration Albania, thus making a repercussion on the general Balkan situation.

Sure of Final Victory

Paris, Feb. 2.—"Germany is beginning to wear out," General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French military forces, is quoted as saying. He added:

"That fact is certain; but, of course, it does not mean that she is already worn out, and we still have a great effort to make. But with the admirable endurance of our army and the perseverance of the whole French nation and of our allies we are sure of a final triumph. We have every reason to be sure of final victory. We are beginning to get proofs which show beyond all doubt that German power is waning. The signs are such as cannot be mistaken by competent persons. These signs and proofs relate more particularly to the morale of the German army. The quality and material condition of the troops permit us to conclude that our enemy is now entering upon a period of exhaustion."

Norwegian Town Burned Down

Christiania, Norway, Feb. 1.—Molde, a small town south of Christiansund, has been wiped out entirely by a fire on January 22. Over 2000 people were rendered homeless by the conflagration.

Museums Closing Down

London, Feb. 2.—The Wallace art collection museum closed its doors to the general public yesterday. The closing of museums and art galleries for the remainder of the war, is a step in the interests of economy. It is predicted that the British museum will also close its doors in the near future, already the national portrait gallery is closed to the public.

Rioting at Leipzig

London, Feb. 2.—Bloody rioting occurred recently at Leipzig of so grave a nature that infantry from Cologne had to be drafted in to quell the disturbance. It is believed that other serious disorders have taken place in various centers.

Ship Fish to Honolulu

Prince Rupert Extending Her Markets for Frozen Fish

Vancouver, Feb. 3—Prince Rupert is stealing the fish business from Seattle and Vancouver in every direction. Not content with getting a large share of the Eastern business the Rupert fish merchants have been gradually forcing their hands into the markets at Vancouver and Seattle. Now they have arranged to ship frozen fish to Honolulu, which is the legitimate business of the Sound metropolis.

Fishing out of Prince Rupert has fallen off slightly during the past few weeks, due to the cold weather. With the passing of the low temperatures, which have been exceptionally keen in Hecate Strait and in the vicinity of Yakutat, the fishermen hope to get their usual large catches.

Canal Will Be Open Middle of February

New York, Feb. 2.—Government officials at Panama are confident the canal will be open to traffic of all descriptions by the middle of February.

Colonel E. F. Glenn, returning from a six-weeks' visit to the canal brought this report, adding that a channel 20 feet deep had been restored at all points.

This news will be received with delight by the seafaring men on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans who had the prospects of a trip through the Strait of Magellan. All ships now loading at British Columbia and Puget Sound ports will be able to use the canal on the way to the United Kingdom, and thus will save five weeks.

The slide in the Panama canal, which occurred last September, paralyzed shipping for a time. Hundreds of vessels were tied up at both ends of the ditch, and finally were ordered to use the Strait of Magellan. This has caused serious delay in the landing of war supplies and foodstuffs. The opening of the canal will result in these shipments being landed in half the time required by using the strait.

Will Cost Germany $20,000,000 a Day

Paris, Feb. 2.—Alfred Neymarck, the eminent economist, writes: I have just made a careful study of the war finances of the warring nations and have arrived at the following figures:

Germany's military expenditures are $18,000,000 daily. Owing to advances to Bulgaria and Turkey and help accorded to Austria-Hungary, these expenditures shortly will reach $20,000,000 daily, or $600,000,000 monthly.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Venture ended up her run to Bella Coola by getting behind the schedule time. The weather was to blame. She was tied up for 24 hours at Naden harbor waiting for the wind to abate. Therefore she was just that much belated when she came into the harbor Saturday evening about six o'clock.

Some of the Bella Coolaites went away, some to go to the war and some on business. Those who left were Peter Marrin, J. Dawe, Dr. W. J. Quinlan, R. O. Jennings and Mr. Colborne.

Chas. Tucker, Dominion constable, returned after spending about three weeks up north trying to get to Kitimaat. He stayed at Hartley Bay for a week waiting for a chance to go up Douglas Channel; but the wind was blowing a gale all that time, making it impossible for anything short of an ocean liner to face it. He reports spending an agreeable time at Hartley Bay, subsisting on a diet of salt salmon exclusively. It is believed that this partial abstinence forced upon him had a very beneficial influence. He is not apt, however, to repeat the experience voluntarily.

Peter Marrin and J. Dawe left for Prince Rupert to join the Comox-Atlin regiment. Recruits from Bella Coola are leaving on every boat. Some more are going this week.

R. O. Jennings, road-superintendent, after spending two weeks in the valley looking after the interests of the government and the settlement as regards public works, left for parts unknown.

It is to be regretted that his health was not of the best during his stay here and that being the case it is surmised that he returned home. Next time he pays a visit we shall try to greet him with more agreeable weather or in other words a warmer welcome.

The officers of the S. S. Venture reported very heavy winter weather all along the coast. It was felt especially so by the people of the Queen Charlotte Islands, who have made small provision for the feeding of their live stock.

Owing to its situation the Queen Charlotte Islands are noted for their mild climate. Cattle as a rule feed outside all winter. The present cold weather was wholly unexpected and unprovided for and, therefore, in some parts the loss in live stock may prove quite heavy.

Dr. Quinlan went to Namu believing a change of climate would be found agreeable. If it is not up to expectations he may go further south; but eventually he will be back in Bella Coola.

The cold weather has at last claimed a victim. The community was shocked Wednesday noon by the news of the sudden death of Mrs. Mathilde Broughton, wife of Mr. Frank Broughton, at her mother's residence at Hagensborg on Wednesday, February 2. at 11 a. m.

She, in common with several others of our residents, had been on the sick list for a few days, but no one considered her sickness at all serious. Her husband was attending to his duties as usual at the town at the time, not entertaining any real uneasiness in regard to his wife's condition. The death was so sudden and unexpected that her husband did not have time to reach her bedside before she passed away.

The deceased was the daughter of Mrs. Nordschow. Her father, the late Eric Nordschow, was one of the earliest settlers in the valley, and after Rev. Saugstad's death one of its most prominent citizens.

Mrs. Broughton was born in Badger, Iowa, and came with her mother and sisters to Bella Coola in 1895 to join her father, who came here the previous year with the first contingent of Colonists. On November 4th last year, she was united in marriage to Mr. F. Broughton, provincial constable for this district.

Her departure will be keenly felt by the community, in the midst of which she spent the greater part of her life.

At the time of going to press it is not known when the funeral will take place.

The sympathies of their host of friends are extended to the bereaved husband, mother and sisters.

Bella Coola has always lived up to her reputation of having a very healthful climate. The cold weather of the month just closed has made a break in this enviable record in that very many of our inhabitants have been on the sick list. Although several of those attacked have been obliged to take to their beds; there have been no deaths. With the return of milder weather it is hoped they will all recover rapidly.

As there is grave danger of being hit by falling branches and trees during high winds in the woods, men engaged in logging operations suspended their work last week. As the wind has now moderated appreciably the logging has been resumed. The Indians are engaged in cutting and hauling forty cords of shingle bolts to Hanson's mill.

The shingles to be cut from them will be used largely in covering the gymnasium to be built in the Indian village next fall.

Another result of the unusual weather conditions, several meetings announced to be held at different times and places have been postponed.

Rev. H. Sageng informs us that among others, the annual meeting of his congregation was postponed from January 22 until today.

The postmaster of Hagensborg informs us that the mail from Atnarko and Firvale failed to arrive last week.

Born, on Tuesday at the hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Widsten a son.

It is with great pleasure we announce to our readers the promotion of our fellow-townsmen, T. C. Colwell and Randolph Saugstad, from privates to the rank of corporals. We congratulate them upon their merited promotion and predict that after further experience they will continue to rise.

It may be a coincidence, but we cannot refrain from pointing to the fact that these two gentlemen are the only ones we send the Courier to at Comox so far. Moral: If you want promotion, boys; send for the Courier.

The 102nd Battalion, the Northern British Columbias, has secured what is conceded to be one of the finest sites for a military training camp in the province. This site is the Imperial government's naval camp site at Comox. The site is situated on a big sandpit running into Comox Harbor.

This sandpit is about two miles long, of varying width and as level as a billiard table, with a fine shelving beach which as soon as the weather moderates will afford one of the finest bathing places on the Pacific coast.

The camp is equipped with one of the most modern rifle ranges in the world, being a 1000 yard range fitted up with concrete butts and disappearing targets. This range is the only one used regularly by the Imperial Naval Forces stationed on the Pacific coast for target practice, and the Northern unit has been particularly lucky in securing the use of this splendid location as training grounds.

According to Major Worsnop of the 102nd, the athletic propensities of the battalion are being well taken care of, as boxing gloves, fencing foils, footballs, basket ball outfits and a complete baseball outfit have already arrived at the camp.

With 300 men already actively drilling at Comox and some 500 more sworn in in various parts of the province awaiting orders to proceed to the mobilization quarters this battalion will soon be up to its full strength.

Our friend Wesley Grummett has discovered that the manufacturers of munitions of war in United States are really shipping them to the Germans. This is how he expresses it:

HOODWINKING ENGLAND.

We are busy said O'Connor and McNulty,
Shipping shrapnel to the Teutons every day,
And we do not find the slightest difficulty
In transporting it or getting all our pay.

When I questioned them to tell me how they do it,
How they break their way thro' England's strong blockade;
They laughed and said there's nothing to it
England's navy is in fact our greatest aid.

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Lands it promptly at the docks at Calais;
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SATURDAY, FEB. 5, 1916.

A Hypocritical and Cruel Demand.

The attitude of Germany and her sympathizers in the now celebrated Baralong case is, to our mind, one of the most peculiar we have run across for a long time.

It seems that a German submarine was caught in the act of trying to sink a merchant vessel and the officers of the British craft, which made the capture, in their exasperation over the illegal manner of German warfare, threw some of the submarine crew overboard, with the result that they drowned.

Far from us to defend the taking of human lives needlessly, and acts like the one in the Baralong affair should be condemned; but in all criminal cases, in order to arrive at a just estimate of the guilt, it is necessary that extenuating circumstances be taken into consideration.

In view of the inhumanity shown by the Germans in torpedoing passenger ships without adequate provisions being made for the safety of men, women and children; and in view of the many unoffending and unresisting non-combatants that have been shot down in cold blood by orders of German officials for acts of others which in many cases have been done in self defense, it is not strange if some hotheaded Britisher would feel justified in executing judgment upon the murderers caught in similar acts.

But now we come to the strange part of it, Germany and her sympathizers hold up their hands in holy horror over the inhuman act of the British officers and demand that the British law punish the offenders. Germany threatens that if Britain does not yield to her demands, that she will shoot down in cold blood innocent prisoners of war in Germany.

We have no doubt Germany would take great pleasure in getting a chance to wreak her vengeance upon a few more innocent people, because it seems that murder and devastation is an agreeable pastime for her cruel, brutal nature.

There will come a time when all the innocent blood shed, all the other direful deeds and all the misery wrought by this war, will be required out of the hands of those who brought it about. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord."

In connection with the above, in justice to Britain be it said that its government has expressed its willingness to submit this case to arbitration provided Germany will do the same with some of the illegal acts done by officers in her service. Germany knowing the weakness of her position refuses to do this, as in that case she knows that she would be found to be the one who had provoked the other and therefore is the most guilty.

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Pro-German Reasoning Answered.

This community has the misfortune to have circulated in its midst a pro-German newspaper published at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On account of its position as the organ of a church demonination and its supposedly large circulation in Canada, it would be a great deal better if in its utterances upon the incidents of the war it would confine itself to a strict neutrality; but such is not the case. It lets no opportunity pass to vent its hatred for everything English and to utter sneers upon the cause and the activities of the Allies.

In its last issue received here, it ridicules the idea that the Allies had any higher regard for the neutrality of Belgium than Germany, and designates the English contention in that respect as pure hypocrisy. In proof of its accusation it brings forth the Allies' occupation of Corfu in viola- of Greek neutrality and against the protests of Greece.

There is a difference so vast between the illegal actions of Germany and the Allies in these two cases as there is between night and day. Germany attacked Belgium in times of peace, without any provocation. The Allies occupied Greek soil at the invitation of the Greek government under the premiership of Venizelos, and in order to render aid to Greece's ally Serbia. Germany's attack upon Belgium was to compel a weaker nation to violate a sacred treaty and to crush another; while the Allies occupied Greek soil to enable Greece to keep her treaty with Serbia, also to protect the weak against the onslaughts of its powerful enemies.

The Belgians resented the invasion of the Germans and fought them with all their strength, but the Greeks cheered the allied troops when they landed and offered them every facility.

The occupation of the island of Corfu, to which the journal referred to takes such strong exceptions, was made because it was found to contain supplies for German and Austrian submarines. The ownership of the island as an issue of the Balkan war is not settled. Turkey claims it as well as Greece. The inhabitants of Corfu is welcoming the Allies and are financially benefitted by the occupation; a fact which the strongest pro-German cannot claim for the German occupation of Belgium. In our estimation if there is any hypocrisy abroad it will most likely be found on the side opposed to the Entente Allies.

Newspapers of foreign origin misrepresenting facts and designedly attempting to undermine the loyalty of our citizens ought to be refused admittance to the Dominion, and we appeal to the subscribers to such papers in Canada to protest against their attitude and to refuse to receive them.

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Who Is Agent-General?

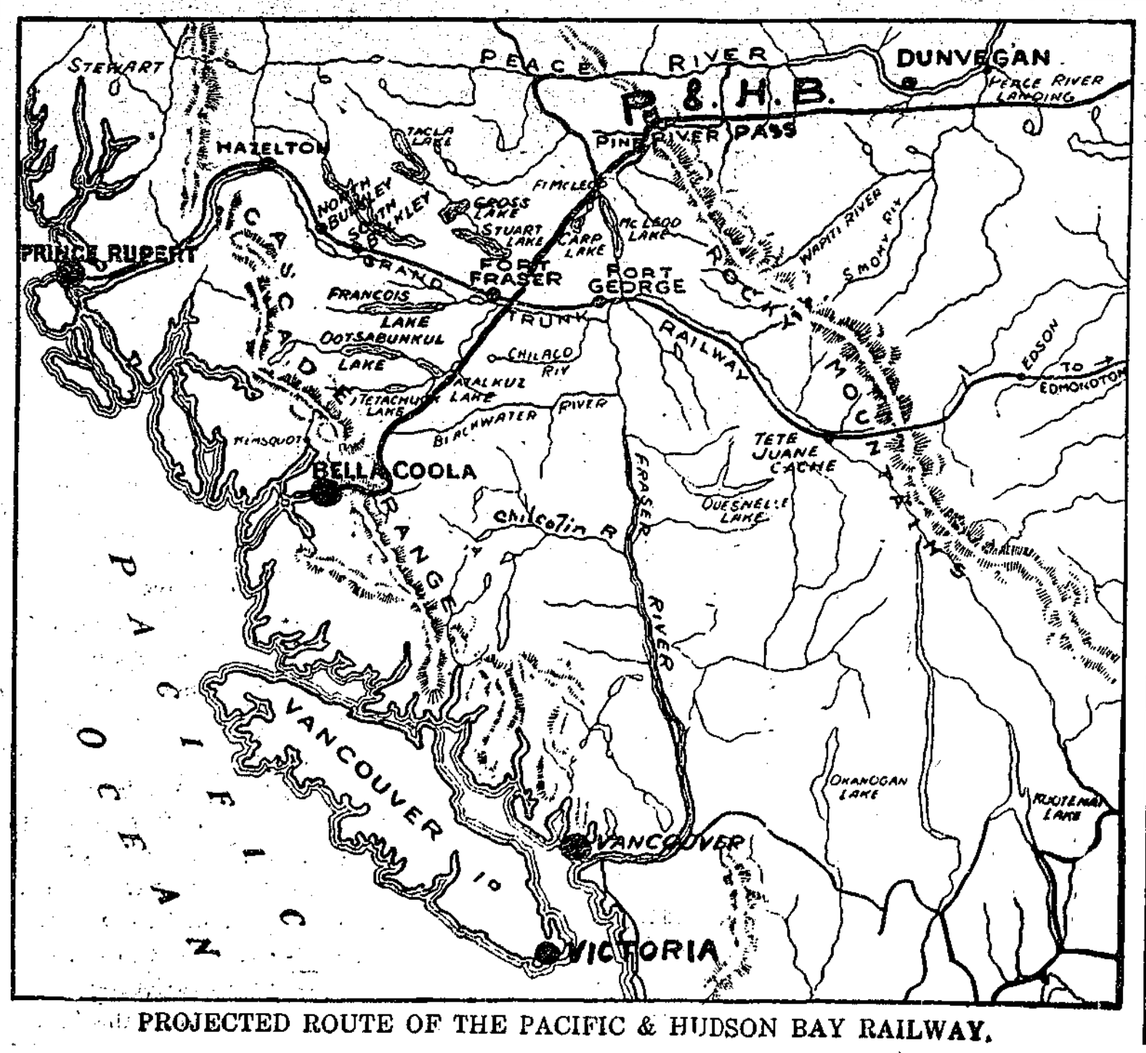
The question of who is agent-general at London does not seem to be settled yet.

It is very hard for us to get a clear understanding of the state of affairs in relation to it, because one week it was announced that Mr. Turner had resigned, his resignation gazetted and his successor appointed. Next week we are are told that Mr. Turner says, his resignation was conditional and as the conditions had not been complied with it had not become effective. On the heels of this information we are informed that the desired conditions have been dealt with satisfactorily, and as a consequence another resignation had been cabled from London and been duly received; whereupon some sarcastic comments were made by the premier of the province and the Conservative press; of which we made mention two weeks ago. Now the news which comes in our last batch of papers, are to the effect that Mr. Turner is determined to stay on the job until the provincial legislature passes an act allowing him a pension and some other things.

He holds that no authority but the legislature can grant him what he demands, and with our limited knowledge of the laws and usages of a parliamentary form of government it seems his position is well taken.

Mr. Bowser being well versed in law should know what authority his position gives him in granting large pensions and other things without consulting the representatives of the people whose servant he is. Of course, we can well conceive that a long reign in the McBride cabinet has made him confident that anything he proposes the "rubber stawps" in the legislature will agree to; but yet we should think that a decent regard for the feelings of said "rubber stamps" would dictate to him that it would look better if he pretended to consult the legislature before he guaranteed what it would do.

In our last issue we contended that the profits in ships and shipping were so large that private concerns could carry on the business of building ships and of transportation without governmental aid. Since then we ran across the statement that an owner of 35 ships said that he, inside of a period of six months, had made enough profits out of them to pay their cost.



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German Finances Dwindling.

Indications are beginning to multiply that this war may not be settled by some great victory on the battlefield; but rather by a failure of being able to finance it. We reprint below an article taken from the Vancouver World at the beginning of last month, asserting that conditions in Germany as indicated in New York financial circles were already serious. Things have gone from bad to worse since, which is shown by the fact that the German marks are constantly dropping in price and that, according to a news item, German securities are being offered in Norway at 50 per cent discount with few or no buyers. The World says:

"The German government can no longer hide the fact that the end of its resources for prosecuting the war are in sight. It is being forced to make open appeal for assistance, and so badly is this assistance needed that it is making most extravagant offers for it. No matter how strong may be the German trenches in France and Flanders, Germany cannot continue the war if she has not the money and the appeal for money that she is now making in the United States indicates that the bottom of the war chest is already in sight.

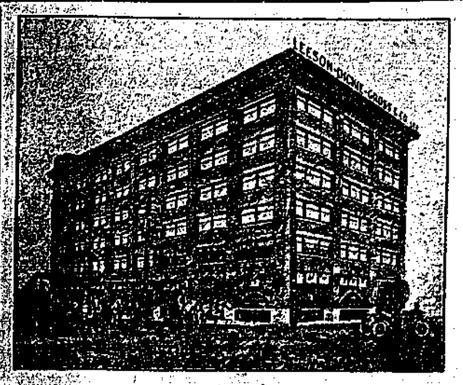
"It was thought the Allies were paying a high rate of interest for their recent loan when the bonds were sold to yield 5 3-4 per cent. Germany is now offering the American investor as high as ten per cent for his money.

"A banking firm in New York is offering five per cent bonds, callable in 1924, with interest payable half yearly, and with exemption from all taxation in Germany, at a price which would give the investor nine per cent. And this high interest is not due to the high rate of exchange. At normal exchange, the yield on such German bonds would be eight per cent, but at present exchange the buyer of the German bond would make a profit of ten per cent on exchange alone. The bond itself is sold at enough below par to yield an annual interest of eight per cent.

"This is an enormous rate of interest for the German government to offer. Unless the German government expected to be desperately in need of money, could it afford to pay it?

"It is said, however, that this enticing interest is not proving very fruitful. New York investors are not anxious to take the German bonds even at the price offered."

The value of German and Austrian securities continues to fall so fast that if the depreciation continues in a very short time the currency of Austria in particular will possess about as much value as bills of the late southern confederacy. Two months ago the value of the krone had fallen 51 1-2 per cent in Holland. Austria is near bankruptcy, and Germany is rapidly heading that way.



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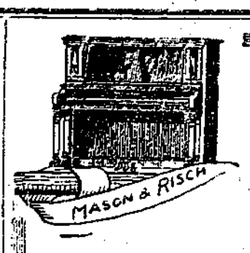

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