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WEATHER REPORT FOR DECEMBER.
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the
Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 37. Minimum, 29.
Highest Max. (3rd) 48. Lowest Min. (30th) 18.
Rainfall, 2.98 inches. Snow, 21 inches.
Rainfall for the year (1916) 34.33 inches.

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BELLA COOLA, B. C., SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1916.

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Russians Annihilate Turkish Regiments

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—Official communication. "Contrary to the enemy's assertion, the Russian offensive is developing favorably in Persia and the Caucasus. The Russians captured strong Turkish positions with relatively slight losses, taking from the enemy 12 guns, huge quantities of munitions and numerous prisoners. Some of the Turkish regiments were annihilated."

Zeppelins Destroyed

Amsterdam, Jan. 18.—A Maestricht newspaper reports that the gun fire of the French has destroyed two Zeppelins north of Rheims. The aircraft are said to have fallen within the German lines.

Austrian Aeroplanes Drop Bombs on Ancona

Rome, Jan. 18.—Italians have destroyed part of Port Raibl, Trentino. There is no change on the Carso plateau. Vigorous fighting on the heights of Ostavia is being carried on. Four Austrian aeroplanes drop bombs on the city of Ancona, with the result of one person killed, but other damage slight.

Germans Fall Back

Kiev, Russia, Jan. 18.—Lutsk, the important fortress of Volhynia, one of the triangle of fortifications there is being evacuated by the Germans, according to information obtained from prisoners that have recently arrived here from the southwestern front.

To Investigate Atrocities

Milan, Jan. 18.—As a result of Cardinal Mercier's, primate of Belgium, visit to Rome the Pope has decided to investigate the Belgian atrocities independently.

Prisoners Escape

St. John, N. B., Jan. 18.—12 German prisoners escaped from the detention camp at Amherst, N. S., today.

Flashes of News

Brandon, Jan. 18.—Two bodies were recovered and two more are buried in the ice covered ruins of the Syndicate Block. Fire loss is estimated at \$300,000.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 18.—Col. Valles, a bandit chief, has been captured and was executed today by a firing squad at Juarez.

Mukden, China, Jan. 18.—The Manchu dynasty has been proclaimed in eastern Mongolia.

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 18.—A tornado swept the Midway oil district, blowing down 400 derricks and causing two hundred and fifty thousand dollars damage

Fleet Searching for Submarine Bases

London, Jan. 18.—An Anglo-French fleet is searching inlets among the Greek islands with the object of discovering the bases of the Austro-German submarines.

The Turks remove 400 guns from the Gallipoli peninsula to Zanthia, eastward of the allied lines at Saloniki.

One hundred and twenty thousand Teutons are now massed at Gievgehl.

Hundreds of Bulgarians killed and a large number wounded at the bombardment of Petrisi by a squadron of twenty-five aeroplanes.

General Sarrail, commander of the French army at Saloniki, is given supreme command of the allied forces.

French and British troops have landed at Corinth, Greece, forty-eight miles from Athens.

Ministers of the Central Powers stationed at Athens have been ordered to destroy the archives of their legations to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Entente Powers.

Greece Still Neutral

London, Jan. 19.—It is stated at the foreign office that no news has been received confirming the statements from German sources of new developments in Greece and that the reports are untrue.

German Spy Escapes

New York, Jan. 18.—Ignatius T. Lincoln, a former member of the British parliament, a confessed German spy held here pending outcome of extradition proceedings of England, escaped from custody last Saturday.

The American Federation of Labor has decided in favor of the president's policy of preparedness.

Civic Elections at Van- couver and P. Rupert

Vancouver, Jan. 18.—As a result of the elections the following are the civic officers for this year: Mayor, Malcom McBeath, 334 majority. Aldermen: Ward 1, Thomas H. Kirk; Ward 2, Walter Hamilton; Ward 3, W. C. Marshall; Ward 4, Dr. McIntosh; Ward 5, Charles F. Mahon; Ward 6, R. H. Gale; Ward 7, Frank Woodside; Ward 8, F. Rogers.

Schoolboard: Dr. W. H. Lang, Fred Welsh, J. R. Seymour, H. C. McKim, Mrs. Irene Moody, A. M. Harper, A. C. Stewart.

License commissioners: Thomas Duke and Walter Leek.

Park Board: Jonathan Rogers, M. S. Logan, G. W. Hutchings, W. R. Owen and A. E. Lees.

At Prince Rupert, McCaffrey was elected mayor.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Venture arrived last Friday evening on the south-bound trip nearly on schedule time. What with the cold weather and an unusually strong wind the passengers reported the trip to be one of the roughest experienced in the inside passage.

The arrivals were: Sergeant Lauretson, recruiting officer, and R. O. Jennings, road-superintendent.

R. O. Jennings intends to prolong his stay with us for two weeks as there are several matters in regard to public works needed for the coming season which he will investigate and take under consideration. The community feels confident that Mr. Jennings will give its affairs the careful attention and sympathetic consideration which they deserve.

Among the late arrivals must not be forgotten a big bouncing boy the stork brought to Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Saugstad at the hospital on Sunday. Mother and child are fine and Gunnar is now wearing his broadest smile.

In our last issue we inadvertently made the mistake of stating that Ed. Grant was with the 102nd Battalion at Comox. It should be Sam Grant. Ed is at Victoria and it is said he will depart for France next month as he has joined the Ammunition Corps.

Mrs. E. C. Clayton is paying her friends at Namu a visit.

Miss Marjorie Clayton was on the sick list last week, but we are glad to state that she has fully recovered.

Bella Coola is at present enjoying ideal winter weather. The wind has stopped, the air is crisp and cold, the sky is clear, the sunshine bright by day and the nights are beautiful in the moon-

Mount Lovcen It Is Claimed Was Given Up

Rome, Jan. 18, via London, Jan. 19.—The charge that Montenegrins agreed with Austria even before the outbreak of war, to cede Mount Lovcen and that the defense of the mountain was only sufficient to lull the suspicions of the Entente Allies, is made by the correspondent of the Idea Nazionale. Italy recently sent an enormous quantity of provisions to revictual the Montenegrin and Serbian armies, but the provisions were left rotting on the quays at Sagrovanni di Medaa, Albania, although there were plenty of means for transport to the interior.

Socialists Create Disorder

Amsterdam, Jan. 18.—Disorderly scenes in the Prussian Diet was caused by the Socialists demanding the independence of Belgium.

light. The sleighing is not as good in places as might be desired. In the more exposed stretches of the road the wind has swept the snow off, but big loads are being hauled over the roads however.

The owners of the sawmills in our neighborhood and many of the farmers are availing themselves of the fine weather and are busily engaged in logging operations.

Never in the history of Bella Coola has the ice been in such fine conditions for skating. And it is not only the young people who indulge in the greatest of pastimes, but also the older venture forth and in the enjoyment of the sport forget advancing years and feel their youths renewed. The night does not offer any obstacles as the moonlight has fascinations superior to those of the sunshine.

A Great Meeting.

Without any special effort having been made it is said by those who have kept account of the number of men who have gone to join the colors from Bella Coola are 28. As this community number less than 300 people, men, women and children, the showing compares favorably with other sections of the country. But the recent call for more men to go forth to fight the battles of the Empire makes it necessary to make further sacrifices.

With the object of making a further appeal to the men of military age in the place, recruiting-sergeant Lauretson of Prince Rupert, came here Friday, last week. How many men he has been able to secure before his departure we cannot at the time of writing this tell. What we can tell is how many added their names to the rolls at a recruiting meeting held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Tuesday evening this week. In spite of the short notice of the meeting it proved to be the greatest gathering of people that ever met in that hall. People from the townsite in nearly every available sleigh, hitched to two and four horse teams, struck out early in the afternoon for the place of meeting in order to be on hand in good time, and it may be noted that their passage through the settlement was made known to the residents along the road by noises other than of sleigh bells. Nearly all the other parts of the valley were represented by nearly every person that could get there, so that by the appointed time of the meeting at 7:30 the seating capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost.

It became the task of C. Carison, as chairman, to hold the enthusiasm of the audience in check. The recruiting officer and Ingvald Urseth were the

only other persons seated on the platform.

The meeting opened by Rev. W. H. Gibson leading the audience in prayer for the success of the righteous cause of the Allies.

Mrs. S. Le C. Grant gave an instrumental solo, followed by a song by Miss Addie Gibson.

It may be noted here that while every performer received loud and long applause, as the program was proceeded with the enthusiasm grew steadily stronger so that by the time it was over the cheers of the people nearly raised the roof of the building.

Following Miss Gibson's solo, the chairman made a short speech in which he tried to enumerate the great principles involved in the struggle and that as an outcome a new era of enduring peace would dawn upon the earth.

He was followed by Miss Ruth Nordschow singing a solo, then Dr. W. J. Quinlan gave a short speech from a military point of view. He is well qualified to do so as he has held the position of major in the artillery and is now, although on the shady side of life, trying his best to enter the service in a position befitting his training.

Tollef P. Saugstad gave a selection on his violin, and Miss Hallows brought down the house with a humorous recitation. Miss Addie Gibson rendered another solo, and then S. Le C. Grant gave his great recitation "The Flag," at the ending of which the audience rose and gave three cheers for that far-flung flag, the emblem of liberty and justice wherever it waves. Miss Marjorie Clayton followed with a solo, when the floor was given to the recruiting officer who made a short speech, at the end of which six men came forward amid the applause of the crowd and signed the roll. They were: Harry Gustafson, Charles Wood, Ingvald Urseth, Charles Taylor, Fred Anderson and William Gordon. While the men were being enrolled the chairman read a letter from H. G. Anderson expressing regret of his inability to be present but also his decision to enlist with the other men.

Miss Nordschow was called upon and gave another solo, and then the audience rose and sang "God Save the King." Immediately following three cheers and

NOTICE.

A Concert

in aid of the Red Cross Society will be held in the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, SATURDAY, 22ND of January, at 7:30 p. m.

Admission: Adults 50c.; Children 25c.

A good musical program has been prepared.

a tiger were given for the recruits.

The program being over the ladies brought in coffee, cakes and sandwiches, and the supply was so bounteous that everybody had all they wished and then some.

The audience dispersed about 10 o'clock expressing entire satisfaction with the meeting.

Rumors are rife and seem to be reliable that by-elections will be held in the middle of February, followed by the assembling of the legislature and that the general election will take place about April 1.

The Bella Coola Temperance Society held its annual meeting at the Hagensborg Church on Sunday afternoon, January 16.

The meeting was presided over by the president of the society, Mr. O. C. Olsen.

It opened with prayer, led by Mr. H. O. Hanson. A committee to make proposals how the forces in favor of prohibition may be organized for effective work reported:

It was decided that a public meeting be called as soon as possible at the Lower Bella Coola schoolhouse, where steps should be taken to co-operate with the provincial organization known as The People's Prohibition Movement. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Another committee reported that badges had been ordered for the use of the members.

The report of the officers were then received. The president reported that six meetings had been held during the year, that the attendance had been very good and that there were now 73 members of good standing.

The treasurer's report showed the finances to be in a healthy state. With no debts and very little in the treasury.

As a result of Hjalmar Schulstad's canvas of the audience for new members, four joined the society.

The following were elected officers: O. C. Olsen, president; John Widsten, vice-president; H. Schulstad, secretary; G. B. Olsen, treasurer.

Sven Svendsen and Clara Widsten were appointed a committee on program.

The meeting had by this time transacted all the business that had been presented and gave itself over to the enjoyment of the program, which, however, had to be abbreviated because of its length. The program as rendered were a song by the Misses Widsten accompanied by Miss Fredland, and speeches and readings by John A. Sylvester and P. Lauritson. The audience dispersed after joining in a song.

Church Notice

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

Mr. C. Carlson will conduct the service.

All Are Welcome.

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, JAN. 22, 1916.

A Changed Front.

About the time when the great change took place in the government and Sir Richard was appointed agent-general in London, the members of the government and the press were very loud, yes, rather suspiciously loud, in their praises of 'the splendid services' rendered the country by the retiring agent-general, Hon. J. H. Turner.

But it seemed that these effusions did not impress Mr. Turner sufficiently to restrain his indignation of the manner in which he had been gotten out of the way. He used some plain language and said among other things that he had been 'kicked out.'

That Mr. Turner did not show the proper respect for the constituted authorities and ready submission to their decree aroused the ire of Premier Bowser and his organs and the comments they now make upon the value of Mr. Turner's services are not quite as flattering as they were a few days before.

The last mail brings us the information that on January 6th Turner telegraphed his resignation, upon the receipt of which Premier Bowser made some ungracious references to the old gentleman's memory of his own decisions, and to his complaint that he was practically kicked out.

In addition to this information we can do no better than quote part of an editorial in the Vancouver World, which throws further light upon the changed estimate of the government organs upon a worthy servant's career:

"The News-Advertiser found editorially that the placing of Admiralty orders for lumber in California, Oregon and Washington showed that it was 'high time that British Columbia should have as agent in London the most capable and influential officer available.' It added that 'with all respect to Mr. Turner it was impossible of late years that he could be more than a routine official,' and explained that with Sir Richard on the spot the 'Admiralty would be instructed and advised beforehand.'

"The public would be interested to know at what date the government found Mr. Turner and his office inefficient. Was it

this month or last year? Was not the explanation of Sir Richard's protracted presence in London last summer that he was detained looking after those identical war orders? Did he fail to do so, and if he was in London for that purpose, why blame Mr. Turner?"

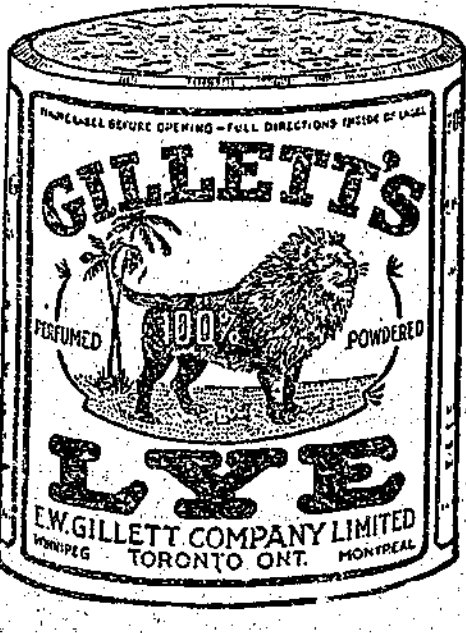
Charged With Fraud and Deceit.

Mackenzie and Mann, who have been able to work the British Columbian for as much as they had the effrontery to ask for, have, according to a late despatch from Vancouver, been sued by the Pacific Properties Limited for one and a half million dollars damages for fraud and deceit over the sale of some real estate in Port Mann in 1912. The plaintiffs claim that it was represented to them at that time that Port Mann would become the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Northern system.

It has for a long time been suspected that Mackenzie and Mann were not above securing the money of the public through fraud and deceit, as expressed in the complaint of the Pacific Properties Limited, and when we view the success this unscrupulous concern has had in its every dealing with the British Columbia government, it is reasonable to suspect that they have not forsaken their nature in their business transactions with the province.

It is no doubt very probable that astute men like Mr. Bowser and Sir Richard have knowledge of shady transactions on the part of Mackenzie and Mann and that the province also has suffered because of them. While it would be uncharitable to charge Sir Richard and Hon. W. J. Bowser with being parties to their fraudulent transactions, yet it would be a grave reflection upon their capableness as business men to doubt that they are ignorant of them. And that Bowser and Sir Richard have been hoodwinked on many occasions by these same gentlemen is the most charitable view to hold when we consider the situation Mackenzie and Mann have placed the province in.

GILLETTS' LYE EATS DIRT



Tatlow and Fulton resigned from their honorable positions as ministers of the crown rather than enter into the subsequent transactions of the government with the piratical firm, and it is the duty of the voters of British Columbia to see to it that those members of the government who have been guilty of being entrapped by Mackenzie and Mann; the members of the legislature who have assented to the foolish deals and the press and party which have defended them, all receive a well earned rebuke in the coming election by being defeated at the polls.

Disapproved of By His Supporters.

Not so very long ago a member of the local Conservative Association met a friend of the opposite camp, whom we shall call Liberal.

Their conversation centred on the change in the British Columbia government. The Liberal remarked:

"William Manson seems not to believe in telling his constituents what has become of all the money charged up to Bella Coola."

Conservative: "We have other ways of getting at that kind of information."

Liberal: "I am curious to know, how?"

Conservative: "Why that is easy. All the Conservative Association has to do is to request the road foreman to let it know how much money has been spent on public works for wages under his foremanship; and as regards other expenditures the local accountant can give all the information wanted. At the next

annual meeting of the Conservative Association steps will be taken to secure this information and thus we will show Mr. Manson he will not be able to block us in that fashion."

Our readers will have observed in the account of the annual meeting of the Conservative Association, as reported in our last issue, that a motion was passed to the effect that such information be secured.

This is on similar lines as a request made by the Courier to Mr. Manson in our issue of October 30th, which request Mr. Manson thought fit to ignore, but the reasonableness and timeliness of the request was such as to commend itself to the Conservatives and now they are seeking the same information, although from different sources.

Our hope is that when the Association receives such information it will not bury it in its archives to remain a secret to the community interested, but give it the publicity all public matters should receive.

In a Righteous Cause.

In reading articles of neutral origin expressions will be found which refer to the warring nations of Europe as war-mad. The writers of these articles seem to see no adequate reason why Russia, France, Italy and Britain should keep up the war; they seem to be blind to the great principles for which these nations are fighting. They do not consider that the war was forced upon the Entente Allies by a nation which, through great prosperity, had grown very strong and at the same time so proud and arrogant that she did not consider it necessary to have any regard for her neighbors.

Any proposals made to her for reduction of armament, the submission of disputes to arbitration were always rejected, and finally she considered herself sufficiently strong in men, finances and armaments to defy the other great powers of the world, trample upon the weaker nations and violate her solemn treaties.

The Entente Allies are not war-mad, but they feel that those who fight in a righteous cause must never yield!

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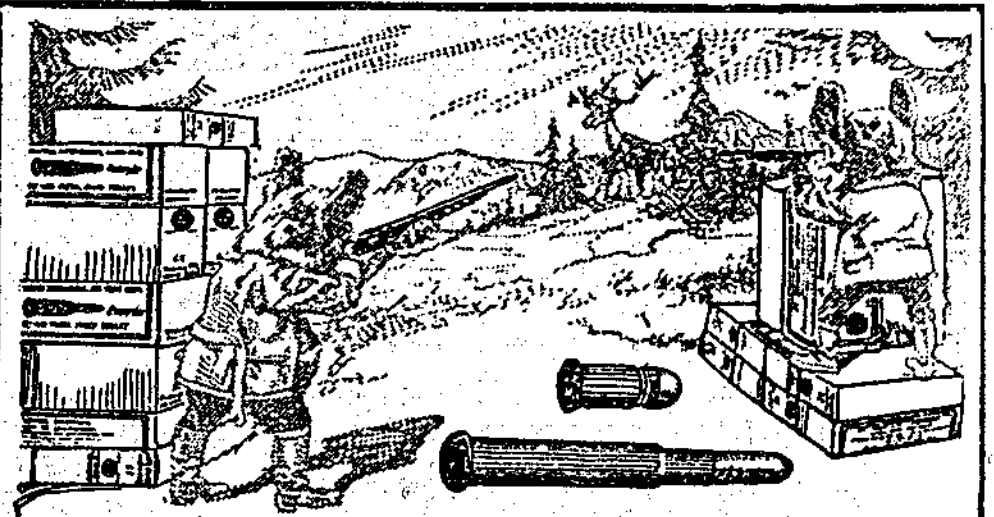
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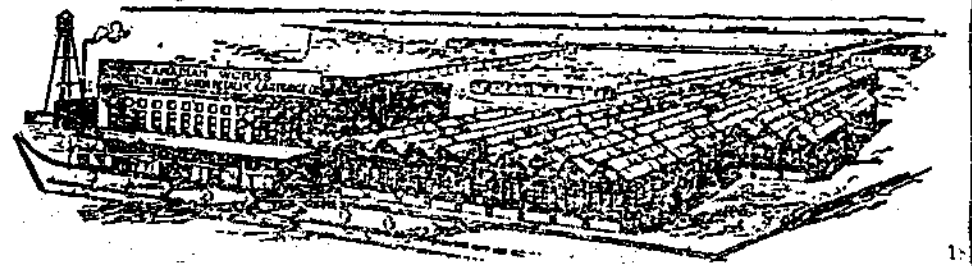
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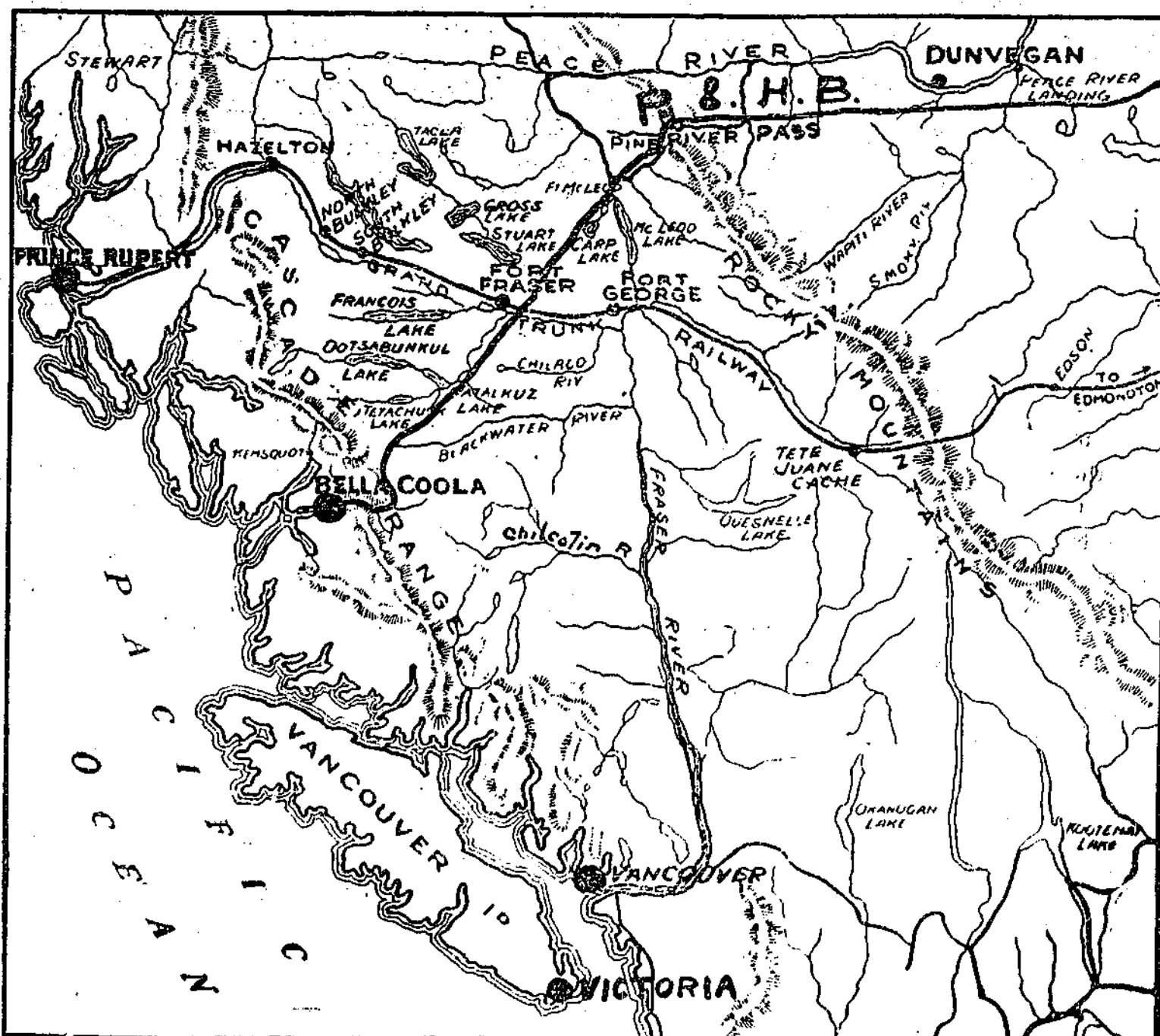
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The Governor of Kansas Speaks:
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opinion the prohibitory law is the greatest blessing ever bestowed on the state and the greatest instrument in its prosperity. The law has never been so well enforced as now, and has never been so generally approved by the people of the state. Most of them are enthusiastically in

favor of it. This enthusiastic approval has good foundation. Kansas is the wealthiest state of the Union per capita. The average wealth per capita in Kansas is \$1629.61. The second state is Massachusetts with a per capita wealth of \$1353.47, or nearly twenty per cent less. Kansas has a much larger relative number of young men and women in college than any other state according to the census of 1910. The percentage of illiteracy in Kansas is lower than in any other state in the Union except one. Thirty-two states in Kansas have abandoned their poor farms. Forty-eight counties out of one hundred and five did not send a prisoner to the penitentiary last year. The per capita consumption of liquor in the United States is twenty-one dollars yearly. In Kansas it is three dollars and four cents. Kansas, says governor, thus saves thirty million dollars every year directly. The indirect gain is not subject to computation, but it is certainly greater still.

There is no doubt that prohibition pays, morally, financially, socially, educationally and politically. The liquor traffic is the greatest handicap from which our civilization suffers. Where it is done away with a hundred problems which vex the head and heart of the social reformer solve themselves and the greater part of the remainder are shorn of more than half their formidable character.

India Is Loyal.

Great efforts have been made by Germany and her sympathizers to stir up revolt against British rule in India, but we are glad to note these efforts have failed.

The Ottawa Free Press contains the report of a meeting held in Ottawa on December 10, addressed by Dr. Rostum Rostumjee of Bombay, at which he declared that India stands behind the Empire to a man and "shall stand there till the enemies of liberty and civilization are beaten to death."

The meeting was largely attended and distinguished by the presence of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

Dr. Rostumjee further stated: "We can send out millions of men and tons of gold if Britain can train and equip our men, utilize our means and accept our sacrifices on the altar of duty and humanity. Already 250,000 troops have been sent by the Indian Empire to help the British cause in the various theatres of war."

Speaking of the impression that enemies of the Empire had tried to give out that India was seditious and disloyal, and of the attempt and hope of Teutonic diplomats to stir up a revolt as one of the means of complicating the situation for Britain, he said: "Never for one moment did I fear such a dire calamity, not so great for India as for England itself."

To more clearly show the significance of India's attitude, the lecturer briefly reviewed the political situation in that country previous to the war, and showed how the people were lined up.

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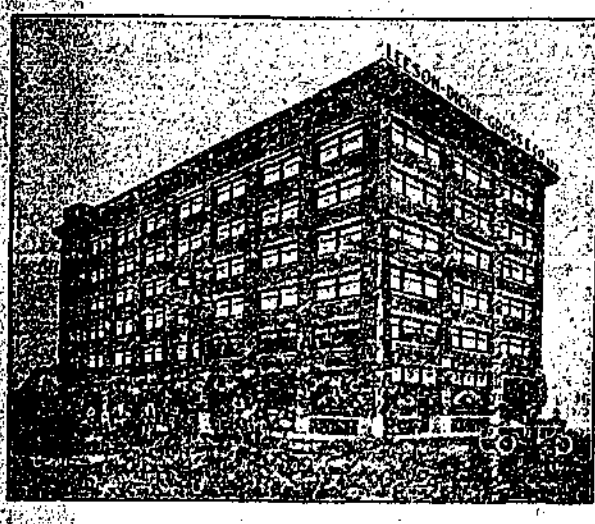
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