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WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the
Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 33. Minimum, 24.
Highest Max. (9th) 45. Lowest Min. (30th) 12
Below zero. Rainfall, 3.51. Snow 16 in.
Rainfall for the year (1916) 40.89 inches.

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American Lives Lost When Laconia Sunk May Precipitate War Between U. S. and Germany

"Overt Act" Committed U. S. Action Awaited

Washington, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia with the loss of American lives is, according to highest official interpretation, a clear cut case and no investigation necessary. This became known by the administration's attitude following a conference at the White House between Secretary Lansing and President Wilson.

Many officials believe that Germany committed "overt act" against the United States and declare that the situation is now in the hands of Congress. Quick and positive action should be forthcoming.

President and his cabinet will have all facts available before them when they go into session this afternoon.

No decision reached, Senate wrangle over President's request giving him power to arm American ships carrying munitions. Committee meet again at 4 p. m. today. Five hundred million dollars naval bill threatened with delay and defeat through one-man filibuster, Senator LaFollette.

Germany Says U. S. Action Without Parallel

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Von Bethmann Hollweg in the Reichstag today said President Wilson's action was without parallel, he had yet to be informed why relations had been broken off. The chancellor's statements in the Reichstag embraces old argument Britain all to blame. Germany demands reparation and guarantees for the future.

Will Congress Declare War?

New York, Mar. 1.—Senator Col. F. Hale, who arrived from England on board the Finland today, says Allies are jubilant over United States break with Germany for its moral effect.

Survivors tell stories of sinking of Laconia by Huns. Passengers heard muffled noise like slamming of a door when first torpedo got home. A Negro and a fireman nearly caused a panic when they yelled "get away from ship, when water hits boiler she will blow up and there's tons of shrapnel in the hold." Officers quickly assumed command and the departure was quite orderly. Passengers spoke to submarine commander, brutal indifference shown by U boat officer to plight of survivors.

Leading American papers declare President Wilson is compelled to make his words good. Bound in honor to seek declaration of war from Congress.

Chancellor Hollweg's belligerent speech in the Reichstag is interpreted as being against the United States.

British Advance— Bapaume May Fall

London, Feb. 28.—The British advance along the Ancre river attained a depth of two miles and extends along a front about eleven miles, according to official reports.

Bapume, which has been declared would fall only after the "greatest price had been paid" by the victorious army, is now directly threatened owing to the greatest German retirement that has taken place since "stationary warfare" began more than two years ago. The newly occupied ground opens up many possibilities to British forces. Hostile attack on the Somme was repulsed with heavy losses.

British steamers Headly, 4953 tons, and the Aries, 3071 tons, have been sunk.

Official figures in the Laconia disaster are: total number of passengers and crew 294; survivors landed at Queenstown 267; survivors landed at Bantry 14; drowned 5; died from exposure and buried at sea 8; in hospital 6. Two American women among the thirteen killed.

Austin Hoy, an American business man whose mother and sister were killed by the sinking of the Laconia, wired President Wilson demanding him to avenge the deed, otherwise he would enlist in the British army.

London papers construe the sinking of the Laconia as an "overt act" against the States.

London, Mar. 1.—Gen. Haig's troops still closing in on Bapaume they are less than two miles today. German retreat has slowed down considerably, strong resistance now being encountered in forward sweep of British troops. Ground is sea of mud from recent thaws and stretching across this ocean of slime are crisscrossed mile upon miles of barbed wire. Apparently Germany counted upon this slippery footing and barbed wire obstacles to hamper the British advance after their retreat. Patrols have not yet found indications of line selected by Germans in their retreat for next stand.

Turks on the Retreat

London, Mar. 1.—British forces giving the retreating Turks beyond Kut-El-Amara no chance to reform their columns. Pursuit continuing and retreating enemy forces are being engaged on three sides. Enemy forced to abandon stores, guns thrown into Tigris river, including howitzers. British gunboat recaptured.

Paris, Mar. 1.—Double event British victories and progress at Kut-El-Amara and on the Ancre front are welcomed here. French military experts still doubt exact military importance.

Danger of United States Being Involved in the War

Washington, Mar. 1.—United States closer to war today than past weeks. Despite the danger of war a filibustering spirit is brewing in the Senate and threatens the destruction of the bill giving

the president authority to protect American rights. However, it is expected that Congress will give President Wilson what he wants. Germany still holds Americans on board the Yarrowdale.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun managed to lose another two hours on her last trip. She arrived in Bella Coola four o'clock Saturday afternoon. But considering the gale that blowed during the whole week and at her arrival it was quite an accomplishment to arrive at all. The fury of the wind was responsible for the wrecking of a corner of the wharf which is undergoing extensive repairs.

Tollef Saugstad arrived after a stay of a few weeks at Vancouver familiarizing himself with the running and taking care of the sanitary system of canning which is installed at the local cannery.

There will be no hitch in the running of the machinery at the cannery this season if Tollef has full swing.

Dr. E. M. Sutherland left for a two weeks absence to Victoria. As her husband, Wm. Sutherland, having enlisted in the naval service, is stationed at Esquimaux it is presumed she went to bid him farewell prior to his departure for active service on the Atlantic patrol.

The unusually high wind prevailing during the last week made it impossible to proceed with the work repairing the wharf. The weather at the beginning of this week has moderated, however, and everybody having work to do in the open air have resumed their cheerfulness.

Albert Hamner, leading rancher in the Noosatsum settlement, paid our burg a short visit at the beginning of the week.

We are indebted to H. C. Helgesen, Metchosin, for an article Re organization of Farmers, published on the third page.

As an outcome of the work done by Mr. Helgesen and others there has, since this article was written, been formed a Provincial Association of Farmers for mutual help and co-operation. Co-operation among the farmers is, outside the war, the great question at present and it is satisfactory to know that the farmers in this vicinity are alive to its importance and will give it a fair trial.

We shall have more to say of this new organization next week.

As the fishing industry is one of the important assets of Bella Coola, together with the rest of the Coast, we deem it of interest to our readers to publish the results of a visit to Ottawa by a delegation from Prince Rupert to interview the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in regard to some needed changes in the fishing regulations.

In their report to the citizens of Prince Rupert, the delegation express their gratitude to Mr. Hazen, the minister of Marine and Fisheries, H. L. Clements, M. P., Mr. Cunningham, chief inspector of fisheries for British Columbia, and Mr. McIntyre, deputy-minister of fisheries, for the cordial and sympathetic attention given to them and assistance rendered.

The chief changes effected by the able presentation of the case by the delegation may be summarized as follows:

The license for the taking of herring by gill net will be good for any part of District No. 2, and the fee for such license reduced to \$1.00.

Arrangements will be made with the cannery operators to supply those engaged in fishing for halibut with salmon for bait at the price salmon are worth for canning purposes.

Licenses for new canneries within certain areas will be granted at the rate of one each season until all applications are met. (This will probably insure another cannery for Bella Coola.)

There will be no limit to the number of lines that might be used for trolling for salmon.

The minister hoped to arrange during the coming season for the starting of investigations for the discovery of halibut banks, herring and other fish grounds.

After this year all those receiving licenses will be permitted to dispose of their fish as they may see fit.

After this year motor boats will be allowed in all parts of District No. 2.

It is the policy of the department to establish and erect hatcheries as speedily as conditions generally will permit.

At a subsequent meeting held in Prince Rupert a resolution was passed asking the provincial

government to agree to such of these changes as concerned the regulations ordered by the Province.

Ocean Falls News.

The Ocean Falls Red Cross Society did itself justice last week by the holding of a concert in aid of the Red Cross Material Fund, which proved to be the great success of the season.

That the residents of the town at this time expected to enjoy something unusual was evident by the way they turned out en masse for the occasion.

The concert was held in the new Red Cross building erected by the company, and it was filled to the very doors.

The difficult problem of keeping the enthusiasm of this crowd within bounds was delegated to Dr. Christie who, as chairman, looked over the audience assisted by the three superintendents, J. S. Connell, R. S. Nevin and C. R. Lewthwaite, who were at his side to the close of the program.

In order to do justice to the very excellent program it is necessary to give it in full:

First Part.

Chorus - "Tenting on the old Camp Ground"

The ladies of the Red Cross.

Song - "The Vale of Dreams"

Mr. I. R. Cox.

Reading - Selected

Miss Griffiths.

Pianoforte duet

a. "The Minstrel Boy"

b. "The Men of Harlech"

Mrs. F. Morrell, Miss Gibbons.

Song - "Un Peu D'Amour"

Mrs. Whittington.

Song - "The Bonnie, Bonnie Heather"

Master A. Whittington.

Reading - Selected

Mrs. Rattenbury.

Song - "Sunshine and Rain"

Mrs. De Boyne.

Song - Selected

Mr. Moxon.

Reading - Selected

Mr. T. Hamilton.

Song - "The Young Brigade"

Mr. Penn.

Song - "Mother Machree"

Mr. Tobin.

Chairman's remarks.

Second Part.

Pianoforte solo

Mr. Penn.

Song - "The Sunshine of Your Smile"

Mrs. Whittington.

Stump speech

Mr. Graham.

Song - "Toilers of the Deep"

Mr. Rattenbury.

Ventriloquist: Mr. I. R. Cox.

Mandoline solo - Selected

Mr. Scribner.

Song - Selected

Mr. Whittington.

Recitation

Mr. T. Hamilton.

Violin solo - Humoreske

Mr. Carpenter.

Song - "The Deathless Army"

Mr. Penn.

Speech by Mr. Connell.

Chorus - "The Maple Leaf"

The Ladies.
"God Save the King."

Mrs. F. Morrell, L. L. C. M., took on the role of accompanist. That the chairman went through his part of the ordeal creditably was testified to by a vote of thanks at the end of the concert.

The proceeds netted over \$70. The success of the performance will be the incentive for the enterprising members of the Red Cross Society to have another equally successful in the near future.

Indians Wanted for Forestry Battalion

Iver Fougner, Indian agent, has received from Mr. A. M. Tyson, inspector of Indian agencies, the following self-explanatory letter, dated Vancouver, January 20th, asking that it be published:

"I have been requested by the department of Indian affairs to take charge of the recruiting of Indians and Half-breeds throughout the Province of British Columbia for the Forestry and Railway Battalions now being organized. I have consented to take up this work and am now preparing for an active recruiting campaign.

"The Indians and Half-breeds will not be required to go into the firing line, but will be confined to Forestry and Railway work.

"The remuneration that these Indians and Half-breeds will receive will be \$1.10 per day, food, clothing and bed. In the case of married men, their wives will receive \$20.00 per month separation allowance from the Government. They will also receive from the Patriotic Fund as follows:

For a childless wife, married before enlistment - \$10.00
For wife with children: -
Grant to wife - 17.50
For 1 child, between 10 and 15 - 7.50
" 1 " " 5 and 10 - 4.50
" 1 " " under 5 - 3.00
And for all other children (irrespective of age) each child - 3.00
Maximum grant, - 42.50

NOTE.—All children over 15 years of age are considered self-supporting.

"In addition to the above, each married man will be expected to assign to his wife not less than \$15.00 per month.

"Transportation will be provided these Indians and Half-breeds from the place of enlistment to headquarters at Vancouver or other point designated.

"The status of the Indians and Half-breeds who enlist will be the same as white men, and, I understand, they will receive the same benefits and consideration after the war as white men who enlist."

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.

Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

Preacher:

Rev. Hans Sageng, A. B.

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1917.

No False Peace.

An Important Expression
of Neutral Opinion.

When the pacifists or the peace-at-any-price people, accuse the Entente powers of being war mad, actuated by hate and many other evil things, it is refreshing to read what some of the foremost clergymen and other prominent religious leaders in the United States say about a premature peace based on unrighteous terms.

We publish below a declaration signed by some seventy of these men of the foremost clergymen and other religious leaders in the United States, which they have issued to the world on the subject of making peace before victory for the right has been attained.

We have not the space to publish their names; but we would point out as they are learned in the scriptures and the laws of righteousness their words should have more than ordinary weight:

"When war drenches Europe in blood, it is natural that we Americans should shudder at the sight. To call upon the combatants to stop the carnage is an impulse so strong that it even tends to displace judgment and distort values. We are apt to forget, at any rate for the time being, that there are conditions under which the mere stopping of warfare may bring a curse instead of a blessing. We need to be reminded that peace is the triumph of righteousness and not the mere sheathing of the sword. To clamor for an ending of the present war without insuring the vindication of truth, justice and honor is not to seek peace but to sow disaster.

"Because it is so easy to lose sight of these essential principles, we, the undersigned, view with some concern the organized and deliberate effort now being made so to stampede Christian sentiment as to create a public opinion blindly favorable to stopping hostilities without adequate consideration of the issues which the war involves.

"We are Christians, and, as such, deem that truth and righteousness are to be maintained inviolate, even at the sacrifice of physical life. We are citizens of the United States, and, as such, are conscious of the solemn responsibilities of our Christian citizenship. We accordingly ven-

ture to direct the attention of our fellow-Christians to a few of the vital issues which are making their mute appeal for final decision.

"The ravage of Belgium and the enslavement of her people: was it right or wrong?"

"The massacre of a million Armenians: was it a permissible precaution or an unpardonable crime?"

"The desolation of Serbia and Poland: was this a regrettable necessity or a frightful injustice?"

The destruction of life through the sinking of the Lusitania and of other merchant ships: was this an ordinary incident of warfare or was it deliberate and premeditated murder?"

"The starvation of Jews and Syrians in the Holy Land: is this an accident of economics or a violation of the laws of God and man?"

"The attempt to array Moslems against Christians in a 'Holy War': was it a laudable act of imperial statemanship or was it the treachery of a Christian monarch?"

"The intimidation of small nations and the violation of international agreements: are these things excusable under provocation or damnable under all circumstances?"

"In the presence of these pending and as yet unsettled issues we feel impelled to warn our brethren against those who cry 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace. The just God, who withheld not his own Son from the cross, would not look with favor upon a people who put their fear of pain and death, their dread of suffering and loss, their concern for comfort and ease, above the holy claims of righteousness and justice and freedom and mercy and truth. Much as we mourn the bloodshed in Europe, we lament even more that supineness of spirit, that indifference to spiritual values, which would let mere physical safety take precedence of loyalty to truth and duty. The memory of all the saints and martyrs cries out against such backsliding of mankind. Sad is our lot if we have forgotten how to die for a holy cause.

"We solemnly declare to you our conviction that the question of all questions for our immediate consideration is this: 'Shall the ancient Christian inheritance of loyalty to great and divine ideals be replaced by considerations of mere expediency?'"



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The British in Earnest.

The British people have again declared in no uncertain tones their determination to carry on the war and to make still further sacrifices to gain a decisive victory.

It may have been with some fear and trembling that the authorities given the task of furnishing the enormous amounts necessary to carry on the war from day to day undertook the seemingly herculean or almost impossible task of raising another loan; this time of an unlimited amount, but desiring it to be about equal to two and one half billion dollars. But in a campaign of about five weeks the response was so hearty that not only was the amount expected raised, but one billion dollars in excess. The exact amount is not yet known but it is estimated to be £700,000,000 or three and one half billion dollars.

And the ease with which this

loan was made and the investments still being made in other securities make it seemingly safe to predict that within a reasonable length of time a similar loan can be raised says the London Times.

This vast amount just raised is equal to the entire debt of Great Britain before the war. It is raised at a time when the government is levying a taxation of 2 1-2 billion dollars. And, furthermore, the loan was made without any special appeal to the banks or great financial institutions. It was in every sense a popular loan, to which the many small subscriptions abundantly testify.

The spirit evinced by the British people in this war, indicating determination, perseverance, self-sacrifice and patriotism, each of the highest order, goes far to explain why Great Britain is a world power in matters essential to the world's progress. And let it be said right here that this power has not in late years at least been abused by oppressing the weaker people, but in establishing justice, ameliorating economic conditions, in the spreading of the blessings of Christianity and civilization.

If this great power of democracy should go down before Teutonic autocracy the world would indeed be relegated backward for centuries both as to condition and progress. Should not the Neutrals also try to prevent such a calamity?

Bella Coola Experimental Plot. Report for 1916

S. Le C. Grant, Experimenter.

Section 2 and 3. South end.

Leeks—Italian: sown (in frame) April 1. Results, good crop.

Peas—Potlatch: sown April 29. Results, excellent crop of large, well-filled pods. Vine 5 feet.

Lettuce—New York: sown 3 successions during year. Results, all produced excellent heads.

Mignonette: sown 3 successions in year. Results, New York firmest and largest.

Chinese cabbage—Wong Bok. Results, New York firmest and largest.

Celery—White Plume and New Rose. Results, both varieties have excellent quality.

Remarks, soil is a black muck and well suited to vegetable growing. Was flooded in early summer for two days, but did little damage. Fertilized with stable manure in Fall. Complete applied in Spring to whole area. Harvested, in season for table use and for sale.

Section 4. Plot 1.

Parsnip—Guernsey: sown May 1; germinated May 28; harvested November 7. Results, set back in cold, dry weather. Yield 3-4 ton.

Potatoes—Table Talk: sown 5 lbs. May 1; germinated May 20; harvested November 7. Results, yield 104 lbs.

Gold Coin: sown 5 lbs. May 1; germinated May 20; harvested November 7. Results, yield 152 lbs.

Whole plot had light application Nitrate Soda before planting.

Plot 2.

Sugar Beet—Royal Giant: sown 2 oz. April 29; germinated May 10; harvested October 9; yield 196 lbs. Results, fair size, good quality.

Danish; sown 2 oz. April 29; germinated May 12; harvested October 9; yield 309 lbs. Results, good crop. Better size and shape than former.

Mangel—Rennie's Giant: sown 2 oz. April 29; germinated May 10; harvested October 10; yield 494 lbs. Results, soil somewhat poor, and season too dry for mangels.

Kale—Thousand Headed: sown 1-4 oz. April 29; germinated May 12; harvested October 6. Results, fair yield, season rather unfavorable.

Potatoes—Dreer's Standard: sown 3 lbs. April 29; germinated May 20; harvested November 6; yield 28 hills 112 lbs.

Empire State; sown 3 lbs. April 29; germinated May 20; harvested November 6; yield 29 hills 85 lbs.

Irish Cobbler: sown 3 lbs. April 29; germinated May 20; harvested November 6; yield 20 hills 80 lbs.

Remarks, all the potatoes were more or less scabby. Ground is run out and wants renewing. Sugar beets and mangels received Thomas Phosphate and Nitrate of Soda about 50 lbs. before sowing.

To be concluded in three issues.

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A Weak Government.

The Borden government is supposed to mean well and trying to do the right thing, but it is nevertheless a government which is weak because it is timid. The premier has promised 500,000 men for overseas service, but this number is still more than 100,000 short with almost no prospects of raising the number promised. The government dare not take any steps that will ensure the full quota; but tries measures which, in the eyes of

the world, is known from the very outset to be vain.

We notice that even supporters of the government are getting tired of this shilly-shallying which brings no results. One measure which was loudly heralded as the acme of practicability was the National Service Enrollment, but it proved only a make-shift which will bring no practical results.

The government is urging production and thrift upon others, but in its own management is

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA,
OCTOBER 7th, 1916.

unable to curb the extravagances of its officials and hangers-on. A case in point is the Ross rifle which has been condemned as being unfit for use in the war as it jams so easily. It is no longer used at all, but still the government is buying them at the rate of 1000 per day to be put on the scrap pile as soon as received. This may be production all right enough, but it is not thrift by a long ways.

As compared with last year the tables are entirely turned as regards Dominion politics.

Then it was the Conservatives who wanted an election and the Liberals opposed, now it is exact-

ly the other way about; this change of attitude is due to a change in the opinion as to the result.

And that it is not confined to this country alone may be gathered from the fact that an influential New York paper recently made the statement that the Borden government was only a "stop-gap" until the Liberals took possession.

Re. Organization of Farmers

As one who is keenly interested in this timely movement for the union of the farmers I would like to point out that it is one of the most important steps the farmers can take and therefore should be joined by them all.

I believe that if the farmers do not make an effort to improve their conditions as they are and have been many of them will go under. To save them this can only be brought about by co-operation and organization.

Now, the time has come when we should organize our forces for mutual benefit; and by organization become the greatest power in the world today. The farmer has labored diligently and honestly, and in doing so he has been conscious of the necessity to be active in one sense, but while he expended his strength in manual labor, the workshop of his brain became dull and cobwebbed, in so far as the proper guarding and distribution of the fruits of his labor were concerned.

He has all along been short-sighted in the marketing of his products. He has ploughed, sown, reaped, and then dumped the fruits of his labor into the lap of the conscientious speculator, who has not hesitated to manipulate to his own selfish interests after allowing the farmer an inequitable portion.

Thus has come about the hold-up of labor's portion, this being only one of the many instances that the producers have been subjected to for centuries, until now after a realization of the unfavorable conditions, an awakening in the heart of the farmers themselves appears to be becoming general. Co-operation and organization is beginning to obtain where it should have been in existence years and years ago.

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THOMAS J. WHITESIDE.

Dated, November 30, 1916. Jan. 6—March

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DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Mark Smaby, of Ocean Falls, B. C., occupation timber cruiser, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Pulp Lease 205; thence North 20 chains; thence East 20 chains; thence North 20 chains; thence East 20 chains; thence South 20 chains; thence East 40 chains; thence South 20 chains; thence East 20 chains; thence South 7 chains more or less to high water mark of Cousin's Inlet; thence following along said high water mark in a westerly direction to a point due east of this post; thence West 12 chains more or less to this post, containing 140 acres more or less.

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Re Organization of Farmers

(Continued from column 3, page 3.)

and a demand is being made by the farmers for a release of labor's portion, and the equitable distribution of the reward of honest industry and thrift.

In obtaining this righteous purpose, it is necessary for the farmer to present to the world a strength greater than that represented by any single individual. He must add to his individuality that of his neighbor, and of his neighbor's neighbor; and so on all along the line of co-operation, until there shall be at the back of the one farmer, and in touch, and in harmony with him, a great phalanx of farmers, a line too long, and too deep and too strong to be injured by the most powerful influences; and then and only then will the individual farmer be dealt with equitably. To bring this about is only a question of organization, of unity of purpose. Let the farmer be thoroughly rooted in co-operation and the branches that will spring from such an entrenchment will be fruitful of mutual benefits and advantages, financially, socially and morally.

The question now is one of organization and co-operation, and if the farmers of British Columbia are successful in the feature of self protection and advancement they may then readily obtain success in their other projects.

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In conclusion I would like to add that there can be no hope for the farmers if their salvation must come from others. Believe me it will never come thus. There must be a power within to do and

thus will he conquer. It is also true that it is not the power you possess, but the power you exert, that makes you a living force. The farmers have the force, but it has been dormant for cen-

turies. Farmers of British Columbia it is time to awaken and exert it now. Will you? HENRY C. HELGESEN, Farmer. Metchosin, B. C.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the
Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 33. Minimum, 24.
Highest Max. (9th) 45. Lowest Min. (30th) 12
below zero. Rainfall, 3.51. Snow 16 in.
Rainfall for the year (1916) 40.89 inches.

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American Lives Lost When Laconia Sunk May Precipitate War Between U. S. and Germany

"Overt Act" Committed U. S. Action Awaited

Washington, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia with the loss of American lives is, according to highest official interpretation, a clear cut case and no investigation necessary. This became known by the administration's attitude following a conference at the White House between Secretary Lansing and President Wilson.

Many officials believe that Germany committed "overt act" against the United States and declare that the situation is now in the hands of Congress. Quick and positive action should be forthcoming.

President and his cabinet will have all facts available before them when they go into session this afternoon.

No decision reached, Senate wrangle over President's request giving him power to arm American ships carrying munitions. Committee meet again at 4 p. m. today. Five hundred million dollars naval bill threatened with delay and defeat through one-man filibuster, Senator LaFollette.

Germany Says U. S. Action Without Parallel

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Von Bethmann Hollweg in the Reichstag today said President Wilson's action was without parallel, he had yet to be informed why relations had been broken off. The chancellor's statements in the Reichstag embraces old argument Britain all to blame. Germany demands reparation and guarantees for the future.

Will Congress Declare War?

New York, Mar. 1.—Senator Col. F. Hale, who arrived from England on board the Finland today, says Allies are jubilant over United States break with Germany for its moral effect.

Survivors tell stories of sinking of Laconia by Huns. Passengers heard muffled noise like slamming of a door when first torpedo got home. A Negro and a fireman nearly caused a panic when they yelled "get away from ship, when water hits boiler she will blow up and there's tons of shrapnel in the hold." Officers quickly assumed command and the departure was quite orderly. Passengers spoke to submarine commander, brutal indifference shown by U boat officer to plight of survivors.

Leading American papers declare President Wilson is compelled to make his words good. Bound in honor to seek declaration of war from Congress.

Chancellor Hollweg's belligerent speech in the Reichstag is interpreted as being against the United States.

British Advance— Bapaume May Fall

London, Feb. 28.—The British advance along the Ancre river attained a depth of two miles and extends along a front about eleven miles, according to official reports.

Bapaume, which has been declared would fall only after the "greatest price had been paid" by the victorious army, is now directly threatened owing to the greatest German retirement that has taken place since "stationary warfare" began more than two years ago. The newly occupied ground opens up many possibilities to British forces. Hostile attack on the Somme was repulsed with heavy losses.

British steamers Headly, 4953 tons, and the Aries, 3071 tons, have been sunk.

Official figures in the Laconia disaster are: total number of passengers and crew 294; survivors landed at Queenstown 267; survivors landed at Bantry 14; drowned 5; died from exposure and buried at sea 8; in hospital 6. Two American women among the thirteen killed.

Austin Hoy, an American business man whose mother and sister were killed by the sinking of the Laconia, wired President Wilson demanding him to avenge the deed, otherwise he would enlist in the British army.

London papers construe the sinking of the Laconia as an "overt act" against the States.

London, Mar. 1.—Gen. Haig's troops still closing in on Bapaume they are less than two miles today. German retreat has slowed down considerably, strong resistance now being encountered in forward sweep of British troops. Ground is sea of mud from recent thaws and stretching across this ocean of slime are criss-crossed mile upon miles of barbed wire. Apparently Germany counted upon this slippery footing and barbed wire obstacles to hamper the British advance after their retreat. Patrols have not yet found indications of line selected by Germans in their retreat for next stand.

Turks on the Retreat

London, Mar. 1.—British forces giving the retreating Turks beyond Kut-El-Amara no chance to reform their columns. Pursuit continuing and retreating enemy forces are being engaged on three sides. Enemy forced to abandon stores, guns thrown into Tigris river, including howitzers. British gunboat recaptured.

Paris, Mar. 1.—Double event British victories and progress at Kut-El-Amara and on the Ancre front are welcomed here. French military experts still doubt exact military importance.

Danger of United States Being Involved in the War

Washington, Mar. 1.—United States closer to war today than past weeks. Despite the danger of war a filibustering spirit is brewing in the Senate and threatens the destruction of the bill giving

the president authority to protect American rights. However, it is expected that Congress will give President Wilson what he wants. Germany still holds Americans on board the Yarrowdale.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun managed to lose another two hours on her last trip. She arrived in Bella Coola four o'clock Saturday afternoon. But considering the gale that blowed during the whole week and at her arrival it was quite an accomplishment to arrive at all. The fury of the wind was responsible for the wrecking of a corner of the wharf which is undergoing extensive repairs.

Tollef Saugstad arrived after a stay of a few weeks at Vancouver familiarizing himself with the running and taking care of the sanitary system of canning which is installed at the local cannery.

There will be no hitch in the running of the machinery at the cannery this season if Tollef has full swing.

Dr. E. M. Sutherland left for a two weeks absence to Victoria. As her husband, Wm. Sutherland, having enlisted in the naval service, is stationed at Esquimaux it is presumed she went to bid him farewell prior to his departure for active service on the Atlantic patrol.

The unusually high wind prevailing during the last week made it impossible to proceed with the work repairing the wharf. The weather at the beginning of this week has moderated, however, and everybody having work to do in the open air have resumed their cheerfulness.

Albert Hammer, leading rancher in the Noosatsum settlement, paid our burg a short visit at the beginning of the week.

We are indebted to H. C. Helgesen, Metchosin, for an article Re organization of Farmers, published on the third page.

As an outcome of the work done by Mr. Helgesen and others there has, since this article was written, been formed a Provincial Association of Farmers for mutual help and co-operation. Co-operation among the farmers is, outside the war, the great question at present and it is satisfactory to know that the farmers in this vicinity are alive to its importance and will give it a fair trial.

We shall have more to say of this new organization next week.

As the fishing industry is one of the important assets of Bella Coola, together with the rest of the Coast, we deem it of interest to our readers to publish the results of a visit to Ottawa by a delegation from Prince Rupert to interview the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in regard to some needed changes in the fishing regulations.

In their report to the citizens of Prince Rupert, the delegation express their gratitude to Mr. Hazen, the minister of Marine and Fisheries, H. L. Clements, M. P., Mr. Cunningham, chief inspector of fisheries for British Columbia, and Mr. McIntyre, deputy-minister of fisheries, for the cordial and sympathetic attention given to them and assistance rendered.

The chief changes effected by the able presentation of the case by the delegation may be summarized as follows:

The license for the taking of herring by gill net will be good for any part of District No. 2, and the fee for such license reduced to \$1.00.

Arrangements will be made with the cannery operators to supply those engaged in fishing for halibut with salmon for bait at the price salmon are worth for canning purposes.

Licenses for new canneries within certain areas will be granted at the rate of one each season until all applications are met. (This will probably insure another cannery for Bella Coola.)

There will be no limit to the number of lines that might be used for trolling for salmon.

The minister hoped to arrange during the coming season for the starting of investigations for the discovery of halibut banks, herring and other fish grounds.

After this year all those receiving licenses will be permitted to dispose of their fish as they may see fit.

After this year motor boats will be allowed in all parts of District No. 2.

It is the policy of the department to establish and erect hatcheries as speedily as conditions generally will permit.

At a subsequent meeting held in Prince Rupert a resolution was passed asking the provincial

government to agree to such of these changes as concerned the regulations ordered by the Province.

Ocean Falls News.

The Ocean Falls Red Cross Society did itself justice last week by the holding of a concert in aid of the Red Cross Material Fund, which proved to be the great success of the season.

That the residents of the town at this time expected to enjoy something unusual was evident by the way they turned out en masse for the occasion.

The concert was held in the new Red Cross building erected by the company, and it was filled to the very doors.

The difficult problem of keeping the enthusiasm of this crowd within bounds was delegated to Dr. Christie who, as chairman, looked over the audience assisted by the three superintendents, J. S. Connell, R. S. Nevin and C. R. Lewthwaite, who were at his side to the close of the program.

In order to do justice to the very excellent program it is necessary to give it in full:

First Part.

Chorus - "Tenting on the old Camp Ground"

The ladies of the Red Cross.

Song - "The Vale of Dreams" Mr. I. R. Cox.

Reading - Selected

Miss Griffiths.

Pianoforte duet

a. "The Minstrel Boy"

b. "The Men of Harlech"

Mrs. F. Morrell, Miss Gibbons.

Song - "Un Peu D'Amour" Mrs. Whittington.

Song - "The Bonnie, Bonnie Heather" Master A. Whittington.

Reading - Selected

Mrs. Rattenbury.

Song - "Sunshine and Rain" Mrs. De Boyne.

Song - Selected

Mr. Moxon.

Reading - Selected

Mr. T. Hamilton.

Song - "The Young Brigade" Mr. Penn.

Song - "Mother Machree" Mr. Tobin.

Chairman's remarks.

Second Part.

Pianoforte solo

Mr. Penn.

Song - "The Sunshine of Your Smile" Mrs. Whittington.

Stump speech

Mr. Graham.

Song - "Toilers of the Deep" Mr. Rattenbury.

Ventriloquist: Mr. I. R. Cox.

Mandoline solo - Selected

Mr. Scribner.

Song - Selected

Mr. Whittington.

Recitation

Mr. T. Hamilton.

Violin solo. - Humoreske

Mr. Carpenter.

Song - "The Deathless Army" Mr. Penn.

Speech by Mr. Connell.

Chorus - "The Maple Leaf"

The Ladies.
"God Save the King."

Mrs. F. Morrell, L. L. C. M., took on the role of accompanist. That the chairman went through his part of the ordeal creditably was testified to by a vote of thanks at the end of the concert.

The proceeds netted over \$70. The success of the performance will be the incentive for the enterprising members of the Red Cross Society to have another equally successful in the near future.

Indians Wanted for Forestry Battalion

Iver Fougner, Indian agent, has received from Mr. A. M. Tyson, inspector of Indian agencies, the following self-explanatory letter, dated Vancouver, January 20th, asking that it be published:

"I have been requested by the department of Indian affairs to take charge of the recruiting of Indians and Half-breeds throughout the Province of British Columbia for the Forestry and Railway Battalions now being organized. I have consented to take up this work and am now preparing for an active recruiting campaign.

"The Indians and Half-breeds will not be required to go into the firing line, but will be confined to Forestry and Railway work.

"The remuneration that these Indians and Half-breeds will receive will be \$1.10 per day, food, clothing and bed. In the case of married men, their wives will receive \$20.00 per month separation allowance from the Government. They will also receive from the Patriotic Fund as follows:

For a childless wife, married before enlistment - \$10.00
For wife with children:
Grant to wife - 17.50
For 1 child, between 10 and 15 - 7.50
" 1 " " 5 and 10 - 4.50
" 1 " " under 5 - 3.00
And for all other children (irrespective of age) each child - 3.00
Maximum grant, - 42.50

NOTE.—All children over 15 years of age are considered self-supporting.

"In addition to the above, each married man will be expected to assign to his wife not less than \$15.00 per month.

"Transportation will be provided these Indians and Half-breeds from the place of enlistment to headquarters at Vancouver or other point designated.

"The status of the Indians and Half-breeds who enlist will be the same as white men, and, I understand, they will receive the same benefits and consideration after the war as white men who enlist."

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.

Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

Preacher:

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1917.

No False Peace.

An Important Expression of Neutral Opinion.

When the pacifists or the peace-at-any-price people, accuse the Entente powers of being war mad, actuated by hate and many other evil things, it is refreshing to read what some of the foremost clergymen and other prominent religious leaders in the United States say about a premature peace based on unrighteous terms.

We publish below a declaration signed by some seventy of these men of the foremost clergymen and other religious leaders in the United States, which they have issued to the world on the subject of making peace before victory for the right has been attained.

We have not the space to publish their names; but we would point out as they are learned in the scriptures and the laws of righteousness their words should have more than ordinary weight:

"When war drenches Europe in blood, it is natural that we Americans should shudder at the sight. To call upon the combatants to stop the carnage is an impulse so strong that it even tends to displace judgment and distort values. We are apt to forget, at any rate for the time being, that there are conditions under which the mere stopping of warfare may bring a curse instead of a blessing. We need to be reminded that peace is the triumph of righteousness and not the mere sheathing of the sword. To clamor for an ending of the present war without insuring the vindication of truth, justice and honor is not to seek peace but to sow disaster.

"Because it is so easy to lose sight of these essential principles, we, the undersigned, view with some concern the organized and deliberate effort now being made so to stampede Christian sentiment as to create a public opinion blindly favorable to stopping hostilities without adequate consideration of the issues which the war involves.

"We are Christians, and, as such, deem that truth and righteousness are to be maintained inviolate, even at the sacrifice of physical life. We are citizens of the United States, and, as such, are conscious of the solemn responsibilities of our Christian citizenship. We accordingly ven-

ture to direct the attention of our fellow-Christians to a few of the vital issues which are making their mute appeal for final decision.

"The ravage of Belgium and the enslavement of her people: was it right or wrong?"

"The massacre of a million Armenians: was it a permissible precaution or an unpardonable crime?"

"The desolation of Serbia and Poland: was this a regrettable necessity or a frightful injustice?"

The destruction of life through the sinking of the Lusitania and of other merchant ships: was this an ordinary incident of warfare or was it deliberate and premeditated murder?"

"The starvation of Jews and Syrians in the Holy Land: is this an accident of economics or a violation of the laws of God and man?"

"The attempt to array Moslems against Christians in a 'Holy War': was it a laudable act of imperial statemanship or was it the treachery of a Christian monarch?"

"The intimidation of small nations and the violation of international agreements: are these things excusable under provocation or damnable under all circumstances?"

"In the presence of these pending and as yet unsettled issues we feel impelled to warn our brethren against those who cry 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace. The just God, who withheld not his own Son from the cross, would not look with favor upon a people who put their fear of pain and death, their dread of suffering and loss, their concern for comfort and ease, above the holy claims of righteousness and justice and freedom and mercy and truth. Much as we mourn the bloodshed in Europe, we lament even more that supineness of spirit, that indifference to spiritual values, which would let mere physical safety take precedence of loyalty to truth and duty. The memory of all the saints and martyrs cries out against such backsliding of mankind. Sad is our lot if we have forgotten how to die for a holy cause.

"We solemnly declare to you our conviction that the question of all questions for our immediate consideration is this: 'Shall the ancient Christian inheritance of loyalty to great and divine ideals be replaced by considerations of mere expediency?'"



S. M. NEWTON

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The British in Earnest.

The British people have again declared in no uncertain tones their determination to carry on the war and to make still further sacrifices to gain a decisive victory.

It may have been with some fear and trembling that the authorities given the task of furnishing the enormous amounts necessary to carry on the war from day to day undertook the seemingly herculean or almost impossible task of raising another loan; this time of an unlimited amount, but desiring it to be about equal to two and one half billion dollars. But in a campaign of about five weeks the response was so hearty that not only was the amount expected raised, but one billion dollars in excess. The exact amount is not yet known but it is estimated to be £700,000,000 or three and one half billion dollars. And the ease with which this

loan was made and the investments still being made in other securities make it seemingly safe to predict that within a reasonable length of time a similar loan can be raised says the London Times.

This vast amount just raised is equal to the entire debt of Great Britain before the war. It is raised at a time when the government is levying a taxation of 2 1-2 billion dollars. And, furthermore, the loan was made without any special appeal to the banks or great financial institutions. It was in every sense a popular loan, to which the many small subscriptions abundantly testify.

The spirit evinced by the British people in this war, indicating determination, perseverance, self-sacrifice and patriotism, each of the highest order, goes far to explain why Great Britain is a world power in matters essential to the world's progress. And let it be said right here that this power has not in late years at least been abused by oppressing the weaker people, but in establishing justice, ameliorating economic conditions, in the spreading of the blessings of Christianity and civilization.

If this great power of democracy should go down before Teutonic autocracy the world would indeed be relegated backward for centuries both as to condition and progress. Should not the Neutrals also try to prevent such a calamity?

Bella Coola Experimental Plot. Report for 1916

S. Le. G. Grant, Experimenter.

Section 2 and 3. South end.

- Leeks—Italian: sown (in frame) April 1. Results, good crop.
- Peas—Potlatch: sown April 29. Results, excellent crop of large, well-filled pods. Vine 5 feet.
- Lettuce—New York: sown 3 successions during year. Results, all produced excellent heads.
- Mignonette: sown 3 successions in year. Results, New York firmest and largest.
- Chinese cabbage—Wong Bok. Results, New York firmest and largest.
- Celery—White Plume and New Rose. Results, both varieties have excellent quality.

Remarks, soil is a black muck and well suited to vegetable growing. Was flooded in early summer for two days, but did little damage. Fertilized with stable manure in Fall Complete applied in Spring to whole area. Harvested, in season for table use and for sale.

Section 4. Plot 1.

- Parasip—Guernsey: sown May 1; germinated May 28; harvested November 7. Results, set back in cold, dry weather. Yield 3-4 ton.
 - Potatoes—Table Talk: sown 5 lbs. May 1; germinated May 20; harvested November 7. Results, yield 104 lbs.
 - Gold Coin: sown 5 lbs. May 1; germinated May 20; harvested November 7. Results, yield 152 lbs.
- Whole plot had light application Nitrate Soda before planting.

Plot 2.

- Sugar Beet—Royal Giant: sown 2 oz. April 29; germinated May 10; harvested October 9; yield 196 lbs. Results, fair size, good quality.
 - Danish: sown 2 oz. April 29; germinated May 12; harvested October 9; yield 309 lbs. Results, good crop. Better size and shape than former.
 - Mangel—Rennie's Giant: sown 2 oz. April 29; germinated May 10; harvested October 10; yield 494 lbs. Results, soil somewhat poor, and season too dry for mangels.
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- Remarks, all the potatoes were more or less scabby. Ground is run out and wants renewing. Sugar beets and mangels received Thomas Phosphate and Nitrate of Soda about 50 lbs. before sowing.

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able to curb the extravagances of its officials and hangers-on. The case in point is the Ross rifle which has been condemned as being unfit for use in the war as it jams so easily. It is no longer used at all; but still the government is buying them at the rate of \$1000 per day to be put on the scrap pile as soon as received. This may be production all right enough, but it is not thrift by any means.

As compared with last year the tables are entirely turned as regards Dominion politics. Then it was the Conservatives who wanted an election and the Liberals opposed, now it is exact-

ly the other way about; this change of attitude is due to a change in the opinion as to the result.

And that it is not confined to this country alone may be gathered from the fact that an influential New York paper recently made the statement that the Borden government was only a "stop-gap" until the Liberals took possession.

Re Organization of Farmers

As one who is keenly interested in this timely movement for the union of the farmers I would like to point out that it is one of the most important steps the farmers can take and therefore should be joined by them all.

I believe that if the farmers do not make an effort to improve their conditions as they are and have been many of them will go under. To save them this can only be brought about by co-operation and organization.

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THOMAS J. WHITESIDE.

Dated, November 30, 1916. Jan. 6--March

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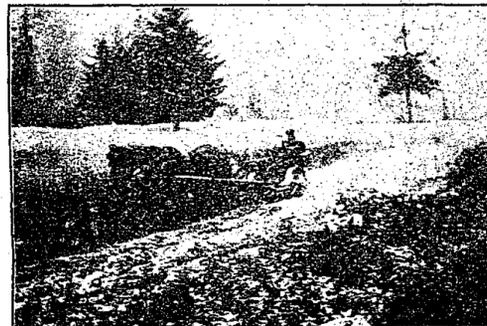


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Re Organization of Farmers
(Continued from column 3, page 3.)

and a demand is being made by the farmers for a release of labor's portion, and the equitable distribution of the reward of honest industry and thrift.

In obtaining this righteous purpose, it is necessary for the farmer to present to the world a strength greater than that represented by any single individual. He must add to his individuality that of his neighbor, and of his neighbor's neighbor; and so on all along the line of co-operation, until there shall be at the back of the one farmer, and in touch, and in harmony with him, a great phalanx of farmers, a line too long, and too deep and too strong to be injured by the most powerful influences; and then and only then will the individual farmer be dealt with equitably. To bring this about is only a question of organization, of unity of purpose. Let the farmer be thoroughly rooted in co-operation and the branches that will spring from such an entrenchment will be fruitful of mutual benefits and advantages, financially, socially and morally.

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What it needs in order to gain the victory is the hearty support of the individual member. If you are a farmer you should be interested in the movement and come out from under cover and join the ranks, putting your shoulder to the wheel and helping us on.

In conclusion I would like to add that there can be no hope for the farmers if their salvation must come from others. Believe me it will never come thus. There must be a power within to do and

thus will he conquer. It is also true that it is not the power you possess, but the power you exert, that makes you a living force. The farmers have the force, but it has been dormant for centuries. Farmers of British Columbia it is time to awaken and exert it now. Will you?

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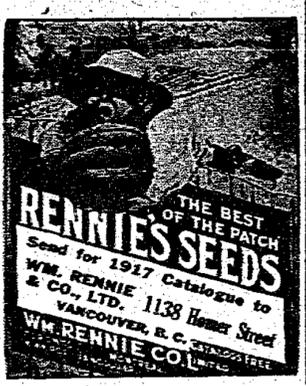
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