

# BELLA COOLA

## COURIER

**WEATHER REPORT FOR OCTOBER.**  
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.  
Temperature: Maximum, 51. Minimum, 37.  
Highest Max. (1st) 65. Lowest Min. (10th) 26  
Rainfall, 12.40 inches.

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### Serbian Compelled to Retreat Allies Unable to Send Help

#### Bulgarians Repulsed With Heavy Losses After a Thirty-Six Hours Battle

Saloniki, Nov. 15, via Paris.  
Nov. 16.—General Sarrail, com-  
mander-in-chief of the French  
army in the Balkans, in announc-  
ing the result of a thirty-six hours  
battle on the Cerna river, south-  
west Serbia, declares that 30,000  
Bulgarians were repulsed along  
the whole line, with heavy casu-  
alties. Not one French gun was  
lost.  
The Austro-German effort to  
develop the Serbian armies in the  
north, it is also announced, has  
failed, and the Serbian counter  
offensive is proceeding success-  
fully.

London, Nov. 17.—A despatch  
received here says that the Ser-  
bians have been compelled to re-  
treat from the Babuna Pass owing  
to the danger of their position  
being turned. The despatch adds  
that the Bulgarians have cap-  
tured Krushevo and are now six  
miles east of Prilepe.

#### Russian Fleet Ready to Strike

London, Nov. 17.—A despatch  
to the Yossiche Zeitung from  
Bucharest, reports that fifteen  
units of the Russian Black Sea  
fleet, including three recently  
launched dreadnoughts have been  
cruising for two days off the  
Bulgarian coast.

#### Von Hindenburg For Western Front

London, Nov. 17.—The Morning  
Post's correspondent at Berne,  
Switzerland, says it is reported  
that Field-Marshal von Hinden-  
burg has left the eastern for the  
western front.

#### Men of Military Age Can't Emigrate

London, Nov. 16.—The British  
Government has taken its first  
definite step toward preventing  
emigration of able-bodied British  
subjects. A new regulation was  
issued by the Home Office re-  
quiring subjects of the United  
Kingdom who are 19 years or  
older and contemplating emigra-  
tion to apply at the Foreign Of-  
fice for passports. If the pas-  
ports are refused they must hand  
to the officers supervising the  
embarkation the reply of the  
Foreign Office to their passport  
application, together with their  
birth certificates, with photo-  
graphs attached.  
Since the refusal of the Cunard  
Company to carry abroad British  
subjects eligible for military ser-  
vice other steamship companies  
have adopted a similar course.

#### French Forces Held Up and Serbians Have to Retire From the Babuna Pass

London, Nov. 17. The Ser-  
bians have been compelled to retire  
from their strong positions in the  
Babuna Pass, which were in im-  
minent danger of being turned  
by masses of Bulgarian infantry,  
says a despatch to the Daily Mail  
from the Saloniki field yesterday.  
The French forces were held on  
the left bank of the Oranya river,  
south of Veles, by considerable  
Bulgarian forces and were unable  
to send assistance to the hard-  
pressed Serbians.

The Bulgarian offensive in the  
Tetova district is on a tremen-  
dous scale, the correspondent  
says, and the Serbians are re-  
tiring southward.

Detachments of British troops  
are leaving Saloniki constantly  
for Monastir, where the Serbians  
are preparing a series of strong  
defensive works. Should the  
Bulgarian forces reach Monastir,  
the Serbians will be cut off from  
their lines of supply.

#### Chinese Republic to Last Until New Year

Pekin, Nov. 17. The Associ-  
ated Press has been authorized to  
state that the Chinese govern-  
ment has decided no change  
would be made this year in the  
form of government of the  
country.

Election returns given out so  
far make it certain that the pro-  
posal to re-establish a monar-  
chical form of government has  
been adopted. These returns  
show that 18 of the 22 provinces  
already have given solid support  
to the project.

#### British Columbia Lumber Receives High Praise

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 18. The  
Hon. W. R. Ross is advised by  
the Department of Trade and  
Commerce at Ottawa, that the  
exhibits of British Columbia lum-  
ber recently sent to Australia are  
being shown at the Royal Ex-  
change, Sydney, and will after-  
wards be featured at an approach-  
ing Architectural Exhibition.  
The Canadian Trade Commission-  
er at Melbourne, to whom the  
exhibits were consigned, is ar-  
ranging for timber importers,  
builders, and others who are  
interested, to view them, and re-  
ports that the varied and beauti-  
ful finish which British Columbia  
Douglas Fir takes has been the  
subject of considerable comment.  
It will be remembered that a  
number of these exhibits were  
sent abroad earlier in the year,  
and, as in the case of the Sydney  
display, have attracted much at-  
tention in the important trade  
centres at which they have been  
placed.

### Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun awakened our  
respectable citizens about mid-  
night on Thursday last with her  
whistle. She was on her north-  
bound trip; but brought us only  
two passengers and took none  
out; the theory being that not  
many care to go North for the  
winter. Mrs. I. Fougner and Mr.  
W. Barlow were the arrivals.

Mrs. I. Fougner, who accom-  
panied her husband on his trip  
to the Panama Exposition, was  
on their return home obliged to  
remain behind at Vancouver as  
her health made it necessary for  
her to undergo treatment at a  
hospital. She is now again at  
home and on the highway to re-  
covery.

Mr. W. Barlow comes here  
from England with the intention  
of spending his declining years  
with his daughter, Mrs. Fleming.  
We welcome Mr. Barlow to our  
midst and wish him many years  
and a pleasant stay in Bella Coola.

Mrs. E. C. Clayton, treasurer  
of the Red Cross fund, has re-  
ceived the following letter from  
the Canadian Red Cross Society  
and St. John Ambulance Associa-  
tion, dated Vancouver, Nov. 1st:

Dear Madam,—I beg to ac-  
knowledge the receipt of your  
esteemed favor of the 25th ult-  
mo enclosing your cheque for the  
sum of \$73 as a further contribu-  
tion to our Hospital fund.

You and your fellow workers  
are certainly to be congratulated  
on the amount raised in your  
small town, and can assure you  
that our Committee greatly ap-  
preciates your efforts.

Again thanking you for your  
hearty co-operation in collecting  
funds for No. 5 General Hospital  
C. D. F.—I remain, yours faith-  
fully,

C. G. Pennock,  
On behalf of the sub-committee.

The teachers of the townsite  
Sunday school held a business  
meeting at the residence of Mr.  
and Mrs. Morrison last Tuesday  
evening.

Mr. H. Grainger, who is on the  
eve of going to the war, tendered  
his resignation as superintendent,  
and C. Carlson was elected in  
his place with Miss Balkwill  
as assistant.

It is hoped that arrangements  
will be made by which it will be  
possible to continue the Sunday  
evening services at the Macken-  
zie School after Rev. Mr. Col-  
well's departure. Tomorrow  
evening the services will be con-  
ducted by Rev. H. Sageng of  
Hagensborg. Rev. W. H. Gibson  
is negotiating with the Methodist  
Church officials to have the vac-  
ancy filled.

**Church Notice**  
Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.  
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.  
Preacher:  
Rev. Hans Sageng, A. B.  
Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

The people of the town of Bel-  
la Coola showed the high esteem  
in which they hold their pastor,  
Rev. T. C. Colwell, by turning  
out in large numbers to listen to  
his farewell sermon on last Sun-  
day evening.

He has found it his duty to  
obey the country's call for men  
to come to her defense in this  
war, and while our community  
regret very much to lose him,  
and as we hope only for a short  
time, yet it is willing to suffer  
inconveniences and loss that the  
needs of our country may be met.

The services were of the usual  
character, Mr. Colwell true to his  
custom delivered a carefully pre-  
pared and scholarly sermon,  
which held the close attention of  
the audience to its finish.

Rev. W. H. Gibson followed in  
an appreciative and happy speech  
dwelling upon the energy, single-  
ness of purpose, and faithfulness  
of the departing minister. The  
audience showed its sympathy  
with his utterances by a  
rising vote of thanks to Mr.  
Colwell.

We learn through a letter from  
Chas. Lord that he has enlisted  
in the Ambulance Corps and is  
now in barracks at Victoria. He  
writes, "It will probably be a  
long time before I return to Bella  
Coola, but I am coming back if  
things go well. I have a warm  
corner in my heart for the place  
and my sojourn of four years  
have pleasant memories. I en-  
listed in Vernon on October 28."

A party of four well known  
travellers arrived in Bella Coola  
on Monday evening at 9:30 from  
Bella Bella, Mr. John Pauline ac-  
companied the grip men. The  
party consisted of Mr. S. H.  
Cohen, fur buyer for the firm of  
R. S. Robinson, Winnipeg; Mr.  
J. G. M. Millichamp, represent-  
ing the well known clothing firm  
of J. W. Peck & Co., Vancouver;  
Mr. Blair Fleming, who is now  
selling the Mooney line of crack-  
ers and candies; and Mr. T. G.  
Garrett, of the wholesale dry-  
goods firm of Gault Bros., Van-  
couver. These gentlemen have  
all come from the North and re-  
port that business is improving  
along the new Grand Trunk Pa-  
cific Railway. After supplying  
the needs of the Bella Coola  
merchants in their respective  
lines they left again on Thursday.

A site is being cleared on  
ground immediately north of the  
townsite for the reception of a  
portable sawmill. Mr. F. A.  
Johnson of Firvale, has secured  
the contract for furnishing the  
planks for the renewal of the  
covering of the long approach to  
the wharf and some other re-  
pairs contemplated by the gov-  
ernment. The sawmill and a

donkey engine are expected to  
come up on the next northbound  
steamer.

Mr. Chas. Tucker, Dominion  
constable, informs us that Mr.  
Garde, C. E., mentioned in our  
columns a few weeks ago as  
having made a trip from Prince  
Rupert to Kimsquit through the  
wilds of the interior, is now ac-  
tively engaged in the develop-  
ment of a zinc mine on White  
Sail Lake, situated about forty  
miles from Kimsquit. At pres-  
ent there are four men engaged  
in sinking a shaft; but more men  
will be put on as soon as the cross-  
cut is started.

Mr. Bert Robson with three  
men are cutting a trail from the  
head of Dean Channel to the  
mine. They had the bad luck of  
capsizing and losing a canoe load  
of provisions in going up the  
Kimsquit River, and were obliged  
to return to get another supply.

Mr. R. Walker who owns a  
farm in the valley and for a  
number of years resided here, is  
now in a camp at Barnard Castle,  
County of Durham, England, in  
training for the war. He wants  
more of the men in Bella Coola  
to enlist. He says in a letter to  
hand: "There are a considerable  
number of very eligible men  
used to handling a rifle and living  
a rough life who under the pres-  
ent circumstances would be far  
better employed in the fighting  
business than in any other. The  
possibilities of conscription are  
great and surely it is better to  
go now than to wait to be made.

We have been asked to publish  
the following letter from Mrs.  
Dr. H. E. Young, Victoria, to  
one of the ladies of our town:

"No. 20.  
"This letter is to ask you to  
give a little help to a good cause,  
the relief of the Belgian or-  
phans."

"You probably have been asked  
to give to many things, but all  
we ask now is 10 cents in money  
and half an hour of your time.

"By this you will help to earn  
many dollars for this cause.  
Please send a 10 cent bit to: Miss  
Beatty, care of Rear-Admiral  
Beatty, Portsmouth, England.

"Write four copies of this letter  
number each one the next highest  
number to the one you find on  
this. Sign your name and send  
the four copies to your four  
friends.

"Please do not break the chain  
as it means the loss of many  
dollars."

Some of the ladies have had  
the method of raising the money  
asked for, as outlined in the let-  
ter, under consideration and have  
concluded it is not to be com-  
mended in the community. They  
have decided to aid the very  
worthy cause by appointing Mrs.  
H. G. Anderson, Mrs. S. Le C.  
Grant and Miss Ruth Nordschow,  
receivers of donations. There  
will be no canvass made, but  
readers of this article are asked  
to please assist by sending con-  
tributions of any amount to one  
of the ladies named, who will  
account for the same and for-  
ward the funds received to head-  
quarters.

### A Pioneer Gone to His Rest.

The community of Bella Coola  
was startled Monday morning last  
by the news that Mr. P. A.  
Peterson, a prominent farmer  
and one of the earliest settlers,  
had died suddenly at his home at  
about 6:30 o'clock that morning,  
while the whole family was still  
in bed. But at about his usual  
time for getting up his wife  
heard a gurgling noise in her  
husband's throat and attributing  
it to a bad dream she took hold  
of him and shook him. He was  
not aroused, but made a convul-  
sive movement and all was over.  
Dr. Sutherland was summoned  
immediately but could only attest  
to the death and that it was  
caused by an apopleptic stroke.

Peter August Peterson was  
born in Sweden 53 years ago. He  
emigrated to America in the early  
nineties, and came to Bella Coola  
in 1895. His family followed him  
a few months later. He, with-  
out any capital, took up a home-  
stead in the lower part of the  
settlement and with an energy  
and industry of the highest order  
in a comparatively short time be-  
came very prosperous. Ten years  
ago he had the misfortune to lose  
everything he owned, with the  
exception of his land and live  
stock, in a forest fire. His neigh-  
bors lent him some assistance at  
the time, but it was not long be-  
fore Mr. Peterson recovered lost  
ground, with houses, farm ma-  
chinery, implements and every  
facility for the conduct of his  
farm, and also considerable capi-  
tal invested in securities of dif-  
ferent kinds.

He leaves a widow, one son  
and five daughters to mourn his  
untimely death. His children  
are: Fridthjof, Mattie and Esther  
still at home; Mrs. P. Gadsden of  
this place; Mrs. M. Nygaard of  
Kimsquit; and Mrs. A. G. Hen-  
ning of Vancouver.

The funeral took place the fol-  
lowing Wednesday from his late  
residence. Rev. H. Sageng of  
Hagensborg, officiating.

Capt. Stephenson, Fred Hend-  
ricks, Orville Robinson, H. Gus-  
tafson, Ing. Urseth, H. Burt and  
Chas. Taylor, have now finished  
the arduous work in their various  
callings in which they have been  
engaged for a long season and  
are now bent on enjoying them-  
selves. The festive bear and the  
elusive goat are hard to get at  
in their mountain fastnesses and  
offer nothing but great bodily  
strain to hunt, therefore hold out  
no allurements to these sagacious  
gentlemen. They want to stay  
on the level and seek pleasure  
where walking and sailing is  
good.

They are now off on a trip to  
Price Island, located west of  
Milbank Sound. They intend to  
be away for about one month. It  
is to be hoped their appearance  
when returning will be such that  
they will dare to land in daylight.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 1915.

**WE** beg to remind our readers that the Courier having completed its third year the subscriptions of all our early subscribers are now due for renewal.  
 The management wishes to thank our numerous readers for their support during the past and trusts to a continuance of the same in the future.  
 The subscription rate remains at \$1 per year, payable strictly in advance.

**Young Men, Enlist!**

The British Empire is the only realm in the world, besides the United States, where there is not compulsory military service.

Every other nation finds it perfectly proper and necessary to reserve to its government the right to call out at any time its able-bodied men to serve the nation in time of war.

One of the things necessary to be done to preserve the integrity of the nation is to defend it against its foes, and it is the duty of those who compose that nation to be in readiness to do so when called upon.

But in a world more or less selfish there will always be found people who shirk their obvious duty and leave it for others to do it for them. It does not seem right that the laws of the land should uphold these shirkers and thereby place an undue amount of the common burden upon the shoulders of the more generous and conscientious of its citizens.

It may be a just cause for pride that the army, the British Empire has raised for this war, is the largest volunteer army in the world's history; but we are, at present, not looking for things on which to pride ourselves, we are rather striving to accomplish that which we must do. There is not much doubt in our minds that among the other enlightened nations of the world in a similar emergency just as large a proportion of their sons would have shouldered arms in their country's defense.

When we see how Canada, of all the British possessions is lagging behind in the number of soldiers enlisted, we are not exactly proud, but become painfully aware that our men have not yet fully realized their duty in the case and the seriousness of the situation, and therefore do not

respond to the country's call as they should.

It is probably not possible for us to realize what the result would be if the Allies should be compelled to sue for peace, neither should it be necessary to ponder upon such a subject, because if every Britisher does his duty there can, from a human standpoint, be only one outcome: Victory to our righteous cause.

But we must rise to the occasion and show by our devotion to our sacred cause that we are worthy of it.

Therefore we appeal to the young men to rally to the defense of their country, the best in the world!

**Partisanship.**

It is possible to be a strong partisan in politics and yet have a great respect for the opposite party. It is possible to be a strong partisan and have faith in the honesty of an opposition party in power.

The great difference in parties is not the fact that one is "in" and the other is "out" and, therefore, such a fierce jealousy takes hold of the "outs" so that they will use almost any kind of means to secure the places of those who are so fortunate as to be feeding from the public crib, but the difference in two parties should always be a difference of opinion in regard to what policies are for the best interest of the nation.

Under the present system of government it seems impossible to secure the necessary efficiency and scrupulous care in the administration of public affairs without a party in opposition of sufficient strength to be respected.

The following questions have been found of sufficient magnitude to form the cleavage between two great political parties, namely: the effect of a high or low tariff; whether to build war vessels to be added to the fleet of the Empire, or to build up a separate Canadian navy; how to get the best results from the agricultural and timber lands belonging to the Crown.

On these and any number of other serious matters there will always be honest and strong dif-



ferences of opinions, and these different opinions find expression in the political parties. It is not necessary to mention that the honesty of anybody need be questioned in the controversies which are bound to arise.

But strange to relate there is one question which at present seems to cause the fiercest controversy in political domains, and on which there should be the strongest kind of unanimity. The question we refer to is that which concerns the efficiency of the administration of our provincial affairs by the government of the day.

Both Conservatives and Liberals should insist on the strictest economy in all the branches of government; neither party can afford to defend until the last minute a course which they in their innermost soul know is wrong. As for instance in the case of the accusation and exposure of the corruption of the late Roblin government of Manitoba. The Conservative leaders and press defended this government until it was impossible to do so any longer and largely because of this foolish defense went down to ignominious defeat in the next election.

The Conservatives of British Columbia are pursuing the same foolish tactics in defending a government which has made this the wealthiest province in the Dominion a place to be shunned by capitalists and laborers alike.

We venture to assert that there is not a province in Canada where the hard times are so pronounced as here, and the cause cannot be laid at failures of crop on either land or sea, or a lack of other natural resources.

Ordinary intelligent, honest and careful statesmen could have prevented the deplorable situation our province is suffering from.

And as it is not in the interest of the country to allow a state of affairs of that nature to continue,

and as the Conservatives are certainly as patriotic and honest as the Liberals and therefore ought to hold the same opinions upon this obvious fact, they should unite with the Liberals in an effort to improve our conditions.

And it should need no argument at this time to convince any one not altogether dense in intellect, that the present government is not entitled to another term even if, by a stretch of imagination, it could be thought that they possibly might improve matters.

**Sir Richard Has Replied.**

The long awaited answer from Sir Richard McBride to the Prohibition Movement has at last been given. It is safe to say that from the standpoint of those who formulated the request to the government it is not at all satisfactory. It took him over two months to make up his mind what answer would give him the greatest strength with the voters. And in this decision it seems to us his judgment has failed him. His answer is of a character to alienate many while it will win but few.

The request of the Prohibition Convention held in Vancouver, August 25 and 26, were two fold: That a bill for the prohibition of the liquor traffic similar to the one endorsed by the electors of Alberta, July 21, 1915, be submitted to the voters of British Columbia; and that this bill be submitted on a date other than that of a general election, in order to keep it from being entangled in partisan politics.

Sir Richard McBride in his reply to the Prohibition Committee is willing to submit the question of prohibition to the people in a way, which in our mind is altogether impractical.

He claims he has received many different propositions of how to deal with this problem; that he is very anxious that the people shall have an opportunity to express their idea of just what they want; that he is considering a series of different propositions to submit to the electorate, so that they can choose what suits them best, and by the result of the vote the government will know just what sort of measure

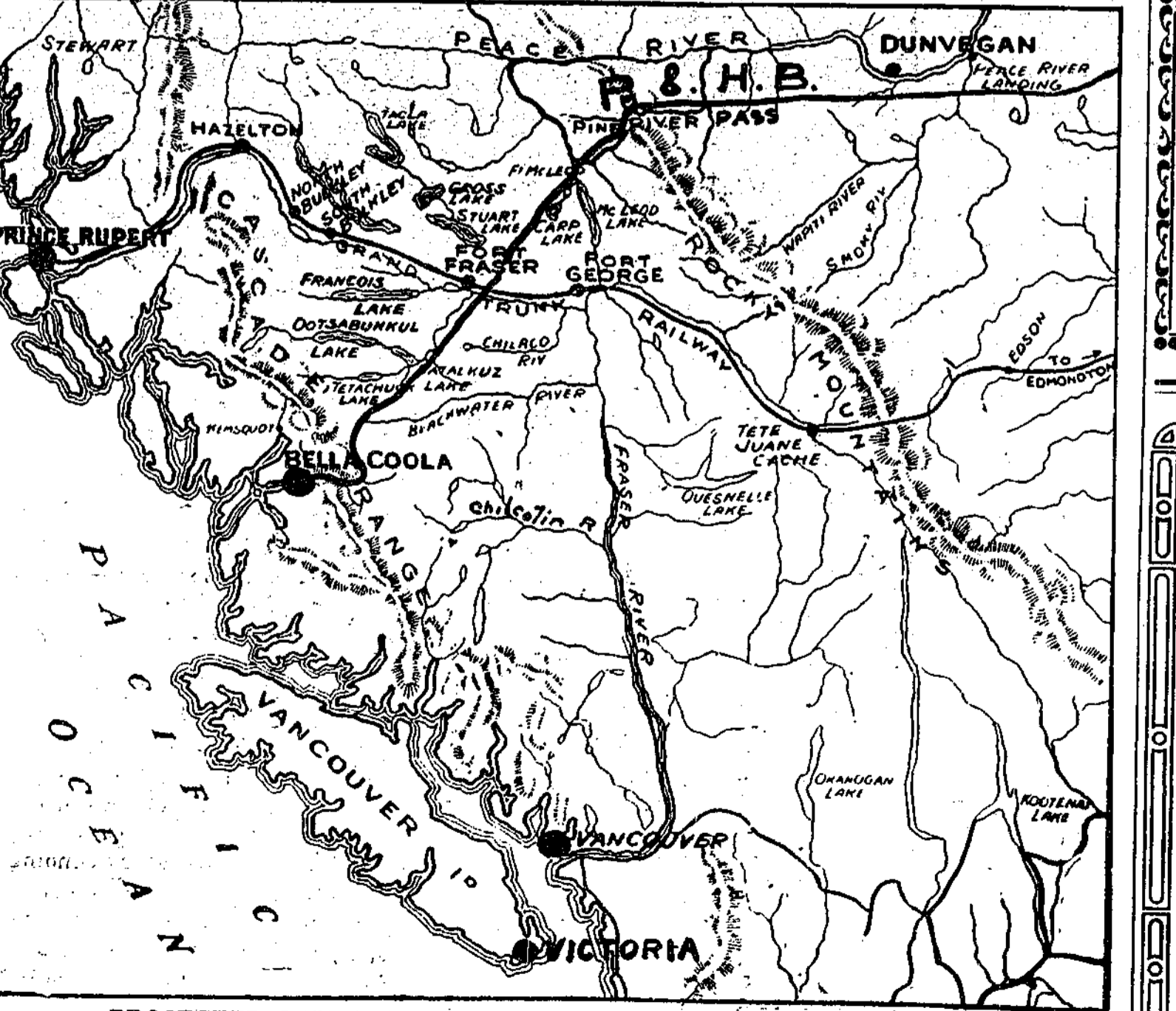
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the people want enacted into law. To a mind warped by a long practice of shuffling methods and evading issues, this may seem very fair and the only way of submitting the question; but the result of such a manner of submission will certainly defeat the object sought.

The voters mind will be confused by having to choose from several propositions he has not studied very much, if at all. It will bring about no decision as to choice; no one of the propositions will, short of a miracle, receive a majority of the votes cast. And then when this result has been obtained our friends, if in power, will laugh in their sleeves and solemnly tell the people that the vote was undecisive and that they had received no mandate from the people to take any further action.

The Premier's reply as to the vote being taken on a day separate from that of the general election is unfavorable. Sir Richard says that probably only about fifty per cent. of the people will take enough interest in the ques-



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The Part Taken by the United States.

The year of the presidential election in the United States is drawing near and, therefore, it is time for the political parties through their leaders to formulate their plans of how to win as many votes as possible. The ordinary way to please the average man in the matter of politics and we are all more or less worldly, is to provide for an increase in national wealth. This, a great alluring object, must be attained even at the expense of values of superior worth. And we find that the leader of the Democratic party, Woodrow Wilson, in his position as president of the nation, for the purpose of strengthening his party in the coming campaign, has sent a note to the government of Great Britain protesting against the vigilance exercised by the British navy in preventing supplies from reaching her enemies.

quite as large a business as there is in sight. They have not been able to supply the other side, the Central Powers, with as much as they require; because Great Britain is using her navy in this war to prevent her enemies from being strengthened by the supplies furnished by the neutral nations. Hence Mr. Wilson in the name of the nation protests and demands that Britain let down the bars so that United States and incidentally other neutrals, may find an even larger market for their goods, and coin more dollars out of this great contest.

signatory; let small nations be ground under the ruthless Prussian heel because they dare to fight for their independence; let women and children be murdered in their beds or on peaceful passenger ships; let France, who helped the United States gain its own freedom, suffer the agony of invasion, and, in considerable part, of enemy occupation, but at all costs save the precious dollars and preserve the daschund vote! If the United States had done its duty to civilization and humanity it would have intervened in this war long ago on the side of those powers who today are sacrificing untold blood and treasure for the very cause for which Washington fought and Lincoln died."

In a Nutshell.

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