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One of the trying needs of British Columbia is a reform in the provincial police. This does not mean that there are not good men in the service. The head of that force in Prince Rupert is a proof of that, and there are many others. The trouble is with the system. In the first place they are not clothed with the authority that puts fear into wicked men. They are men without a uniform, and everybody knows that a uniform lends weight and influence. Then they have several bad precedents to live down. The service has been a joke in the past because on many occasions prisoners have easily slipped through their fingers. These reports come from all over the province. Isn't it time that some genius was put in charge who would bring about an efficient force?

Whenever man outrages nature, sooner or later he must pay the penalty. Nature has been prodigal with her gifts to British Columbia. She has put remarkable fertility in her soil; gold, silver, copper, iron, coal and other minerals in her hills; vast areas of timber on her lands; countless myriads of fish in her waters; beauty of scenery in her mountains and valleys, and the delight of variety in her climate. Puny men have outraged all these gifts, save only the beauty of her scenery and delight of climate.

Doubtless these, too, would have suffered and been handed over for exploitation were it not for the fortunate circumstance that they are beyond the ingenuity of trickery.

British Columbia's fertile lands have been given away to speculators rather than to actual users; her timber areas have been alienated; her vast coal areas are controlled by private concerns so that a famine has been threatened of so necessary a household commodity as coal; the fish of the sea have been exploited for the benefit of a few people, while the whole province has been mortgaged to the extent of two hundred million dollars to foster railroad projects of private individuals.

The province of British Columbia will have to pay dearly for the onslaught upon her natural resources and the men responsible for this waste of heritage will live to see themselves burned in effigy in the public places of the province.

The two Tory governments responsible for the administration of affairs in this province are like the post office wall, they are falling down.

There was a man named Manson, At election time he ran some, But the people now find That he has no spine; And next time he'll run behind some.

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QUEEN OF GREECE WITH LITTLE DAUGHTER

Born while her father was fighting the Turks. The young Princess Katherine of Greece, the sixth child of Queen Sophia, sister of the German Kaiser, was born while her father, the King of Greece, was at the front during the Balkan war. While on the battlefield, he was apprised of the birth of the princess, and vowed that every soldier of the empire would be the godfather to his newly-born daughter. As the fighting strength of the Grecian army at that time was 150,000 men, and as there were on the reserve list another 200,000 men, the charming young princess can boast of being the only living infant who has 350,000 godfathers. The Princess Katherine has two sisters and three brothers. Her mother married the present King Constantine in 1889.

NEW LANDS OPENED FOR SETTLEMENT

Minister of Lands Issues Synopsis of Lands in the Province to Be Thrown Open

The Hon. William R. Ross, minister of lands, has announced the opening for pre-emption of a number of areas in various parts of British Columbia. The largest of the many areas to be opened to settlement in the near future are those on the South Fork of the Fraser river. In this valley, through which the Grand Trunk Pacific railway has just been completed, in the reserve created in 1907, about 80,000 acres of farming land will be opened to settlement, the eastern part, in the neighborhood of McBride and east to Mount Robson park, on June 1, at McBride, a divisional point on the G. T. P. railway, where a growing city is situated, 145 miles east from Port George, a special office being opened there for the purpose for one week by the government agent at Port George, and the western half at Port George on June 15.

Skating Party

Miss Enoch was hostess at a jolly skating party last night. Among those who were present and enjoyed the evening to the full were the following:

Messrs Robertson and Williams; Misses Enoch, Beckwood, Drummond, Jenks, Grant, Thompson, Irwin, Newton, McTavish, Rae, Green, Curran, Martin, Elliott, Fisher and Du Verne; Messrs. D. Niven, L. Crippen, A. Little, J. Roche, Tooker, H. O. Crew, A. Carr, A. Young, E. Gillingham, C. C. Purdy, Golden, Peters, V. F. G. Gamble, J. B. Young, W. S. Marshall, G. S. Fitzmaurice, R. Entwistle, G. C. Emmerson, Tippen, McGee, I. Linnell, J. Pusche, A. H. Tomlinson, F. McFarlane and E. D. Harris.

What everyone should know: People of discriminating taste dine at the G. T. P. Cafe. 831f

AT THE THEATRES

"The Squaw Man" at Empress

"The Squaw Man" has lost nothing in the transfer from the stage to the screen of those qualities before the footlight. Besides having Dustin Farnum, who created the title role in the original play, to re-create it before the camera, every one of the big dramatic moments is incorporated in the film play which gave the drama so wide and enduring a vogue. The thrilling scenes at the English Derby, where the Earl of Kerkill makes the disastrous plunge and eventually ends in his cousin shouldering the burden of the family's dishonor and going into voluntary exile; the finely executed scenes of the burning schooner in mid-ocean and the rescue of the castaways—these and others during the course of the six reels that tell the story of "The Squaw Man" represent the triumph of the pictures over the stage production. Were it not for such sensational effects introduced at critical points during the first three reels, the prologue to the real life and fortunes of "The Squaw Man" might be liable to the charge of being a trifle lengthy. As it is, James Wynnegate (Dustin Farnum) arrives in America and starts for the region of the ranches with an audience, fresh and unwearied, eagerly following every incident in his career. Then begins the story with which every man, woman and child to whom Jim Carston, Nat-U-Ritch, Cash Hawkins and Lady Diana are the names of favorite characters, are familiar. This is the point where the real test of the ability of the drama to sustain and vindicate itself as a motion picture play takes place.

"JUDITH OF BETHULIA"

At Westholme Opera House Tonight and Tomorrow

Coming direct from New York,

weeks at Proctor's Fifth Avenue theatre, with prices at 75c for orchestra chairs, the gorgeous four-reel spectacular production "Judith of Bethulia" will open at the Westholme Opera house tonight. The management of this theatre guarantee this series of pictures to be the finest ever shown in the city of Prince Rupert. According to the apocryphal story the children of Israel had fortified the hill passages by which any invading army from Assyria would be obliged to enter into Judea. The principal of these fortified places was Bethulia. It is related that Nebuchadnezzar sent Holofernes, chief captain of his army, with one hundred and twenty thousand men to visit vengeance on all the earth. When he came to Judea he met an unexpected defence by the Jews of Bethulia. He stormed the walls, but was unable to capture the city. He then sat down to starve it into submission, having taken possession of all the springs and wells from which the city had its supply of water. The result was that the inhabitants began dying of thirst and famine and begged the elders to surrender to the enemy. From this intolerable situation the city was relieved by the bravery and self-sacrifice of Judith, a beautiful widow of Bethulia. At a great feast given in her honor she induced Holofernes to dismiss his guards and enter a lonely tent with her, and when he was overcome with wine she cut off his head and escaped back to the city. Her unexpected return with the head of Holofernes inspired the Jews of Bethulia with new courage, and making a desperate sally from its gates the invading army was driven back with enormous loss and Bethulia and all Judea were thus saved. Strictest attention to detail in costume, weapons and instruments of war, customs of the people and correct scenic background make this one of the most remarkable spectacles ever produced in moving pictures.

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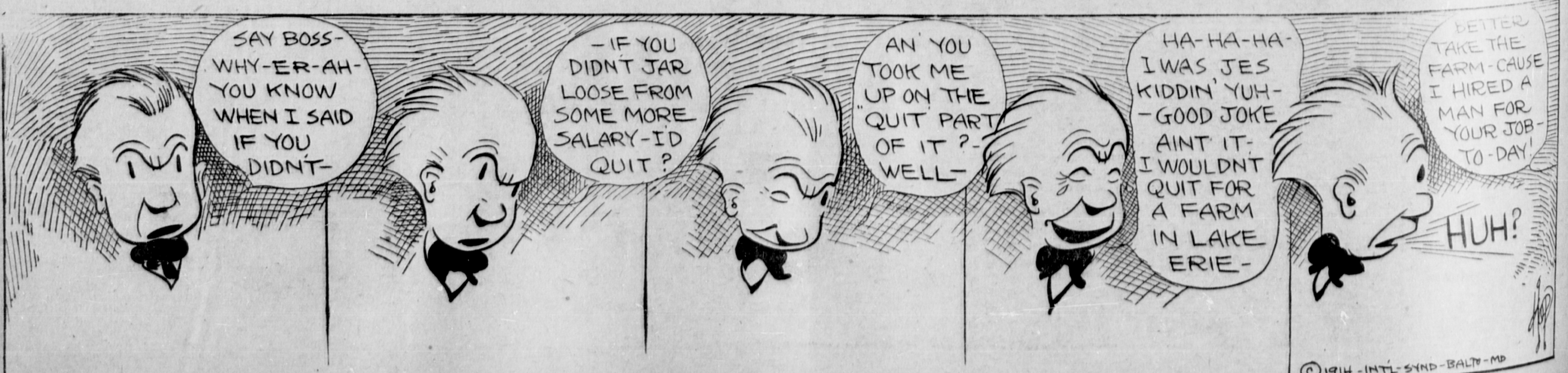
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