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According to the press despatches from Niagara Falls the peace mediators have reached a basis of settlement of the Mexican turmoil which they hope will prove practical and bring about permanent peace for that unfortunate country which has so long been devastated by the brutal tactics of wicked politics and the greed for wealth.

If the mediators are successful it will prove that President Wilson has been able to accomplish by diplomacy what others have been unable to do by either war or diplomatic negotiations. It will rank him as one of the world's diplomats.

During his brief term of office President Wilson has already shown himself to be a statesman more than a politician. He has been above party popularity and without the United States at least he is looked upon as the biggest man who has occupied the presidency in many years. He has done much to cement the good feeling between the Anglo-Saxon races and he has shunned the trickery which has for generations been the slogan of United States international negotiations. Within his own country he has put through legislation which previous presidents talked of but were unable to accomplish. He has made the United States greater in the eyes of the world.

The city council voted

\$1,200 for a market building shack with a reckless abandon which would give the property owners the impression that the city has money to burn. The purpose of the market building, according to the aldermen supporting it, is to bring the producer and buyer together and cut out the middleman's profits. In theory it is pleasant and plausible, but in practice it will probably prove a failure. Even if the quantity and variety of produce necessary to make a market a success in available in the district, the present shipping facilities make it impossible to keep a fresh stock on hand. Moreover, in these days of telephones and quick delivery, few housekeepers buy in quantity or carry bulk purchases home. The purpose of the building is probably to find some one a job. Later it will be turned into a city junk house.

In the meantime the city will spend \$1,200 on a fad, while the business men of the city have to dig into their pockets to provide funds to answer enquiries sent to the city from persons who contemplate settling in the district or opening business houses or industries within the city. The city council seems to have thousands to squander for fads but not a dollar for publicity.

One of the useful purposes of the Board of Trade and its mineral exhibition is apparent



THE SICILY EARTHQUAKE TRAGEDY

Mount Aetna in eruption. This photograph shows a view of the active Sicilian volcano which has been in eruption lately. At least 200 have been killed and as many injured as a result of the earthquake. Two towns of 1,000 or more were totally destroyed. Those who escaped from the town at the base of Mount Aetna spent the night in the fields.

in the way the mining men of the district interest themselves in the work and make the offices their headquarters. At the present time the Dominion commissioner for collecting exhibits of British Columbia natural resources for exhibition at San Francisco is quartered there. Through the aid of the commissioner he will be able to pick up a collection of samples which will show to the whole world the wonderful resources of this new country now open to civilization. This work certainly deserves public support.

What a Sailor Thinks

A sailor on one of the local ships was celebrating a few nights ago and began to "start something" among his fellows aboard. A provincial cop tried to interfere. The sailor demanded his authority. "I am a provincial policeman," he said. "Oh, you are," he replied, "you are one of those incompetent Conservatives. You cannot arrest me," and the result was that he didn't. Even a sailor under the influence of liquor seems to know there is something wrong with the Conservatives.

District Fair Dates

The following are the dates of the district fall fairs as approved of by the provincial government: Bulkley Valley, Telkwa, September 10. Fort George, September 24-25. Prince Rupert, September 30 and October 1 and 2. Bella Coola, October 9. Graham Island, Lawn Hill, not yet fixed.

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(Omineca Herald.)

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The past season was one of the best Mr. Gibbs has seen. They had 8,500,000 spawn and the outlook is very promising for the salmon industry.

Mr. Gibbs is quite enthusiastic over the Babine country. It is a very big territory and possesses all those sources of wealth which go to make up a prosperous country, such as timber, mineral, agricultural land and fish and hunting. He does not claim that the forests will compete in the markets of the world, but there is a good supply for home consumption and when the development of that country is undertaken all the timber will be required.

In the mineral deposits alone there is a big future before the country. There are native silver deposits, galena and copper of the most promising prospects. Like all northern British Columbia, development has been retarded by the lack of transportation. What work has been accomplished at enormous expense has been justified by results. With the completion of the G. T. P. and a wagon road from Decker lake over a level twelve miles to Babine lake that immense coun-

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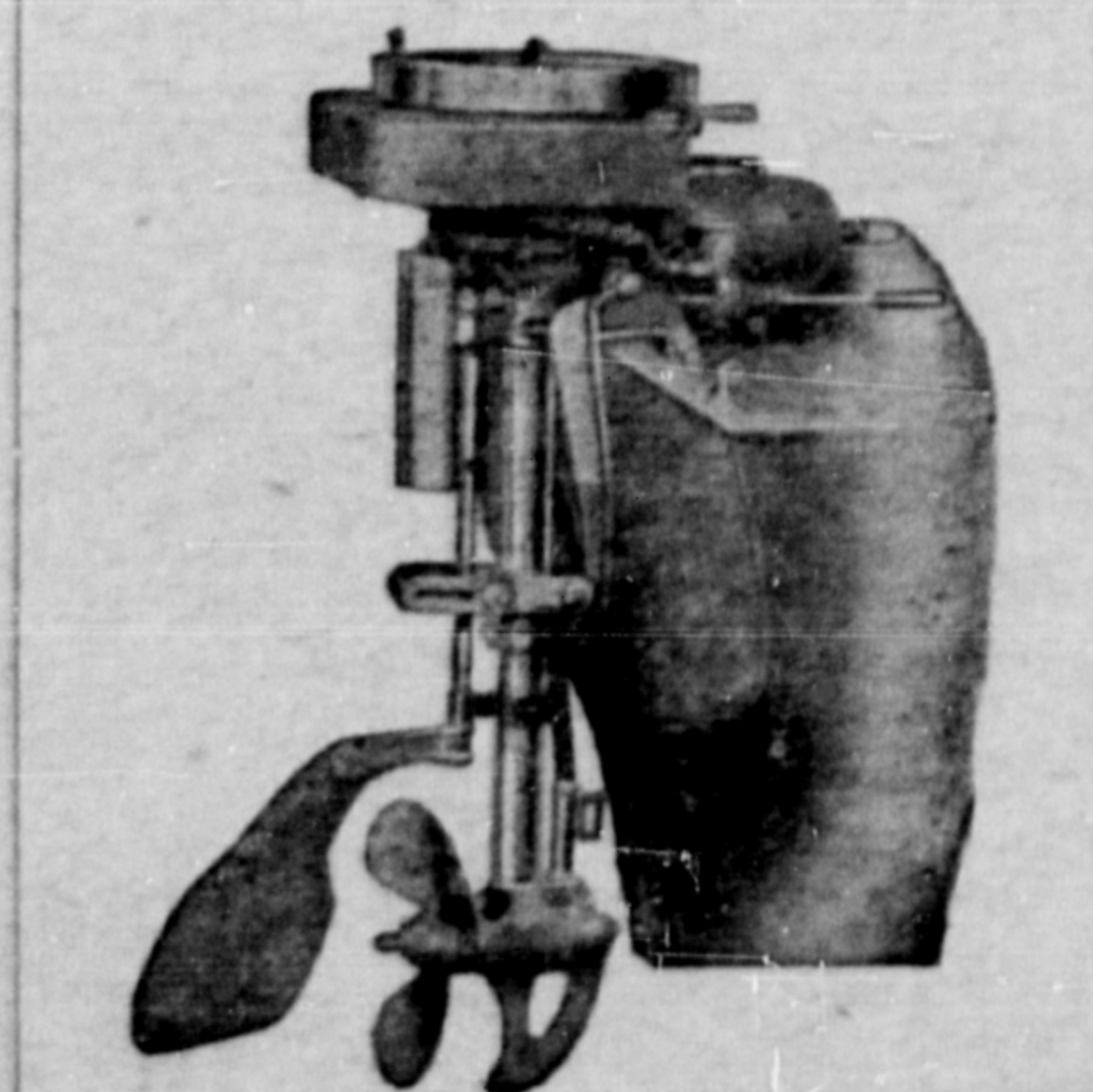
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