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It is very gratifying to the people of Prince Rupert to find the railway company so willing to meet the wishes of the city. In all the negotiations held with the officials the utmost candor and good will were shown by all concerned. This, of course, is as it should be. Prince Rupert needs the assistance of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the railway company as much needs the assistance of Prince Rupert. If this place fails to become an important center then there will be no trade for the railway. After all, there need be no sentiment in these dealings. What helps the railway helps the city and it would be a poor business concern that would not wish to take water to its own mill.

The establishing of Prince Rupert as a Coast-rate town ought to bring results right away. It will mean that the wholesale houses here can compete successfully with Vancouver both on the Coast and in the interior. The rate for interior towns will be the rate to Prince Rupert plus the rate back to said town. On Eastern goods, therefore, this city will have advantages even

over Edmonton. All the trade west of Prince George therefore naturally belongs to Prince Rupert. With regard to Prince George and the territory east of there this city will have an even break with Vancouver. Who gets that trade will depend upon the progressiveness of the respective business men. It can be safely assumed, however, that Prince Rupert will get her share.

It would appear that the Australians have already covered themselves with glory in the present war. Not only have their warships scoured the sea for ships of the enemy but they have succeeded in capturing several important German possessions. When the Canadians get to the front they will no doubt also give a good account of themselves.

The German cruisers on this coast seem to have made good their escape and are hardly likely to return. Indeed, it is very doubtful if they ever were within a thousand miles of Prince Rupert. Surveyors who spent the summer on the outlying islands have never seen a sign of them.

BRUTAL GERMAN GENERAL GUILTY OF HORRID CRIME

Von Bohn and His Staff Repay Aerschot Burgomaster's Hospitality With Lust and Murder.

London, Sept. 26.—The following dreadful story of German diabolism is published in The Standard and its truth is vouched for by the editor:

"One of the blackest pages in the invasion of Belgium is the sacking of Aerschot and the murder of the burgomaster and his son. I had the story from a resident of Aerschot, who is now a resident of Antwerp. He said that every word was true.

"When the German troops under General von Bohn entered Aerschot, the one idea of the burgomaster was to save his town and people from the dreadful fate of Louvain. He awaited the Germans at the entrance of the town, and to General von Bohn made offers of hospitality.

"The general was gracious enough and said that so long as everybody in the place showed the quietest demeanor, the town and the lives of those in it were safe. If not, the reprisals would be pitiless.

"The burgomaster offered the hospitality of his own house to the general and his officers, and this was also accepted.

"General von Bohn, with his chief of staff and another officer, took up their quarters under the roof of the mayor, where everything possible was done for their comfort. At night the general and his officers dined with the family, consisting of the burgomaster, his wife and three sons and a daughter.

"The meal progressed with every sign of congeniality and the conduct of the officers was perfectly respectful and normal, but toward the end of the dinner they drank very freely. They kept on drinking afterward. By the time everybody had retired to bed the three Germans were all very much the worse of drink.

"In the early hours of the morning the members of the household were aroused by a shriek from the room occupied by the daughter. The son, aroused to a frenzy, attacked the scoundrel in the room. There was a fierce struggle, which ended in the son shooting the chief of staff.

"The tragedy was witnessed by most of the household, including the male and female servants, but the shot did not arouse the general and the other officer, drunkenly asleep in their beds. The terrified household had to await till morning for the announcement of the tragedy.

"The next morning the general was terribly cold in his wrath. 'The price must be paid,' he said. 'The burgomaster, his wife, son and daughter, even the servants, pleaded piteously, but General von Bohn knew his duty.

"The burgomaster, his son, and two men servants were lined up against the wall and shot.

"The carnage in the streets, with burning, hacking and stabbing followed.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Province of British Columbia—County of Athol.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Dominion Sheet Metal Works, Plumbers, Furniture Dealers, and Second Hand Store, in the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Wilfrid Gratton, at Prince Rupert aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Wilfrid Gratton, by whom the same will be settled.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 21st day of September, A. D. 1914.
FRANK BROCHU,
W. GRATTON.

Witness: Irving N. Linnell.

PASSING EVENTS

Reports received in Rome say that desertions from the Austrian army are increasing daily, especially when regiments are near the Roumanian frontier. Thirty-five per cent of the men of the Mechay regiments have disappeared.

It is believed in Rotterdam that the supplies of the German army are now exhausted, and the rifles carried by the Landsturm, the last reserve, are said to be of an old type. There is also said to be an insufficiency of ammunition, and there are many of the men armed with rifles taken from Belgian dead.

Dinant, a town in the province of Namur, Belgium, having a population of 8,000, has been destroyed by shell fire and incendiary by the German soldiery, who murdered hundreds of the leading citizens of the place on the unproved charge that civilians had fired shots into Dinant from nearby heights. Among the prominent victims was a banker and his two sons, who were murdered by the thieves soldiers because they would not surrender the cash in the safe.

When H. M. S. Glory arrived in Halifax Harbor she brought in the Spanish liner Motessart, which was bound to Cadiz from New York and had among her passengers a number of suspected German reservists. On examination sixty-eight of these were taken and sent to the military prison at Melville Island, and the Montserrat was allowed to go on her voyage.

The population of Paris and suburbs before the war was 3,400,000. According to semi-official figures it is 2,040,000 today, owing to the mobilization of the army and the departure of fugitives. The minister of public works is aiding the people to leave, and is providing free transportation in many cases.

Steamer service between Antwerp and Harwich, which has been suspended for two weeks, has been resumed. This announcement indicates that British ship owners no longer fear capture of their vessels by the Germans, and that the German fleet is safely bottled.

A Swedish-Norwegian monument of peace, erected on the Norwegian frontier, near Charlottenberg, was unveiled on August 16, in the presence of 10,000 persons, including the members of the parliaments of the two countries. The president of the Storting delivered an address, in which he expressed Norwegian satisfaction at the common neutrality of Sweden and Norway.

The proposed working agreement between the two English soap-making firms of Lever Brothers and A. & F. Pears has been approved by the shareholders of the latter. Sir Thomas Dewar said this would make no difference to the employees, and the company's publicity would continue; what had been made by advertisement must be continued by advertisement.

Baron von Horst, who for several years past has made his home in London, where he has large business interests in connection with his hop growing farms on the Pacific Coast, has been arrested on the charge of circulating a manifesto, advising the Irish not to enlist in the British army. For a number of years he has been one of the active supporters of a London contingent which devoted its attention against Andrew Carnegie and his peace plans, in the avowed belief that Mr. Carnegie was attempting to bring about a union between the United States and Great Britain. Baron von Horst attained prominence in the suffragette agitation in England by appearing many times as a bondsman for women accused of breaking the peace.

MANITOBA PROTECTS PROPERTY OWNERS

Attorney-General Introduces a Bill for a Limited Moratorium.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—Hon. J. H. Howden, Attorney-General, introduced in the Legislature a bill dealing with land contracts which provides that no proceedings may be taken for the sale of any land in default of payment in respect of mortgage or agreement of purchase, if such default took place before August 4, 1914, until after the lapse of six months from that date, or if default occurred after August 4, no proceedings can be taken for six months after the date of default. Any sale made in contravention of this section shall be absolutely null and void.

In all actions for foreclosure the sale period to be allowed for redemption shall be one year, and in all pending actions for such foreclosure, in which the time fixed for redemption is after July 31, 1914, the same is extended for one year from the date so fixed for redemption. Action may be brought, however, for payment of interest on unpaid principal or for taxes and unpaid insurance premiums, but if judgment is secured no certificates of judgment shall be issued until after six months has elapsed.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may repeal this act at any time by proclamation in the Manitoba Gazette.

PARENTS HELD THE GROOM.

Mixed Marriage Causes Trouble—Police Won't Act.

Montreal, Sept. 25.—Because Armand Grenier, a Roman Catholic, was married to Miss Aubrey, a Protestant, by Rev. Thomas E. Burke, pastor of Mountain Street Methodist Church, when the young man returned home to get his belongings, his parents, after indignantly protesting against his marriage out of his faith, detained him. Mrs. Grenier has now made an application to the police to get her husband for her, but they have advised her that they are powerless.

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