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EDITORIALS

People of mystic temperaments are great believers in what is known as "double sight," or the art of reading the future by the intuitive senses. Nearly everybody has experienced what is known to the vulgar as a "hunch" about important pending matters. Modern study of psychology shows that there are mainly two causes for these phenomena. In the first place, wave messages are known to pass from one mind to the other by a process known as telepathy. The human mind is in reality a miniature "wireless" system and when another mind becomes pitched to the same key he can break in on the other fellow and get what information he desires—at least this is the theory and very often it works. This would explain how a man often has a premonition about what an opponent is about to do. There are many cases on record, however, where information is received about the future and as nobody knows the future it can hardly come by telepathy. The theory of the subconscious personality has been advanced to cover this. It is believed that a part of man's nature known as the subconscious personality is not subject to time or space, or, in other words, that the subconscious personality is a spark off the Infinite and is eternal knowing all things, but for ordinary purposes is veiled or shrouded by this mortal coil which men call flesh. There is,

therefore, a rational theory for the origin of premonitions.

Dropping almost from the sublime to the ridiculous, it is interesting to notice how the masses of the people are intuitively informed about an impending change in governments. At the present time there is a feeling in the air—and everybody has it—that the Conservatives, not only in British Columbia, but through Canada, are in the last stages of their power. This feeling, too, is not confined to the independent electorate; it has invaded the ranks of the Conservative party, and even their tried war horses are beginning to droop their heads. Of course some of them, like the youth who was passing through a graveyard in the night, are trying to keep up their courage by whistling. In spite of all they can do, however, psychological waves are escaping that tell of their mad plight, and a trembling among the leaves speaks of the impending doom. The Conservative party has been weighed in the balance and found wanting and they will now have to make room for more progressive ideas.

A friendly discussion was taking place the other day between a Britisher and a German. The German was naturally holding up the view of his country in demanding territory expansion at the expense of the British. "Look here," said his opponent; "suppose that I came to Prince Rupert in the early days when property was cheap and bought a dozen of the best residential lots in the city upon which a little later I had built myself a magnificent

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home. Several years after that you come around and, viewing my palatial residence, you inform me that in view of the fact that you are a more cultured man than I there is no justice in me having twelve lots while you have only one mean little lot of twenty-five feet. What do you think of your argument when you see it in a new setting? The trouble is that in the early days while your ancestors were writing philosophy and poetry our ancestors were out fighting and now when you have got tired of writing philosophy you want us to share the spoils with you." There was no reply.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME IN POINT GREY

Family Awakened by Cries of the Baby Find House in Flames.

Point Grey, B. C., Jan. 30.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker, on Twenty-Ninth Avenue and Mackenzie Street, was completely destroyed about 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning by fire which is supposed to have originated in the basement.

They were awakened by the cries of their baby, and found the house in flames. Mr. Baker at once tried to communicate with the fire hall by telephone, but owing to some trouble on the line was unable to get into communication, the alarm being sent in by Constable McPherson.

The brigade arrived too late to save the premises, although the new pump was brought into requisition for the first time. The house and contents were valued at \$4,000, and were covered by insurance to the amount of \$3,000 in the Yorkshire Guarantee Company and the Winch Insurance Company.

JITNEY CAR BUSINESS IS GROWING ON COAST

Automobile and Traction Experts Are Wondering Where Innovation Will End.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—How securely the advent of the jitney bus threatens to affect street railroad companies in Pacific Coast cities in 1915 is shown in estimates compiled here. The jitney men report their minimum average at \$1 an hour for an eight-hour day. In San Francisco Bay cities, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle, the number of cars now in operation and their daily receipts, figured on this basis, are:

City.	No. cars.	Daily receipts.
San Francisco	300	\$2,400
Trans-bay cities	450	\$3,600
Los Angeles	1,500	\$12,000
Portland	75	\$600
Seattle	500	\$4,000
Total	2,375	\$19,000

At this rate the jitney busses would take from the traction companies in the course of a year the sum of \$6,935,000 if operated in their present number. But the business is only in its infancy. In San Francisco the number of cars has doubled in the last week, and an organizer of the jitney men has assured officials of the Panama-Pacific Exposition that there will be 2,000 cars to handle Exposition crowds on the opening day, February 20. The busses have just invaded Portland, and the number there is expected to increase rapidly. Legislatures of the Coast States are deep in the problems presented by the birth of the unforeseen industry. Traction officials given a hearing at Sacramento have reported not only heavy losses in daily receipts, but one Los Angeles company announced that it had already been compelled to lay off 400 of its employees. Others reported that they would have to make reductions in both men and equipment.

Where the jitney idea will lead to is a question that is being given earnest consideration by automobile dealers as well as the traction experts. A representative of one of the largest automobile factories in the country has made the prediction that the jitney would soon disappear, and with it the street car. He believed both would be replaced by automobile express cars, built especially for city passenger traffic, with a capacity of ten or a dozen persons, and each operating along regular routes, with branch lines and transfer stations. He said several manufacturers were already at work on this idea as a result of the jitney bus advent.

AMERICAN VERSION OF DELAY IN SENDING CANADIANS TO FRONT

A New York paper publishes the following dispatch from a correspondent in London:

The Canadian army is thoroughly American. Not only does it use American slang, sing American songs, and use emphatic American cuss words, but the spirit of the men is American and independent. It is because of this fact that the Canadians have been held in Salisbury Plains. This is best shown by a quarrel overheard between an English officer and a Canadian fellow-officer.

"It was terrible," the English officer declared, "the way you Canadians came into London. Your officers and privates gathered together in the bars and drank together. You can't build up an army with such familiarity."

"But that is the way we have to build it up," replied the Canadian with a show of heat. "A Canadian soldier has no illusions about his officers. He knew them in private life, and he knows what they are worth."

"You haven't got our idea at all," answered the British officer. "It's paternalism in our army. I'm the father of my men. They ask my advice, and they have confidence in me. If I was familiar with them they would not do so. A soldier is not expected to have any individuality. His only duty is blindly to obey his superiors."

"Well, none of that stuff would go with us," declared the Canadian. "Our men are from Missouri and must be shown."

Then it took half an hour for the Canadian to explain what "from Missouri" meant.

Out in the corrugated metal huts where the Canadians live when not drilling, the great game is "craps." Because play hours are short, poker cannot be indulged in to any great extent. The Canadians were astonished to find that they could not buy crap dice in London. They had to draw specifications to have them made.

The present paper money in use in England is hardly conducive to crap-playing. The good sport wants to keep his money in his hands while flopping the ivory. The English war money is a poor texture of paper. It tears easily and becomes dirty the first day it is in circulation. The result is that after a few days in the game it is unrecognizable. When a Canadian soldier gets leave to come to town his first visit is to a bank to exchange the dirty money for clean currency.

The great diplomat usually stands back and lets the other fellow hand out the diplomacy.

Anyhow, the alienists seldom prove that the victim of the murderer is not dead.

A shrew can look pleasant when out in company with an angel.

A lot of snow appears to fall on the straight and narrow way.

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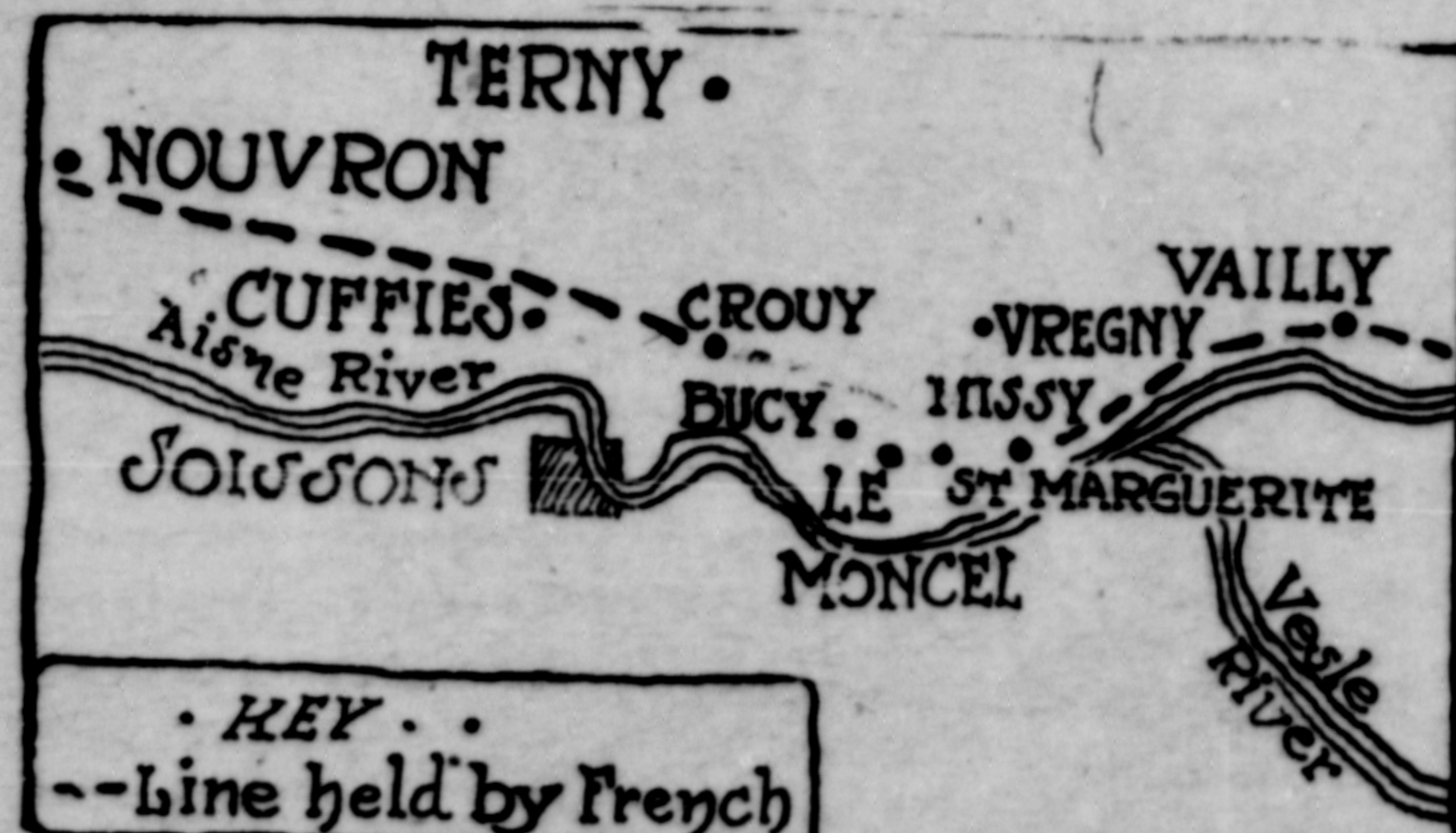
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WHERE FRENCH RECENTLY GAVE LITTLE GROUND.

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Why Pick On The General?

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