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GREAT BRITAIN TO DECLARE GERMAN BLOCKADE

REPORTED OIL STRIKE AT PITT MEADOWS—PLOT TO DESTROY G. T. P. PROPERTY DISCOVERED

FISHERMEN MUST BE PROTECTED— P. SIMPSON INDIANS PUNISHED

JUDGE YOUNG PASSES SENTENCE OF THREE MONTHS FOR STEALING FISHING TACKLE IN THE VICINITY OF PORT SIMPSON.

Before His Honor Judge Young in the County Court yesterday, the Indians were brought up for trial in connection with a charge of stealing a fishing line in the vicinity of Port Simpson.

Through the interpreter—Mr. E. Collison—they both asked for a speedy trial.

Slah Price pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in the County Jail. Green was found not guilty.

Price said he would like the case to take place at once. He did not wish to wait until he could get his witnesses, as most of them were residents of Port Simpson and would be out fishing.

The case was adjourned until this morning. In a conversation with Mr. Collison, Price said that he took the fishing line in retaliation, and he therefore considered it admissible to enter a plea of not guilty for him also.

Summers, McLeod and Summers were given evidence as to the loss and recovery of the halibut line. The case was left on their launch on the morning of February 9 and four and a half later was recovered. Summers had seen two men near and the line was concealed under the seat of a boat belonging to the accused.

The prisoners admitted the loss but said they had previously lost a line of their own and were feeling mad. They did not think McLeod or Summers took theirs.

Chief Gammon stated that a lot of pilfering was going on near Simpson and that it put the fishermen to a great deal of inconvenience.

Judge Young imposed a sentence of three months.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES STAFF REDUCTION

CITY COUNCIL TO START FIRING
UNLESS MAYOR NEWTON RETURNS WITH CASH.

There was a full house in the mayor's office last night, when the Council sat as committee of the whole to discuss the reduction of the city staff.

After an animated discussion of two hours the meeting adjourned, having accomplished nothing.

The watchword of the evening was, "When the mayor comes home"; and the whole matter was finally laid over until that happy day.

Acting Mayor Kerr explained the object of the meeting.

Alderman Beveridge immediately brought in his recommendation that all city positions be declared vacant at the end of the month, and applications be called for to fill them at lower salaries.

Alderman Montgomery objected: "I won't stand for a cut in wages or a reduction in salaries, whatever you like to call it."

The board of works, as possessor of the highest priced official, first came into the limelight.

Alderman Maitland strenuously opposed any change at present. There is \$39,000 worth of work now under way and when this is completed in April he will advocate the employment of only two men on the engineering staff—an engineer at a reduced salary and a general office man.

Alderman Beveridge made a motion to have the reduction take place immediately the mayor returned and to decide on the salary at once.

REPORTED OIL STRIKE AT PITT MEADOWS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Vancouver, Feb. 12.—Managing Director T. F. Paterson announces that oil has been struck in Pitt Meadows at a depth of 1,637 feet. The first indication was noticed six days ago but was kept secret pending confirmation.

Over eighty couples turned out to the Eagles' masquerade dance last night. The Westholme Orchestra, with the assistance of Miss Elsie Naumann and Mr. Pescott, rendered delightful music, while a dainty supper was provided by Mr. Ben Self. Altogether a most delightful evening was spent.

It is understood in town that the Prince Rupert Contingent has orders to leave Victoria at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

It is not known whether they will travel west to Hongkong or east to Egypt. In fact, their destination is a complete secret.

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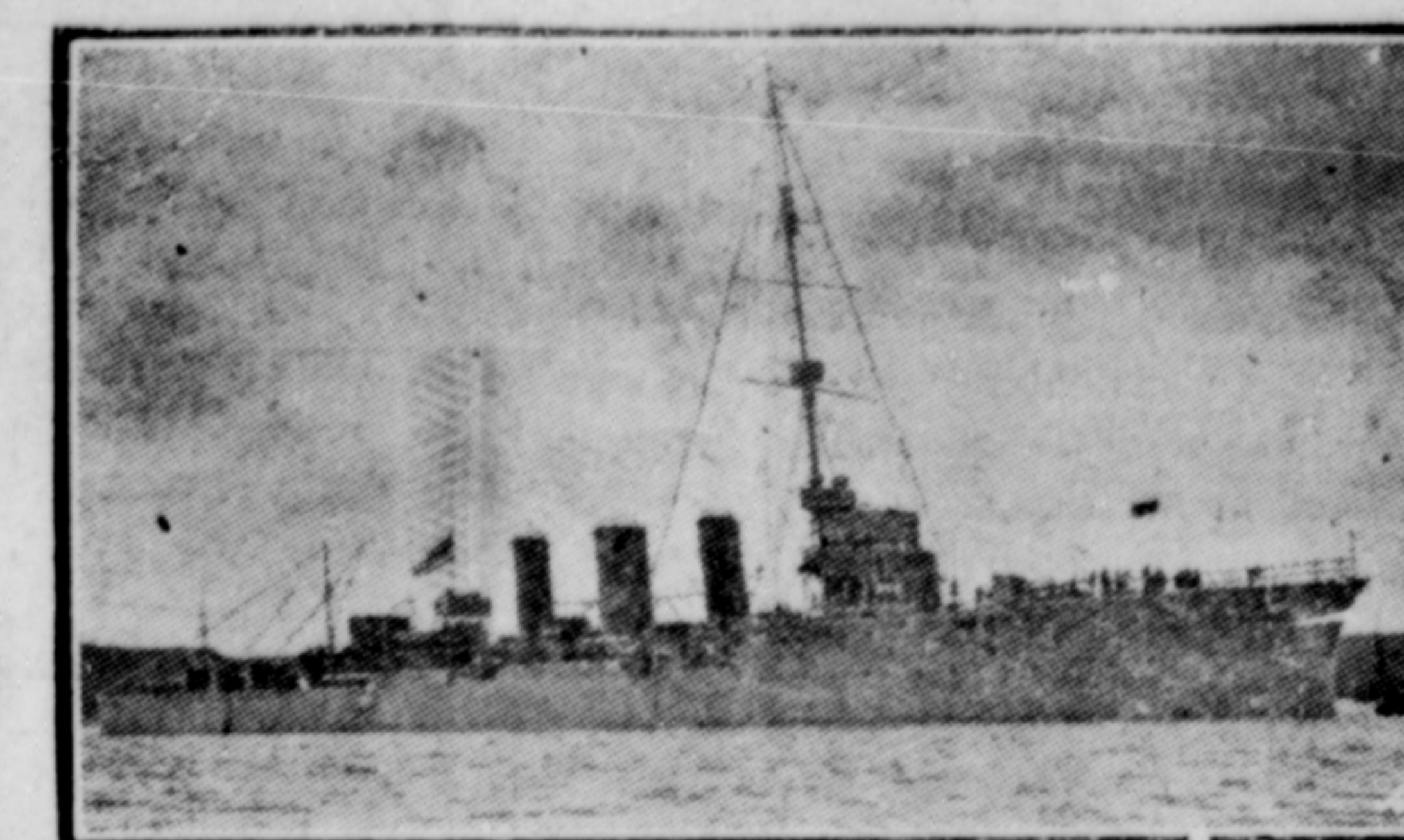
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Seventy-nine blocks of property have been set aside upon which the 240 business men selected will give their estimates.

Friday Concert at Majestic Theatre

In addition to a five-reel picture display of real merit, there will be the usual Friday evening special features.

Miss Killan will dance the Highland Fling, while the vocal numbers will be rendered by Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Harry Fletcher.



ARTHUSA, WHICH TORPEDOED BLUECHER.
The Arethusa, which was also in the Heligoland fight, at the close of the North Sea action is said to have torpedoed the German cruiser Bluecher with effect.

WHITE AND WELSH WILL MEET AGAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)
Chicago, Feb. 12.—White and Welsh have signed articles for a match for the lightweight championship of the world, to take place at Milwaukee on February 25. Their former match resulted in a draw.

FRENCH ATHLETES DOING GOOD WORK

Victor Breyer, editor of the Echo des Sports of Paris, who left the editorial chair to take up the position of officer-interpreter with the British army in France, says:

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BRITISH CABINET EXPECTED TO DECLARE GERMAN BLOCKADE

GERMAN SUBMARINE ATTEMPTS TO TORPEDO BRITISH MERCHANTMAN—BERLIN ADMITS RETIREMENT OF HUNGARIANS—AUSTRALIA ASKED TO SECURE MEAT SUPPLIES.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 12.—In view of the attempt to torpedo the British steamer Lacertes, in Dutch waters by a German submarine, it is expected that the Cabinet will declare a complete blockade of Germany, and seize anything bound there.

Admits Hungarian Retreat.
London, Feb. 12.—Berlin dis-

patches admit the retirement of the Hungarian forces in the Carpathians but take comfort in the slaughter of Russians in Poland.

Secure Meat Supplies.
Sydney, Feb. 12.—The British government has requested all the Australian states to secure all the meat available, as large quantities will be required to feed the army.

OLDEST CHICAGO THEATRE BURNED

(Special to The Daily News.)
Chicago, Feb. 12.—The Academy of Music, Chicago's oldest theatre, was destroyed by fire today. It was built in 1870. The loss will amount to \$175,000.

BRAVE RUSSIAN ARMY CHAPLAIN

Petrograd, Feb. 12.—Not for nothing every regimental standard in the Russian army bears the text, "God is on our side"; and when the officers go down in a fight it is often the regimental chaplain, who, with the standard in his left hand and cross held aloft in the right, leads the troops forward to the attack.

Only the other day, during one of the Russian attacks on the Bolimow front a battalion which had lost most of its officers was led by a regimental chaplain. He was, of course, absolutely unarmed and was wearing an ordinary soldier's coat. He brought the men back after as gallant a bayonet charge as any made in this section of the Polish front.

While speaking of the gallantry of Russian regimental chaplains, one must not forget an incident which occurred on the Russian Christmas eve in the trenches near Goumine.

The Russian and German trenches here were very near together. "Every effort was used to dissuade a priest from holding service, but without avail. The service began, accompanied by beautiful Russian singing to "Eternal Honor." The German soldiers opposed to this section of the trenches ceased fire and the service continued in the dead silence of the night at that spot, the Russian singing rising above the steady boom of the distant artillery dueling.

Seven minutes after the conclusion of the service, when the Germans were satisfied it was over, firing was resumed as usual, when a stone wrapped in a paper and attached to a string was flung into the Russian trenches. The paper contained Christmas greetings and the words, "Pull the string." A pull brought across the narrow space dividing the trenches a parcel containing some cigars and a chunk of cheese with more good wishes.

INCREASED TARIFFS TO MEET DEFICIT

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The budget shows a deficit of \$30,000,000, which is to be met by extra taxation. All tariffs are to be raised. There will be an increase of 7 1/2 per cent in the general and intermediate tariffs, while the preferential tariff to Great Britain will be increased 5 per cent. The free list will be practically done away with.

Trust companies will be taxed 4 per cent on their business and there will be a stamp tax on cheques, etc.

BRITISH AIRMAN DROPS BOMB ON ANTWERP FORT

London, Feb. 12.—Thirty-five German soldiers were killed in one of the Antwerp forts yesterday by a bomb dropped by a British airman.

HIDING BEHIND THE COLORS.

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—Before His Honor Judge Schultz, a protest has been entered against men hiding behind regimental colors in order to avoid payment of debts, the case in question being one where a judgment debtor failed to appear, giving as a reason that he was on military service. Mr. Spinks, the protesting counsel, stated that he was a captain in the militia, and would take steps to endeavor to get leave granted the absent debtor, in order that he may attend the court for examination.

SPAIN TO PURCHASE AMERICAN SUBMARINES

Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 12.—Parliament has advised the government to purchase four submarines for the Spanish navy from a builder in the United States.

**MAJESTIC THEATRE
TONIGHT**

FIVE REELS OF FEATURE DRAMAS
AND COMEDIES

Between Reels, Singing and Dancing
Through the Entire Two Shows.

Mrs. J. Lewis—Sentimental Song

Miss Killan—Highland Fling

Mr. Harry Fletcher—Songs

Admission: 10c and 15c

CANADIAN CLUB.
Meeting of the Canadian Club held at the Court House, Tuesday, February 18, at 8 p. m., transacted general business and elected officers.