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EDITORIALS

Under ordinary circumstances it would be an honor for a district to have their member promoted to a cabinet position. It will be otherwise, however, if the position of Minister of Finance is offered to William Manson. What qualification has William Manson for being minister of finance, although he is probably as well fitted as his predecessor. William Manson has never been in business. He knows nothing about the intricacies of finance and why appoint him. The reason is plain. W. J. Bowser will be the real minister of finance as he at present is the minister of agri-culture, of lands and of education, although nominally held by other figureheads. The people should not stand for a one-man government. Why not put the best men at our disposal in charge of our affairs.

There is not an honest man in the Province of British Columbia who doesn't believe that it is not only folly but criminal that the McBride government has been given so much power. Flattered with popularity and drunk with power, they have run riot with the resources of the province. The people, however, are aware of this misconduct. They have been exposed in such a way that nobody but a dyed-in-the-wool party man can support them. The independent electorate should keep the issue clear. They should not allow the excitement of a campaign to blind their better judgment. The hope of the future demands political purity and this can only be attained by punishing wrongdoers. The McBride government has earned a bitter defeat.

Lest we forget: The Dominion Trust Company went broke a few months ago and besides damaging the credit of the province pulled down the fortunes of scores of business men all over the country to its own vile end. Besides that, thousands of poor people who were led to believe that it was a safe institution in which to deposit money lost every cent of their hard-earned cash. What was the cause of this? In the first place, if Mr. Bowser had done his plain duty this company would not have been allowed to do business. But it was worse than neglect on his part. He framed up a Provincial Act which he knew was illegal in order that this company

could take deposits. In other words, he assisted financial robbers to fleece the people. Do you think that he is a fit man to have in charge of your affairs?

But this man Bowser who has been guilty of this misdemeanor is slated for the next Premier. Sir Richard has set his mind on a Federal portfolio and as soon as the election is over he will turn the reins over to Bowser. W. J. Bowser, besides all his other evil qualities, is a tyrant of the front rank. He will not listen to the pleas of God or man. He walks roughshod over the feelings of the people. He disregards the laws of the land; for he is a law unto himself. Will the people stand for tyranny in this enlightened age, or will they rise up in their might and hurl him from power. Ponder well over the use you will make of that ballot for which your ancestors fought and bled.

WAS WOUNDED AT LIEGE.

Dr. August Ledoux Is Appointed to Toronto University Staff.

Toronto, March 9.—Dr. August Ledoux, professor of mineralogy at Brussels before the war, is to receive an appointment as lecturer on the staff of the University of Toronto, and will reach Toronto with Mrs. Ledoux early in April. Dr. Ledoux took part in the Belgian campaign and was wounded in the battle of Liege. Subsequently he helped in the defence of Antwerp and in the fighting on the Yser River, going to England later on account of ill-health. His appointment to the University of Toronto has been brought about largely through the action of the faculty in subscribing the necessary funds. It is expected that he will devote his time chiefly to research work rather than to teaching.

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WAS FIRST SIGHTED

London.—Engineer Rear Admiral Mogg, responding to the toast of "The Imperial Forces," at an audit dinner at Antony, Cornwall, said he had heard the questions a good deal lately: "What is the navy doing? Where is it?" He knew as a fact that at the Scarborough raid the navy was there. They practically surrounded the raiders on their way back, but a dense fog came on. They could scarcely see a yard ahead, and the British ships naturally stopped, but the Germans steamed full speed right through it. Nature fought for the Germans that day. On the recent Sunday the British navy was there again, and they knew what had happened. When the Germans felt inclined to come out they would find the British navy waiting and would meet with a very hearty reception, and he felt sure they would get a great deal more than they would want.

He was very proud to think that he had a son in Admiral Sturdee's ship in the battle off the Falkland Islands. They had in that case given themselves a month to look for the Germans, but in the words of his son, "The Lord delivered them into our hands." They were at breakfast when the enemy was sighted and had just finished coaling ship. It was said the admiral was in his cabin shaving and the flag admiral went to him in his pajamas and informed him that the enemy was in sight. He replied, "Go and put your clothes on, my boy, and we will talk about them afterwards." He could imagine the admiral saying that.

In an hour and a half they were ready and under steam. His son was in charge of the fire brigade. They first got a big hole in the side of the ship, and when he went to see if there was any fire he found the stokers foraging around for relics, quite unconcerned about the risk. Then a 8.2-inch shell struck the ship almost vertically, slicing a 4-inch gun in two, and then passing through three decks, to be found unexploded in the admiral's store. That ship was hit about twenty times, but had not a single casualty. One shell wrecked the wardrobe and burst the piano and soda-water machine. Another entered the sick-bay, and two bunks were pierced. The Germans seemed to get the range at first, but when the British started hitting "they did hit."

The battle was fought at long range so as to incur as few casualties as possible. It was said to have been a perfectly horrible sight with the sea littered with bodies. Of the Germans rescued fourteen had died, and a funeral service was held over them. When the Good Hope and Monmouth were sunk had the Germans wished they could have saved many, and if not that they could have held a service. Admiral Mogg spoke of the achievements of the army, and contended that the retirement from Mons stamped the army as much as any advance.



One of the Sensations in "413," at The Westholme Wednesday and Thursday.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST
THE NIGHT CLUBS

Opens in London—Kitchener Said to Strongly Favor the Restrictions.

London, March 9.—The campaign against drink and gambling here continues to arouse much interest. The closing of public houses two and a half hours earlier each night has already resulted in a great diminution of the criminal calendar, one particular crime, murderous assaults, having almost completely disappeared. It is commonly believed Lord Kitchener has strongly urged upon the Cabinet the desirability of further restrictions of the sale of drink, particularly around camps and public works and one section of the government strongly supports him. Certain difficulty has already been found in enforcing, to the full the present shortened hours, much depending upon the chief constables of each town.

Last Friday saw the opening of the campaign against the night clubs, which have reopened widely in West London since October. They are largely used for gambling and occasionally for blackmail and have done infinite harm to young officers who come to London on leave from the trenches. One Belgravia club was raided between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning and a number of fashionably dressed ladies, some in evening gowns and fur robes, were brought into court. It was stated in court that the commissioner of police had had many complaints that young officers were being ruined in these houses and that the military authorities took a very grave view of this fashionable gambling, now so rife in the metropolis. Heavy fines were inflicted upon the principals.

Mr. Hunter, the famous Tyne-side shipbuilder, declares prohibition would increase the national efficiency and probably increase the output of work by 20 per cent.

It is difficult to select a hired mourner or an alienist who will not overdo the job.

SUICIDE OF GIRL
UNMASKS A MAN

Brooklyn Stenographer's Death Brings Employer's Confession of Double Life.

New Haven, Conn., March 9.—The body of Lillian May Cook, a pretty 18-year-old Brooklyn stenographer, was found in a lonely part of West Rock Park here late yesterday. She had shot herself to death with a revolver taken from the office of the Mayo Radiator Company, where she had been employed, and apparently had been dead a week. A poison tablet was found in her pocket.

Twenty minutes after the body had been found Virginius E. Mayo, who employed the girl, arrived on the scene, but soon left.

Mayo admitted, according to the police, that he was the possessor of a dual personality and that Miss Cook had formerly been the employee and companion of Miss Lois Waterbury, who, as "Mrs. James Dudley," was maintained in a handsome home by him in Brooklyn. He denied emphatically that he knew anything about the girl's whereabouts after she disappeared. Miss Waterbury, according to Mayo's story, is the mother of his two children and was his stenographer until he had her moved to Brooklyn. In this city Mayo maintained another establishment, presided over by his wife.

The medical examiner who viewed the body at the morgue said the physical condition seemed to have been normal at the time of death. Miss Cook disappeared last Thursday, leaving a note that her jewelry be turned over to her mother.

Happiness is not real happiness until some one is happy with you.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessments made for the year 1915 will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Prince Rupert, B. C., on Wednesday, April 7, 1915, at 10:30 a. m.

Any person desiring to make complaint against the said assessment must give notice in writing to the Assessor, stating the cause, at least ten (10) days prior to the sitting of the said Court.

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