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EDITORIALS

The question of selecting a candidate for the Liberal party is an important one. The first requisite of that man is that he be a fighter. Northern B. C. has never got a square deal from the south and we will never get it unless we are prepared to fight for it. In the next place that man must have an aptitude for constructive statesmanship. The Liberals are certainly going to be returned to power and the best man we have is none too good. His services will be greatly required in restoring prosperity to the province and in untangling the land policy of the province and getting the land back to the people. When the choice of the party has been made—as it will be tonight—there is only one thing left and that is for everyone to get behind him and give him a loyal support. The Liberals must and shall win, but every man must do his share.

Premier McBride, in announcing to his followers the decision to appeal to the country, said: "It is my conviction that we are only at the beginning of provincial development." No truer words were ever said, for everybody knows that there has been no real development in British Columbia since the present government took charge. Big cities and skyscrapers do not constitute development. Development means something permanent—production. Certainly the province is still at the beginning of its development and it will stay there unless new men are put in power.

Do the citizens of this country realize the stigma that is attached to a government when a member of the cabinet is forced to resign because of improper practices. This work has been going on for years but it was all right until it was exposed. In other words, it is being caught that is the crime, and not the actual deed. Another member of the cabinet is guilty of a greater wrong. He assisted robbers to fleece the hard working people of this country of their cash through the Dominion Trust Company. W. J. Bowser would be sacrificed, too, if he were not the boss. As it is he is the most dangerous man in the lot. The McBride government cannot "fire" Bowser. The people, however, can and will. You can assist in this. Lend us a hand.

"Take it from me that William Manson will get nothing from the McBride government," was the significant statement made today by a local business man of Conservative leanings. "Bowser may be a boss and all the rest of it, but he has no use for a man who gets down and licks his feet, as William Manson does." All the same it would not be surprising to see bland Bill come home here and tell us that he had the portfolio in his inside pocket. Bowser, of course, wants to use William Manson. Indeed, William Manson is the only type of man Bowser can use, for Bill is a total non-register when it comes to party leaders. Let the people not be fooled by any dangling of political honors for Manson. In the first place they would fit badly and in the next place he will never get them.

ALASKA TERMINAL NOT YET SELECTED

Wild Rumors and Stories of Press Agents Started by Boosters For Various Routes.

Washington, March 9.—Contrary to the many wild rumors and press agent stories, there has been no decision yet made regarding the terminus of the Alaska railroad. One rumor printed in several cities yesterday was that Ship Creek had been selected.

Ship Creek is a possibility as a temporary terminal for this year's work to the Matanuska fields. This does not necessarily mean that Ship Creek will be the permanent terminal and even its selection as a temporary terminal pending the decision of the president is uncertain. Interested parties both here and in New York are busy circulating rumors to their advantage.

The only certain point in the whole terminal matter is that no decision has as yet been made.

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LIQUID FIRE THROWN FROM GERMAN RANKS

French Soldiers Set on Fire in Their Tranches by Blazing Jets.

Paris, March 10.—The effect of the burning of oil and chemicals sprayed by the Germans upon the French advanced trenches in the woods of Malancourt, which was mentioned in a recent official communication, is described in La Liberte by a nurse at the front. Incidentally it has been learned that this new instrument of warfare, which is a German invention, was patented in France.

The nurse was at a railway station when the soldier victims arrived. Their faces were badly burned, their limbs blistered and their uniforms charred. A soldier who acted as spokesman told the nurse of their experience. He said that at nightfall after a relatively calm day the Germans began to attack with flaming liquid.

Incredulous at first, the French soon discovered that this liquid was being directed at them from several jets.

Special appliances were used in some instances and at times an apparatus resembling a fine engine was used. Incendiary grenades were also hurled by the Germans. The trenches were soon in flames.

"None of us could escape from this torrent of fire," said the soldier. "Our clothes flowed with oil and some of us became living torches. Surrounded by flames, we had to retire, but not until our comrades of the second line were ready to resist the attack of the enemy which began six minutes after."

"A bayonet counter attack by the French was carried out with a veritable fury, so great was their desire for revenge."

At the end of the combat the Germans had lost 150 killed and sixty taken prisoners.

HORN WEEPS WHEN SHACKLED TO DEPUTY

Man Who Attempted to Blow Up Vanceboro Bridge Loses His Nerve.

Machias, Maine, March 10.—Werner Horn, the German who attempted to blow up the international bridge at Vanceboro, was taken to Bangor Monday for arraignment before a United States commissioner on a Federal indictment charging violation of the laws regulating interstate transportation of explosives. He was arrested Sunday on the expiration of a sentence of thirty days in the county jail for damaging property at Vanceboro.

United States Marshal John S. P. Wilson deemed it advisable to handcuff Horn to a deputy. The prisoner protested and wept when the shackles were fastened. Counsel for the prisoner was prepared to request a continuance of the proceedings at Bangor.

H. C. BREWSTER SCORES CONDUCT OF GOVT.

Vancouver, March 10.—"I do say to you in all sincerity that I believe the maladministration of the lands of the province is an immoral act," declared Mr. H. C. Brewster, before a crowded gathering of Port Haney electors on Saturday night last. "In other words, let me say that when you deprive a man of the right which the Almighty designed that he should have of making the earth productive, of creating for himself a home in which to shelter a wife and family. When you deprive a man, I say, of that right, then you create a condition which causes those who should be thus happily situated to flock to the cities, to congest in the slums of those cities; to come in keen competition with the labor there, and in that manner bring about a condition out of which the greatest immorality arises."

"But, you say, we have an agricultural bill now before the Legislature and it will be of benefit to the farming population of this province. Yes, we have an agricultural bill before the Legislature, and it is the outcome of a report by the Agricultural Commission which has cost the province not less than seventy, or possibly eighty, thousand dollars, and for which, I ask you, have you received your money's worth. Not to be Law."

"Now, we are told that this agricultural bill is not to become law until such time as it may be proclaimed by order-in-council. In other words, while I do not think you received your money's worth from that commission, it is quite evident the government intends to use its report in such a manner as to reap political benefit from it and hold it as a bait before the electorate pending an appeal to them for re-election. If it is a good bill and in the interests of the farmer and for the benefit of British Columbia, why does it not become law. Oh, but, Sir Richard says, it is impossible at the present time owing to the financial crisis which is upon us, to raise sufficient money to put it into effect."

"Yes, I would call your attention," said the speaker, "to the fact that by the budget which is brought into the House an expenditure of more than four millions over the estimated income is to be made this year on other works not nearly so important as the agricultural act. It appears, however, that this government cannot even get a land bill before the people without playing politics with it. How absurd it is, however, to expect the government that passes legislation in favor of the speculator making it easy for him to hold lands he obtained as fraudulent—absurd, I say, to expect them really to take an interest in a true land settlement policy."

Ellison's Purchases. Speaking of the Colony Farm episode, Mr. Brewster said he had had no opportunity to see any statement from the Minister of Finance as to his purchases, and so would not criticize too severely, for, perhaps, it was as some



GEORGES CARPENTIER,

The famous French pugilist, who is reported to have been captured by the Germans while serving at the battlefront with a French regiment.

people suggested, only an evidence of the kind-heartedness of the Minister of Agriculture when he took pity on that poor animal "Meta Clothilda P.," which was sore stricken with age and in a debilitated condition and could not stand the humid atmosphere of the Coast, and bought her, which had cost the Colony Farm well in excess of \$400, for the sum of \$25, so that she could be taken to the more invigorating, higher altitudes of the Okanagan, where she could inhale the ozone-laden breezes from the lakes, and in peace and happiness end her days in fields of plenty.

"No doubt, I say," said the speaker, "it was but the desire of a kindly heart to show such solicitude for the dumb brutes of the Colony Farm and, therefore, it would never have done to open the sale to public competition for fear some hard-hearted farmer in Dewdney might have secured some of these animals and their old age would not have passed so peacefully."

"The land question, the Dominion Trust, Ellison's cows, Indian reserve commissions, junketing royal commissions—are they not all of one piece? Are they not all tainted with the same taint of dishonor and lack of sincerity on the part of the administration? Are they not supported in this by the member you sent to Victoria? Can you not see your responsibility in this matter? Is it not true that for the good name of your province, the building up and establishing on a permanent basis as prosperity that will extend through your years and on to your children, is it not time you considered your responsibility and put in charge of your affairs a government that will make for purity, peace and prosperity in this, Canada's greatest province?"

SNOW TO INSURE ENORMOUS CROPS

Omaha, Neb., March 11.—The heavy snow storm which has prevailed over Nebraska, South Dakota and western Iowa for the last forty-eight hours has abated, though snow is still falling in isolated parts. The storm impeded railroad traffic, but the temperature was not severe and no suffering has been reported. Farmers declare this unprecedented fall of snow will insure a bumper crop.

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