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EDITORIALS

The city council is building a plank roadway on 11th ave. from Albert street to McBride, where there is not a single residence nor is there likely to be any for some time to come. This road, too, was never petitioned for; indeed it was forced on the property owners by the council in order to find work for a needless engineering staff. The assessment for the work amounts to \$100 per lot, perhaps more than the average lot in that district is worth. The life of the plank roadway is four years, so that property owners on that street may consider that they have been robbed of their holdings, and yet men will say that it doesn't matter whom they elect to office.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church in British Columbia met recently in Vancouver and among other things the political conditions in the province were referred to. The churches in Canada have always stood aloof from party politics and the following from Rev. J. S. Henderson, secretary of the Social Service and Evangelical League is highly significant. To quote the Sun:

"Referring to conditions all through the province, Mr. Henderson declared that, politically, conditions were very serious and he declared that there was a political machine in the province that was a menace to the state and that not until the machine was smashed would they have their rights. Economic conditions were not due so much to the war but to the frantic methods of financing the province in 1910-11-12. Designing individuals had been alienating the resources of the province."

The story keeps cropping up persistently that Austria is trying to negotiate a separate peace and thus withdraw from the present war. It is hardly

worthy of serious consideration. Austria cannot make a separate peace, if for no other reason than that Germany will not let her do so. Austria is apparently doomed, whatever the outcome of the present war may be. The German states of Austria are destined to be absorbed into the German Empire, preserving, of course, the same degree of autonomy as the Kingdoms of Saxony, Bavaria and Wurtemberg and the various grand duchies of the German Empire.

The German armies and those of Austria in the East are not merely co-operating. According to best reports, they are in many places acting together under a common command, generally believed to be a German command.

Under conditions such as these how would it be possible for Austria to make a separate peace? There would be no peace about it. The attempt to withdraw from the Alliance would mean war with Germany and probably would be resisted by the German states of Austria, whose troops in the field would remain under German command. Austria is in the mess to stay as long as Germany demands it. She has the proverbial tail-hold on the bear, as difficult and dangerous to let go as to hold on.

Besides all of which Austria and Turkey are slated to pay the cost of the war, should success attend the Allies. Germany has little fear for loss of territory should the war go against her, except, of course, Alsace and Lorraine, while Bosnia, Herzegovina and Galicia have already been "earmarked" for Serbia and Russia, and the Austrian coast in the Adriatic for Italy. Austria may want peace and Turkey may want peace but they must wait till Germany wants peace.—Seattle P.-I.

ASKS COL. CARNEGIE TO COME TO RUPERT

The following telegram has been sent by the Board of Trade to Colonel David Carnegie, inviting Colonel Carnegie to include Prince Rupert in his itinerary of investigation into the economic and industrial conditions of British Columbia, which he is making on behalf of the British War Office. Colonel Carnegie is paying particular attention to the copper industry of British Columbia, an industry in which Prince Rupert and the North has both a present and future prominence in the mining industry of British Columbia. He is also said to be reporting on the possibility of war material being manufactured at certain points in British Columbia. Prince Rupert has both the raw material and the facilities to offer, so it is hoped that she will receive due consideration.

"Colonel David Carnegie,
Victoria, B. C.:

"The president and members of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, noting that Colonel David Carnegie and his staff are visiting the province for the purpose of investigating the industrial and economic conditions of British Columbia, urgently suggest that his investigations be extended to Prince Rupert and Northern British Columbia.

"Northern British Columbia has copper and other mineral deposits of importance. It has a smelter at Anyox, where there is ore to the value of seventy-five million dollars blocked out. It has also numerous properties in course of development, and the largest drydock on the Pacific Coast, with facilities for the manufacturing of war material.

"The cordial invitation of the Board of Trade is extended to Colonel Carnegie and his staff, and he is urged to make a visit to Prince Rupert in the course of his itinerary, where the board will have much pleasure in doing all possible to facilitate his enquiries.

(Sgd.) "D. G. STEWART,
"President of the Board of Trade."

MORE TALK OF PEACE; BUT IT'S IN THE FUTURE

Copenhagen, April 12.—It is learned on high authority that as soon as the Dardanelles have fallen there will be peace overtures from the German-Austrian-Turkish side. The troops returning to Germany are very tired of the war and are deeply depressed at not obtaining a speedy victory. The civil population of Germany believes that the war will be ended by June.

ARRIVALS BY THE PRINCE GEORGE THIS MORNING

Among the first-class passengers arriving by the Prince George this morning were the following: H. Wickhammer, H. A. Chapman, F. A. Corbit, Mr. Gaylander and wife, Mr. Maillet, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Florence Richards, E. B. Hastings, Mrs. Jones, W. S. Fisher, N. E. Dinning, E. H. Fletcher, G. Tooker, T. Brandon and wife, Wm. G. Clarke and wife, J. S. McArthur, Charles Plaxton, J. Ross, Archie McEachin, P. Walker, N. W. White, S. Carmichael, D. H. McDowell, Fred Renworth, John Roberts, Mr. Young, J. H. Roff, L. J. Havery, R. McCollough, Walter Robinson, Clara Brown, Lena Silver, Mr. Wickenden and wife, Mr. Horney, Mrs. H. C. Seaman, M. N. Shaw, L. A. Moody, W. C. Arnett, H. McLeod, R. S. Johnston, Frank G. Evans, George, G. Baker, S. Jenkins, Major Moore and wife, Jack Hubert and wife, F. A. Larkin, J. McLellan, Miss Marcelle Loharge, S. D. Long, Mrs. Fargarey, Mr. Morley, Mr. Aerge, W. H. N. Robertson, Wm. O'Neill, Alex. Bouthron, Mrs. Anderson, J. D. Westenhaver, G. L. Thompson, G. M. Beirnes, Mrs. Harriott, C. J. Deyger, W. McLaren, F. W. Rudge, May Struthers, N. Vanalstine and A. Harris.

FOLLOW KING'S EXAMPLE.

London, April 12.—"In view of all that is now happening, and following the unprecedented lead of His Majesty the King," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in an appeal just published, "we desire to press seriously upon the minds of those whom we can influence the duty and privilege of bearing a voluntary part in the nation's self-discipline and self-sacrifice by abstaining from all alcoholic drinks during the continuance of the war. Some definite act on the part of all is due our brave men, the nation at large and to God."

HOW THE PRESS LOSES.

An unknown man was found dead in the outskirts of a small Kansas town recently. A revolver and \$100 in cash were found on his person. The coroner held an inquest and it took \$75 to defray the expenses and bury the dead. The police judge fined the corpse \$25 for carrying concealed weapons and confiscated the gun. The local newspaper, which published the obituary, got nothing.—Altoona (Kan.) Tribune.

JOHNSON TO LOSE HIMSELF.

Havana, Cuba, April 12.—Jack Johnson says he is going to take on a long sea voyage, possibly to China. He says he wants to get away from crowds and forget the result of his fight. He offers no excuses for his defeat. Willard is too big, Johnson declared, for the averaged sized heavyweight ever to defeat.

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