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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Erb-Mullen Drydock Case Ends

Newman Erb to Buy Interests of John L. Mullen and Others

Judge and Jury Kept Waiting in Court Room while Prince Rupert Litigants Arrange Differences Without Them

Sound Advice of Judge To Get Rid of Strife

Would Either Sell or Buy, but finally Decides to Buy; Other Contracts to Follow Those in Hand

(Special to the Daily News via Government Telegraphs.)
VANCOUVER, April 8.—A settlement is believed to have been reached out of court in the Prince Rupert Drydock case. It is generally stated that Erb is buying out the Mullen interests, but agreement has been signed although it may be signed today. Yesterday two separate attempts made by E. C. Mayers on behalf of Mullen for the dismissal of the action on technical grounds were unsuccessful.



MRS. RALPH SMITH, M. L. A., who goes to California after the session to oversee the production of a movie play she has written.

Announced Trial Off.
The conference continued until late last night after which it was stated confidentially that the trial was off. The agreement probably was signed this morning.

Justice Gregory, while mildly reproving counsel for keeping the jury waiting so long, commented at half past four that a day well spent if a settlement resulted. "I should like to see them that while it may not be the best thing for the moment, the litigants will do well to settle the thing up unless the question of principle or the honor of some man is at stake," said his Lordship. "Get rid of this strife and devote your energies to your work. You will all make more money in the long run."

Lawyers Conferred.
John L. Mullen, Alex. Manson, M. L. A., and William E. Williams of Prince Rupert conferred all day with their solicitors, Mayers & Smith, upon the proposition made by Erb, which was that he would either buy or sell at stated figures. It was the intention to sell everything to Erb that was finally agreed to, according to Mr. Walkem.

It is understood that Newman Erb has plans for the utilization of the drydock shipyards in future contracts of great magnitude.

LARGEST TANKER NOW IN PORT

Standard Oil Vessel Here with Fuel.

The Standard Oil tanker, Dilworth, arrived in port yesterday afternoon and is discharging 68,000 barrels of oil at the Imperial wharf here. This is the largest tanker that has been to this port before. She is a new vessel built at San Francisco and is 438 feet long. Dilworth is in command of Mr. Badger, formerly of the U.S. Navy. He was away dodging submarines during the war.

GREEK TROOPS ARE ADVANCING

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
ATHENS, April 7.—Greek troops have been authorized by the Supreme Military Council of the government to advance in Asia Minor in anticipation of an eventual attack by the Turkish forces. They have occupied a strategic position east of Smyrna, according to a dispatch to the newspaper Ethnos.

Underwriters, Phone 41.

ONE LIBERAL ONE FARMER

No Government Supporter Elected Yesterday in By-elections for Dominion Commons.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
OTTAWA, April 8.—A farmer and a Liberal were returned in the by-elections held yesterday. In Montreal Ferdinand Rinfret, the official Liberal candidate, was chosen by the electors of the St. James division by a majority of 1,400 over Apthet Mathieu, the labor candidate.
Word has been received from Cobalt, Ontario, that Angus Macdonald, the United Farmer candidate, is leading by 1,200 majority. The small polls yet to come are likely to follow the progression and increase the majority. Major Pullen, the Independent Conservative, ran second, and A. G. Slaght, Liberal, third.

DRYDOCK CASE STAGE IS SET

Little Done Yesterday Except to Meet and Adjourn for Possible Settlement.

GREGORY TRIAL JUDGE WITH JURY OF EIGHT

VANCOUVER, April 8.—(8 a. m.) The curtain is up, and the stage all set for the drydock case today. Erb and Mullen with an imposing array of lawyers and witnesses were in court yesterday. The atmosphere was tense with excitement and a bitter contest is assured. The counsel for Erb were E. P. Davis, K. C., and Knox Walkem; for Erb were S. S. Taylor, K. C., and E. C. Mayers. Mr. Justice Gregory is trying the action with a jury of eight. As a preliminary move E. C. Mayers applied early yesterday to Judge Morrison for dismissal of the case in view of the plaintiff's neglect to comply with the order to put up \$2,500 security for costs within the stipulated time. The judge referred the point to the trial judge.

Before the jury was sworn in yesterday an adjournment was taken at 2:30 to see if some settlement were not possible. The procedure in the selection of the jury is for the sheriff to summon 42 men, the two parties then to weed them down to 16. This panel appears in court and each side is entitled to challenge four, bringing the number down to eight.

MILITARY CONSPIRACY IN BAVARIA PLANNED

Would Have Placed Gen. Ludendorff and Dr. Heim at Head of Affairs.

BERLIN, April 8.—A great military conspiracy which was to have been a Bavarian parallel to the recent Berlin revolution has been discovered in Munich. Part of the plan was that General Ludendorff be made dictator over Bavaria and Dr. Heim, of the Bavarian Spartacist party, economic dictator.

COSTLY EXPEDITION

Trip of Soldiers to Siberia Made at Expense of Nearly Three Millions.

OTTAWA, April 8.—The total cost of the military expedition to Siberia was \$2,823,000. This was the information given to the House yesterday by Hon. A. L. Sifton. The number of officers and men sent from Canada was 4,244.

CITIES OF GERMANY ARE OCCUPIED BY FRENCH ARMY

Premier Lloyd George and Cabinet Meet Today to Discuss Question; French Moroccans Fire on Mob

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LONDON, April 8.—Premier Lloyd George and his cabinet will meet today, presumably to determine the attitude Great Britain will take relative to the occupation of German cities east of the Rhine by the French.

BERLIN, April 8.—Despatches from Frankfurt reaching Berlin through indirect channels report the uninterrupted arrival of French troops in that city and at Hanau, Offenbach, Darmstadt, and Koenigstein. A completely equipped French division of war strength proportions has been assigned to Frankfurt alone.

PARIS, April 8.—German regular troops have bombarded Duesseldorf with gas shells, according to a Mayence despatch to the Matin.

BERLIN, April 8.—The first fighting took place in the town hall square at Bochum, when the Reichswehr approached. Citizens took the executives of the red guards prisoners.

LONDON, April 8.—From six to ten German civilians were killed and about 35 wounded, when the French Moroccan troops fired on a mob in Frankfurt yesterday, according to despatches here today.

MANY LOST IN SEATTLE FIRE

Two Killed From Leaping From Fifth Floor of Building.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

SEATTLE, April 8.—City firemen and the police are searching the ruins of the Lincoln Hotel for bodies of the persons who, it is feared, lost their lives when the hotel was destroyed by fire yesterday. Four dead were identified and a number reported missing. Twelve people were known to have been in the building and have not reported.
The loss to property is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.
The known dead are Fred R. Hamilton, 72, of Berkeley, Cal., president of the Puss in Boots confectionery concern, killed by leaping from the fifth floor; Miss Grace Hamilton, 20, daughter of Fred Hamilton, killed by jumping from the fifth floor; Charles F. Lacasse, 40, fireman, crushed by a falling chimney, and Miss Blanche Crowe, 22, resident employee. The body was found in the ruins.

BUILDING PERMITS STILL ON INCREASE

Total of \$26,458 is Recorded at Building Inspector's Office in March.

The figures for building in the city during the month of March given out by the city building inspector this morning show a healthy increase, the total being \$26,458, compared with \$6,300 for the same month last year. The figures for this March are divided into \$2,558 for soldiers' housing, \$13,900 general building in the city and \$10,000 outside. The outside figures are made up mainly of the erection of a dry kiln and a new planing mill at the Seal Cove mill. A large figure for April is predicted which will include the erection of the Seal Cove school at a cost of \$160,000.

QUEEN'S PRIZE WON

LONDON, April 7.—The Queen's prize at Kempton Park has been won by Bridgewater, 6 to 1; Skyrocket, 10 to 8, second; Jupiter, 7 to 1, third. Fifteen horses ran in the event.

BOLSHEVISM DYING SAYS TOM MOORE

Free Speech is Killing Unsound Doctrine Declares Labor Leader.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, April 8.—"Bolshevism is slowly but surely dying in England," states Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, who returned from England last night. "Free speech is killing it. The old country labor man is learning the unsoundness of the doctrine, not from those who seek to discredit the movement, but from the radicals themselves," added Moore.

IRISH RAIDS COSTLY AFFAIRS

Two Million Dollars to be Paid By Ratepayers—Systematic Plan.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

DUBLIN, April 8.—It is officially stated that the police headquarters destroyed during the recent raids in Ireland number 220. From claims already made for compensation, it is estimated that the ratepayers will have to meet a bill exceeding \$2,000,000.

LONDON, April 8.—The Daily Graphic's Dublin correspondent learns that the buildings destroyed were not chosen haphazard but in accordance with a plan formulated two or three months ago when Sinn Feiners discovered that they were intended for military occupation on the blockhouse system adopted in South Africa during the Boer War. They were loopholed for rifles and machine guns and fortified with sand bags.

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