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## Loses His Job, Attacks Government

### FIRST INDICATION OF ANY ATTEMPT MADE TO BREAK FIREMEN'S STRIKE

#### Major Retallack After Government

Loses Job when Utilities Commission Dissolved and Thinks Government was getting at him; Farris says Opposition Voted for Bill

VANCOUVER, May 12.—Major Retallack, head of the Public Utilities Commission which has been killed by an act of legislation, delivered a hot attack before the Board of Trade here last night, alleging that the government had been using the Board as a political plaything.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Attorney-General called charges "damnable, mean and miserable insinuations."

Major Retallack said that the act to repeal the commission was aimed at the board, but at himself as he was not sufficiently astute to suit the government's whims.

The Premier had told him that he was not wanted when the appointment was offered to a civilian, Mayor Gale, and the veterans had threatened to raid parliament if this was tried out.

Charges Government. He claimed that the government had blocked the commission's work. They wanted a more workable board so that the commission could be used at election time for big corporations.

There was abundance of work for the board to protect the public interest in the cities and the province. After the repeal the commission would be reviewed with new officers.

Farris Replies. Attorney-General Farris denied charges as "absolutely false." Three members of the legislature had voted against the bill to abolish the commission. The government had had no assurance from the B. C. Electric Railway Company back under provincial jurisdiction. The country could do along well without the commission as it had done in the past and no obligation to Retallack to result on the change of policy.

**ITALIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS OFFICE**  
Makes Exception to Socialist Motion  
ROME, May 12.—Premier Nitti and his ministry resigned yesterday when the Chamber of Deputies adopted a motion by Socialists regarding posts and telegraphs.

**TONIGHT EMPRESS THEATRE**  
Enid Bennett  
"The Virtuous Thief"  
One hundred dollars worth of thrills, smiles and tugs at your heart in this gripping romance of a girl's love and sacrifice  
Also Comedy and Gazette

**START WORK ON RAILWAY SOON**  
Belgian Corporation Will Repair Bridges and Gas Locomotives Will be Operated at Stewart.  
It has been officially announced by the Algonquin Development Co., Ltd., at Stewart that an arrangement has been made with the Canadian Northeastern Railway Co. (the old Portland Canal Shortline) whereby the railway will be used for the transportation of supplies and equipment to the Fitzgerald property on Goose Creek.

Necessary construction work to make the railway available for transportation will begin about the middle of May. The Canadian Northeastern Railway Co. will operate the road. A fifteen-ton gasoline locomotive will be used. Tenders are being called by the Algonquin Company for the reconstruction of the Bitter Creek and Bear River bridges, right-of-way and clearing, trestle approach at the beach and various trestle-work.

Mrs. J. Greer will not receive again until November.

**Annual Meeting Prince Rupert Liberal Association**  
for the Election of Officers, will be held in the Liberal Association Room, Pattullo Block, 2nd Avenue, on  
**Friday, 14th inst., at 8 p.m.**  
The Hon. T. D. Pattullo, member for the district, will be present and address the meeting.  
F. G. DAWSON, Secy.

#### FRANCHISE ACT IS UNDER FIRE

Opposition Develops to Section of Measure Dealing with Women

MOTION TO DELETE A WHOLE SECTION

OTTAWA, May 12.—The battle over the new Franchise Act was resumed last night in the House of Commons over the section regarding the enfranchisement of women, naturalized by marriage. Opposition to the Government proposals developed, not only among the opposition, but in the ranks of the progressives on the Government side.

W. D. Euler of North Waterloo moved that the whole section be deleted. Under the section it was claimed that Negroes would be enfranchised, while an educated Frenchwoman, married to a British subject, would be denied the right to vote.

#### EXHIBITION IS NOW OPEN

Canadian War Memorial Collection on View in Vacant Store Adjoining Frizzell's.

The collection of Canadian War Memorials war etchings, dryptones and lithographs is now on view in the vacant store adjoining Frizzell's Meat Market. The exhibition is free to the public and will remain open during the day and evening until Friday noon, when Captain Percy F. Godenrath, the officer in charge, leaves for Vancouver. Already a large number of returned men have seen the collection but the general public should not miss the opportunity to see this portion of Canada's collection of war art. The War Memorials Commission is indebted to George Frizzell for the use of the store premises and to Parkin & Ward for the loan of electric lights, enabling the public to view the etchings in the evening.

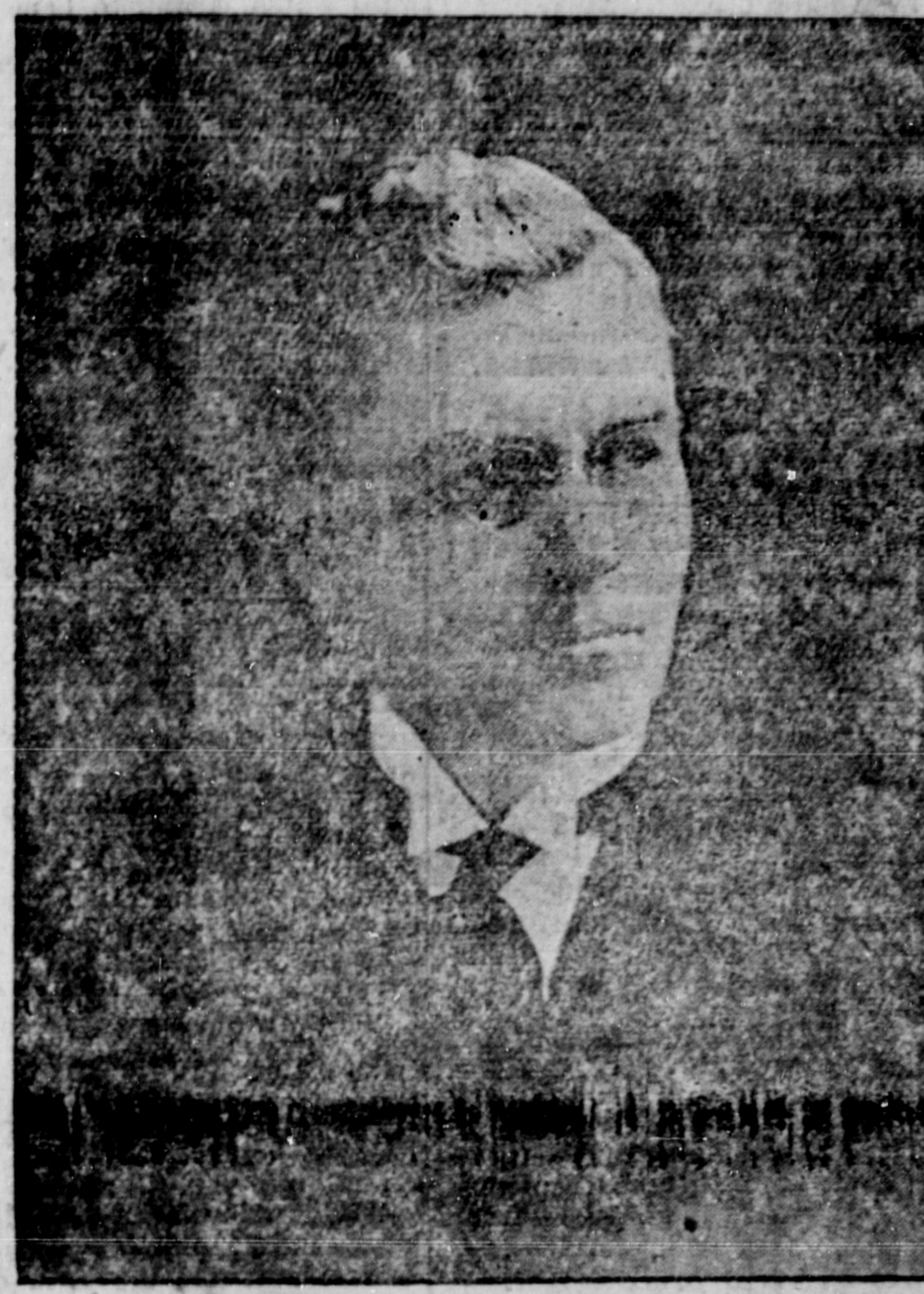
#### CENTENNIAL OF "LADY OF LAMP"

World is Today Honoring Memory of Wonderful British Nurse, Florence Nightingale.

VANCOUVER, May 12.—Today being the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, "The Lady of the Lamp," centennial celebrations are being made worldwide.

Florence Nightingale, was a noted figure in the Crimean War; where she organized a band of nurses which did great service in relieving the suffering of the soldiers. Her system was adopted and developed in all parts of the world and she was honored with a testimonial of £50,000 which she applied to the founding of a Nightingale Home for Nurses. She was a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The German Emperor conferred an order upon her in 1907 and she was given the freedom of the city of London. In 1907 she was awarded the Order of Merit. She died in 1910 at the great age of 90.

Alex. Noble arrived from Port Essington yesterday afternoon.



J. W. DeB. FARRIS, Attorney General. Who calls Major Retallack's charges damnable, mean and miserable insinuations.

#### Prince George Due to Arrive Here Saturday

Superintendent Beaumont received word this morning from Vancouver that the steamer Prince George will leave for Prince Rupert on time Thursday evening and should arrive as usual on Saturday morning. She will be operated by a crew of officers of the fleet and it is expected that she will give a regular weekly service to northern ports until the strike is over.

The Prince George is scheduled to leave this port for Anyox on Saturday night and before returning to this port will visit Stewart. She will sail for the south on Monday at 10 a. m.

#### The Fish Catch for April Is Valued at \$125,792.00

J. H. Conlon, Government Expert, coming West to Convention and will Visit all Fishery Centres

VANCOUVER, May 12.—Stormy weather during April seriously affected the fish catch in district Number 2, which includes the coast of Vancouver Island. The catch aggregated 135 tons valued at \$10,901.

The total valuation of the catch in District Number 3, comprising Prince Rupert, Skeena, and Naas, was placed at \$125,792, which makes a good showing in comparison with the month of March.

It is announced here today that J. H. Conlon, government expert at Ottawa, is coming to the fisheries convention here in June. He will discuss the problems of transportation of fish to the east and will visit the fishery centres.

#### BOATS UNFAIR

Trades and Labor Council received a notice from R. Townsend, business agent of the Sailors' Union of Pacific Coast: "All coastwise passenger and freight boats unfair to operate until further notice. Sailors, deckhands, and stewards out."

Kitty Morgan, charged with being the keeper of a disorderly house, and Gordon Adams, an inmate, were remanded this morning till tomorrow.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

#### Steamers will Be Run by Grand Trunk Regularly

Stewards Stand by Ship Despite Strike Call; Employees Found to man C.P.R. Boats which are on Schedule

VANCOUVER, May 12.—The Grand Trunk Pacific here announced today that the service from this city to Prince Rupert, Anyox, and Stewart would not be interrupted, although one instead of two boats a week would be run for the present. The Prince George will be sent north tomorrow night.

This attempt to operate the Prince George with a pick-up crew is the first indication of any attempt to break the strike of firemen, oilers and deck hands.

The stewards are standing by the ship despite the strike call of Tuesday. Other employees have been found to man the vessels of the C. P. R. which will continue to run on schedule unless interrupted.

#### REASON C.P.R. IS NOT TIED UP

Refuses Joint Conference With Unions and Makes Negotiations Direct With Men.

VICTORIA, May 11.—The C. P. R. it is reported, has declined to take part in any joint conference of steamship companies and the union officials over the present requests for wage increases and alterations in working conditions on the boats, preferring to deal with its own employees. Further, it is stated, the company has negotiated through delegates from the different ships instead of through union officials alone. The latter say they were invited to be present, but refused. The request for increases, etc., came from the unions in the first place. The unions are looking upon the company's stand as contrary to their interests, and the officials state that the question is developing into one of recognition of the unions.

Company's Offer. It is understood that the company has presented agreements to the men, giving the following wage increases: Coal firemen, \$100 instead of \$90; oil firemen, \$90 instead of \$80; oilers, \$100 instead of \$90; wipers, \$60 instead of \$55; stewards, \$65 instead of \$55. It is understood that the firemen, oilers and stewards asked in the first place for \$15 increase. It appears from talk on the waterfront that many of the men in the different classifications have signed these agreements presented by the company.

The scale agreed upon by the deckhands and the C. P. R. divides the men into three classes, and makes certain concessions in working conditions. The wage scale is \$95 per month for the first-class, \$90 for the second and \$85 for the third, with board included. This is said to be the highest rate paid on the Pacific Coast. Negotiations are still going on in Victoria between the stewards and firemen.

No Recognition. This agreement is reported as being made independent of the

#### MUST NOT SELL GERMAN SHIPS

Perpetual Injunction by Supreme Court of Canada Against Shipping Board.

HEARST WINS OUT IN FIGHT FOR GERMANS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The United States Shipping Board, under a decree signed by Mr. Justice Bailey in the district supreme court, is perpetually enjoined from selling 29 former German liners seized by the United States when that country entered the war.

The decree resulted from an injunction brought against the Shipping Board by W. Randolph Hearst, proprietor of the New York American, and dozens of other newspapers throughout the United States.

Hearst has for many months been carrying on a campaign in favor of Germany and particularly directed against Great Britain. He has political aspirations, and it is understood that he is seeking the favor of the German element in the United States, which is still very powerful, with a view to political honors.

#### POLES, UKRAINIANS CAPTURED ODESSA

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 12.—The Russian embassy reports that the Poles and Ukrainians captured Odessa, an important seaport on the Black Sea.

This followed the ousting of the Reds from Kiev by the Polish army.

Launch Alice B. Phone Blue 548.

Sailors' Union of the Pacific, which the C. P. R. refuses to recognize, and was made with the C. P. R. crews sailing out of Victoria.

The C. P. R. agreement is expected to agree, as regards wages and conditions, with the Union and G.T.P. employees, but whether recognition of the union would be an issue was not stated.

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Champion vs. Challenger  
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125 lbs., Tommy Sherman vs. Earl Cousins  
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