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CRUISER NATAL WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

THREE HUNDRED SAILORS LOST—GERMAN AMMUNITION DEPOTS ARE BLOWN UP

CRUISER NATAL IS SENT BELOW BY EXPLOSION

Four Hundred Men Saved out of Crew of 700—Vessel is Wrecked by Internal Explosion.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 31.—The British cruiser Natal has been wrecked in harbor by an internal explosion. This is the most severe loss since the month of May.

She was built in 1897, had a displacement of 13,660 tons and a speed of 18 knots. She carried 12 12-inch; 12 6-inch; 12 12-pounders, and 8 3-pounders.

She carried a crew of 704 men, 400 of whom have been saved.

Italians in Durazzo.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Italian forces have occupied Durazzo, the Albanian port in the Adriatic.

GREAT EIGHT-REEL SHOW AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE

For the holiday weekend the Majestic has a monster eight-reel program which should present features of interest to all. There is a three-act western drama, entitled "The Girl from Tim's Place," and also a two-act drama "For Brother's Sake," a play which is rich in the human element.

The sprightly Helen plays a thrilling part in "The Fast Mail Danger," one of those railroad dramas which are now so popular, while our old friend Ham appears as a detective in a great Bud and Ham comedy. A Snakeville Essanay laughter-raiser, completes a splendid bill.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Davies, McMordie Apartments, a son, at the general hospital yesterday.

WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

"THE LURE OF MAMMON"

Drama in three acts.

"RAGS AND GIRL"

Featuring Maurice Costello.

"Miss Sticky Mouffe's Kiss"

Featuring Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew.

"PRICE OF PIES"

Billy Reeves Comedy.

Coming Monday and Tuesday, "The Diamond from the Sky." Wednesday and Thursday, Marguerite Clark in "Seven Sisters." Friday and Saturday, Charlie Chaplin in "Shanghai."

LONDON CAFE And Grill

DAINTY MEALS AT REASONABLE PRICES
Hart Bldg. Third Ave.

BOXES FOR LADIES

ARTILLERY ON WESTERN FRONT IS EFFECTIVE

German Night Attack a Complete Failure—Enemy Retires from Saloniki—Consuls are Arrested.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Dec. 31.—A German night attack in the Champagne region proved a complete failure. Our artillery blew up German ammunition depots at Beaurains and Beaurains in the Artois district, while it also caused five explosions in a wood north of Mullbach in the Vosges.

A German battery north of Soissons was silenced while machine gun shelters near Bailly were destroyed.

Enemy Retires at Saloniki.

Athens, Dec. 31.—The Austro-German forces are retiring from before Saloniki in view of the Russian advance from Bessarabia.

Consuls Arrested.

London, Dec. 31.—The German, Austrian and Bulgarian consuls at Saloniki, along with their staffs and families, have been arrested and taken aboard a warship by orders issued by General Sarrail, the French commander in Greece.

MASSETT NOTES

Weddings and holiday celebrations have been the order of the day over on the Queen Charlottes recently. Rev. W. Creary, on Dec. 22nd, united Lucy Bell and Philip Bell in the bonds of matrimony, while two days previously he performed a similar office for Miss Penholt and Constable Emmot, on which occasion there was a large gathering of friends of the happy couple.

On Christmas Eve the children held a lively entertainment in the school house, at which there was a display of local talent of a high order. A Christmas tree gladdened the hearts of the youngsters.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland entertained a large gathering of friends to a dance and supper on Xmas Eve. The residents of Port Clements held a most enjoyable social evening with dancing on the night of the 24th.

On Christmas Eve, the choir of St. John's Episcopal Church visited Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cleary, when an evening of carol singing ushered in Christmas morn.

Masset Brass Band held a most successful dance, at which they proved to be as efficient musicians as they were good entertainers.

NEW YEAR'S MAIL

The general delivery and registration wickets in the postoffice will be open from 9 to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

CHEAP FUEL

Good wood cut to any length, \$5.00 cord. 2 feet—\$4.50, 4 feet—\$3.50. Also best lump coal. J30. PONY EXPRESS.

May The New Year Bring You Happiness And Prosperity

BOWSER ADMITS THAT POLICY UTTERLY FAILED

Editor The Daily News: Permit me to comment briefly upon a statement of Premier Bowser reported in the morning paper of December 29th.

Mr. Bowser refers to some important matters which, he states, several committees of the executive council have been designated to investigate.

Every statement made by Mr. Bowser is an admission that the government of which he has long been the master, has signally and utterly failed. For instance, take the Provincial University. Mr. Bowser admits that it will be impossible to carry out original intentions. Why then did the government in the first instance formulate a policy which everyone with ordinary business common sense knew to be beyond the capacity of the province with its present population? The government's original policy was certain to be a huge financial failure, yet this policy, which is now to be abandoned, is a small item in comparison with the question of railways, for which the province is irrevocably in the hole.

In a word, Mr. Bowser admits both in the report to which I have adverted and in a manifesto which appeared in the Vancouver and Victoria press, that the government's policies have signally failed and all require revision.

Not only, however, have the government's policies been absolute failures, but the government has been one gigantic swindle. The Lord only knows all the swindles, but the electors already know enough of them to no longer trust the perpetrators of the colossal steals that have been made, and we do not have to go outside of the electoral district of Prince Rupert to be convinced that the public funds are manipulated, not primarily to develop the country, but to keep in office a corrupt administration.

In an adroit manner Mr. Bowser has tried to lay as much blame as possible upon the late premier, Sir Richard McBride, but I can speak from the knowledge of personal experience, as can scores of other men throughout the province, when I say that Bowser and not McBride has long been the guiding spirit and the master of the government, and were it not so, Dick would have kicked Bowser out instead of Bowser having kicked Dick out.

As soon as the government, in spite of its reluctance, plucks up sufficient courage to call a general election, the new premier will be confirmed in the suspicions of which he has already given evi-

DROWNING ACCIDENT IN MASSETT INLET

(Special Correspondence to The News.)

Residents of Port Clements and Massett have been searching for the body of Captain Sydney Ferguson, who was drowned in Massett Inlet on the 15th December. The deceased arrived at Port Clements on the day the Camosun brought the mail to that town, and left for home in a small sail boat. He was not seen again and it was not known that he was missing until a number of men logging in the neighborhood, called at his pre-emption at Juskatla Inlet and found the place empty. Search parties were organized to patrol the waters and shore, but the only trace of the man discovered was the boat in which a gramophone, three oars and some provisions still remained, after drifting for five miles to the mouth of Ain river.

There is no doubt that the deceased was drowned by falling out of the boat in the storm which was raging on the day he left Port Clements. Captain Ferguson was well known in Vancouver and Prince Rupert. For some years he owned a launch, the Polaris, which he brought from Vancouver and which was wrecked while returning to Massett from Naden Harbor. He was an engineer and resided in Vancouver for many years. "Cap" Ferguson was about sixty years of age, a whole-souled Englishman, with a host of friends. He was a member of the Masonic order and leaves a daughter in England. No trace of the body has been found up to the present.



GEN. OTTO VON EMMICH

German general who had charge of the invasion of Belgium, who died recently.

dence, namely, that the government has lost the confidence of the people and will go down to defeat.

Faithfully Yours,
T. D. PATTULLO.

TRAGIC DEATH OF VANCOUVER BUSINESS MAN

Agent for Giant Powder Shoots Himself After Confessing to \$6,000 Shortage in Accounts.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—De Forrest Sayre, general agent for the Giant Powder Company here, committed suicide last night in the office of the Thiel Detective Agency.

Sayre was \$6,000 short in his accounts and had been under surveillance for some time. He had just signed a document agreeing to place himself under the restraint of the detective agency when he drew a revolver and blew his brains out.

Deceased left a letter stating that he was short in his accounts and that the strain was more than he could bear. He asked that his wife be told that he was shot in a fight on Granville Street.

FUN FOR EVERYBODY AT WESTHOLME TONIGHT

"The Lure of Mammon," the three-act drama at the Westholme tonight, is a powerfully dramatic story, telling of a French girl who leaves home for America; is ship wrecked, and is rescued by a wealthy American whose wife she becomes.

Jealousy of his secretary brings disagreement, and, in a struggle with his young wife, the millionaire is killed. Finally, the widow marries the secretary and all ends happily.

In "Rags and Girl," Maurice Costello figures as Prince Charming to a poor girl who has suffered, and of course a happy wedding ensues.

With Sidney Drew and Billy Reeves featuring in the comedies, the lighter side of this program is certain to produce fun for everybody. The inimitable Drew as an unhappy married man is a scream.

FISHING CASE

The case of Rex v. Nelson which is being heard before Judge Young today is of particular interest to fishermen, being an application for certiorari, Brew having been charged with fishing for salmon in the Skeena river without paying the provincial license.

Mr. Cassidy, K. C. of Vancouver, is appearing for the crown and W. E. Williams for the applicant. There were two other cases of the same nature, but these have been withdrawn. Judgment will be given this afternoon.

There will be a watch-night service in the Anglican Church tonight at 11:15.

The light within us is the perfect light. We seldom credit others with higher motives than we possess.

U. S. CITIZENS PREPARE FOR BIG DROUGHT

Four States go dry today—Record .. Liquor Sales in Iowa—One Man Purchases 16 Barrels.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Dec. 31.—This is bargain day in the saloons of Iowa, Colorado, Oregon and Washington. This is the last day on which the public may lay in stocks of liquor before the dry era begins.

Saloons Closing.

In Iowa, 502 saloons and 15 breweries will close tonight. One man bought sixteen barrels of whiskey as a provision against the drought. Sales of liquor in these states are the heaviest in history.

Austria Will Pay.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Austria has notified Secretary Lansing that she will accede to the demands of America with regard to the sinking of the Ancona. Austria will pay an indemnity and will also punish the commander of the submarine.

MR. PURDIE LEAVING FOR WORK POINT

Mr. Purdie, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, intends to leave shortly for Work Point, where he will take the course in military instruction. Mr. Clement Macdonald, of Vancouver, arrived on the Prince George yesterday to fill the vacancy here.

LOST

Red morocco bill-folder, initials J. D. in gold on outside, containing five \$20 American bills, two 10s and one 5, between Prince Rupert Club and Exhibition Building. All bills can be identified if tendered. Reward \$20. Apply to City Police Station.

Prayer is communion with your own consciousness.

MAJESTIC :: THEATRE

Our New Year's Wish:—
"Health Prosperity and Progress to All"

Tonight and Tomorrow

Special Holiday
EIGHT-REEL
Program

Coming Monday and Tuesday, Sensational Seven-Reel Variety Program. Coming Soon, Serial and Great Masterpieces.

ADMISSION 10 and 15 cents.



Follow the crowd to Self's Cafe. There is a reason. Next Majestic Theatre. 1021f.