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PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1916.

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ADVANCES RECORDED ON EVERY FRONT.

MONEY FOR KITSILANO RESERVE DEAL NEVER VOTED BY THE LEGISLATURE

BRITISH TAKE HUN TRENCHES ON WEST FRONT

All Quiet at Verdun and East of the Meuse—Artillery Fighting on West Bank—Fusiliers Advance.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 28.—A French official statement states that there is no change at Verdun and that all is quiet east of the Meuse. West of the Meuse there is artillery fighting, but no infantry attack has been made as yet.

British Success.

The British have captured six hundred yards of first and second line German trenches at St. Eloi. The enemy suffered heavy casualties in the attack and one hundred and seventy prisoners were taken.

The Northumberland and Royal Fusiliers advanced after exploding mines under the German positions.

SHOP ASSISTANTS WANT HALF-HOLIDAY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, March 28.—At a meeting of shop assistants, it has been decided to support a petition to the government for a Saturday Half-holiday Bill, making it compulsory for stores in all towns with a population over three thousand to close on Saturday afternoons.

In Australia, such an act has been in force for several years and has not occasioned any serious inconvenience since the public got used to it.

RED CROSS CONCERT AT SEAL COVE WEDNESDAY

There will be a concert in the Seal Cove school house on Wednesday at 8 p. m. in aid of the Red Cross fund. The arrangements are in the capable hands of Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, Mrs. J. B. Johnson and Mrs. Frank Holland and an excellent program will be given. There will be musical talent both from the city and from across the Creek, and a most enjoyable time is assured.

PRIVATE BILL

Mayor McCaffery received a telegram last evening from the Hon. William Manson stating that the city of Prince Rupert Private Bill was yesterday passed by the committee of the whole and that the third reading will be taken today or Wednesday and that it will be assented to as soon as possible. City Solicitor Peters will leave for the north today.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

Under Auspices of K. of P. Lodge. Total proceeds in aid of Prisoners of War fund Monday, April 3rd. Admission 50 Cents.

ALLIED GAINS ARE REPORTED ON EACH FRONT

Russians Advance in Dvinsk and Caucasus—Italians Capture Val Piccolo and Teutons Out of Greece.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 28.—Petrograd reports Russian advances in the Dvinsk region and an advance in the Caucasus. Enemy coal transports have been destroyed in the Black Sea.

Italian Success.

Rome reports that there have been artillery duels around Gorizia, ending in the capture of Val Piccolo with the bayonet, after six Austrian attacks had been repulsed.

Teutons Driven Out.

Saloniki reports that all the Teuton forces have been driven across the Greek border.

Persian Prince Missing.

Prince Bahram, of Persia, was a passenger on the torpedoed Channel steamer Sussex and reported missing.

It is also reported that Lord Kitchener was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer on his way to a council of war in Paris.

BENNETT'S PROHIBITION AMENDMENT CARRIED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, March 28.—R. B. Bennett's amendment to H. H. Stevens' Prohibition Bill was passed in the House of Commons yesterday, thus defeating Dominion prohibition.

Prohibition is limited to the provinces which have enacted provincial legislation and, under the Bennett amendment, the transportation of liquor in those provinces is prohibited.

MAYOR M'CAFFERY EFFECTS BIG SAVING

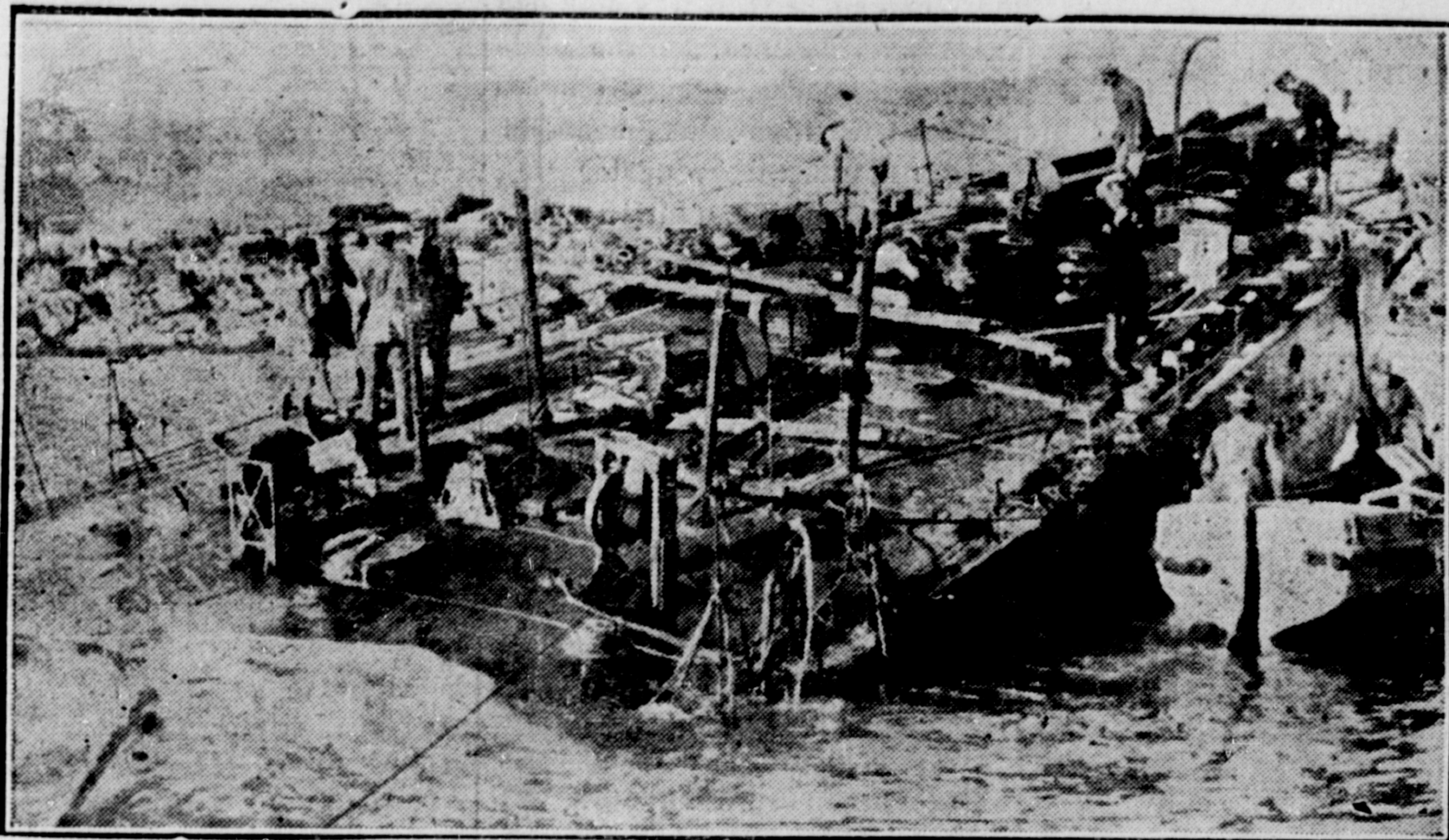
In a casual, unassuming manner Mayor McCaffery intimated to the city council last night that, while in Victoria, he took the matter of the annual fee of \$2,000, in connection with the holding of the Work Channel rights, up with the Hon. W. R. Ross and the Hon. William Manson, and had been able to get the amount reduced from \$2,000 to \$200.

Ald. Casey congratulated the mayor on his having been able to save the city such a sum of money annually.

The mayor explained that the reduction would not prejudice the city's position in regard to the rights.

The report was ordered received and filed.

Eight men were brought before Magistrate Carss this morning charged with cutting down trees on the city park on Ninth Avenue. They were dismissed after receiving a severe reprimand and a warning.



WRECK OF THE FRENCH DESTROYER LOUIS.—This is the salvage of the French torpedo boat destroyer Louis, which became a total wreck in running aground during operations in the Mediterranean. Men are seen on her partly submerged decks making notes of everything it is possible to salvage.

OTTAWA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROHIBITION

Ottawa, March 18.—The Borden government does not embrace the prohibition movement with the same careless rapture that it slaughters free wheat or boosts the tariff on the necessities of life. It not only refrains from mounting the band wagon but does nothing to roll the old chariot along. Its attitude seems to be "Let the provinces do their own noble work—the Shell Committee suits us better."

This attitude was very noticeable last week in the debate on Mr. Stevens' motion during which Premier Borden did not open his mouth, except to say that the discussion would be on the general topic of prohibition and that, if the various "dry" resolutions on the order paper could not be consolidated, the vote would be on Mr. Stevens' motion which asks for nationwide prohibition of the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquor during the period of the war. Even after the vote is taken prohibition will not be much nearer legal enactment by the Dominion government which takes the view that all Canada requires of parliament is a more or less vague expression of opinion. As opinions cost nothing this country may have as many as it likes. The only condition is that they do not entail legislation.

Rumor has it that R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, has the resolution up his sleeve which is the Borden government's way out—namely that when all the provinces have enacted total prohibition they will come to the Borden government and ask it to second the motion which the Borden government could then do because when there is no place in all Canada to sell the stuff then there will be no risk or hardship in preventing the manufacture and importation of an unsaleable commodity. Meanwhile so long as the provinces vary in degree as to the measures of prohibition they pass the Borden government will consider itself warranted in arguing that sentiment is not sufficiently crystallized and that the best policy is one of laissez-faire. This

MR. LINNELL PROMOTED IN CONSULAR SERVICE

Mr. Irving N. Linnell, American Vice Consul at this port, has received notice by the United States Department of State of his appointment as Vice Consul in the American Consulate General at Vancouver, B. C. He will not, however, be able to leave Prince Rupert until the arrival of a newly appointed consul to relieve him of the duties in the consulate here, and the notice of such appointment has not yet been received.

Mr. Linnell is receiving the hearty congratulations of his many friends on his promotion to a more important position in the consular service, though all are sorry that it means his departure along with Mrs. Linnell and family from the city. Mr. Linnell has been in Prince for about four and a half years and has gained the high esteem of all citizens.

surmise, accurate or not, about represents the warmth the Borden government feels toward a movement that would deprive it of twenty-five million dollars annual revenue which would have to be made up by other taxes.

At all events the Borden government as a government remains studiously aloof from the prohibition movement, and, on the plea that it is not a party question, allows Mr. Stevens, of British Columbia, a private member, to introduce the resolution. This looks like chasing the devil round the stump, because all questions with an overwhelming public opinion behind them are party questions in the sense that they are put up to the party in power with whom it rests to meet them bravely or otherwise. This same question of nation-wide prohibition Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government met bravely enough by granting a Dominion plebiscite in 1898. At that time public opinion was not as strong for prohibition as it is now, not quite half the voters were anxious enough to cast ballots, the province of Quebec was overwhelmingly against the measure, and one way and another the government

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WAIF OF THE SEA BROUGHT TO PORT

The halibut schooner Tuladi brought into harbor this morning a prize of the sea, in the shape of the 65-ton schooner Volante, with a quantity of salt and a large supply of fishing gear on board. It seems that, while off Danger Rocks, Banks Island, Captain Tom Smith of the Tuladi, sighted the derelict with her anchors out drifting towards the rocks. He put some men aboard, took up the anchors and proceeded towards Prince Rupert.

The Volante is the supply schooner which dragged her anchors in Icy Straits during the terrific storms of the last week of January, the crew deserting her in the straits. She has been drifting in the Pacific for the past two months and looks like it. She is a weather-beaten old hulk, with ribbons of sails still clinging to her jib.

She was sighted by a Japanese liner several weeks ago, having evidently been driven south by the gales and then carried in towards the coast by the Japan current and afterwards brought north again by southwest winds. The boys on the Tuladi are proud of their capture and should profit considerably by it.

Frank Polot, the skipper of the Anita, reports that he sighted the vessel first and went on board, but could not handle her. He went round the island to get the assistance of the Tuladi, but the Tuladi had learned of the presence of the Volante from the Indians and had gone round the other side of the island, and, by the time the Anita got up, a crew from the Tuladi had taken possession. It is a debatable point as to whether the boys of the Anita have any claim to a share of the spoils. The wreck is quite a centre of interest today, many people having been out to have a look at her.

FIRE

A house on Comox Avenue was wiped out by fire last night. It was fully insured. An over-heated stove was the cause of the blaze.

NO VOTE TAKEN ON KITSILANO RESERVE DEAL

Auditor Forgot to Place Matter Before House—Lorne Campbell Content to Swell the Provincial Debt.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, March 28.—In the private accounts committee, the provincial auditor admits there was no vote taken or special warrant issued for the spending of the \$300,000 which was paid for Kitsilano Reserve. He stated that the matter had never gone to the legislature owing to an oversight on the part of the auditor.

The Budget.

Hon. Lorne Campbell has introduced his first budget, in which he estimates that the deficit for the ensuing year will be \$4,643,000.

Skeena will get \$176,000, Cariboo \$123,000, while \$175,000 has been appropriated to equip the new provincial building in London.

The public debt of the province amounts to \$18,589,178.

MR. THOMSON TAKES UP SHELL QUESTION

In view of the great demand for shells Mr. David Thomson, of Akerberg, Thomson Company of this city, took the question of machining and assembling shells up with the Imperial Munitions Board, and received the following reply from the chairman:

Dear Sirs:—I have your letter of the 5th. I regret that I am unable to encourage you in the expectation of receiving an order to machine and assemble shells.

The development in England has been very great, also in the United States and Canada, and in the aggregate, there is a greater capacity to machine and assemble than is required.

It is well to remember that the shell is not effective until it is complete and ready to fire. In all countries, the equipment to machine and assemble an empty shell has been greater than the development in the production of propellants and the manufacture of fuses.

Yours very truly,

J. W. FLAVELLE, Chairman.
February 15th, 1916.

PUBLIC MEETING

The mayor has decided to call a public meeting to discuss the drydock situation. It will be held in the Empress Theatre on Friday at 8:30 p. m.

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