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#### RETURNED SOLDIERS' CONCERT DREW TREMENDOUS AUDIENCE

WESTHOLME THEATRE PACKED TO THE ROOF—A STIRRING SPEECH BY MAYOR McCaffery—MANY NOVEL ITEMS IN THE PROGRAM—REMARKABLY REALISTIC TRENCH SCENE

Never has the Westholme Theatre been so gaily decorated with bunting and flags and never has it held such an audience as it did last night, on the occasion of the Returned Soldiers' Concert. Every seat was occupied and every foot of standing space seemed to be occupied.

Mayor McCaffery, who received quite an ovation on entering the stage to open the proceedings, dealt briefly with the section of the battlefield occupied by the British and Colonial troops. From Ypres, Festubert and St. Julian to the Somme the boys had done wonders, and we had all wished we could have been with them. "Since we could not be there," said the mayor, "it is our duty to show that we appreciate the work done by the men who were privileged to be there, and to help them all we can." He described the men who have returned, and the wounded who will soon return, as heroes, equal with those who had made the supreme sacrifice. "That they have returned," said Mr. McCaffery, "simply means that they had luck with them. They were ready to give all they had." He said that the returned soldier must get the best that we can give him. Employers must go over their payrolls and see where they can place them; those who have influence must use that influence to find suitable places for them, and the government must place them wherever possible.

The musical program was thoroughly enjoyed, every item being encored in the most enthusiastic fashion. The Westholme orchestra, besides playing the opening overture, rendered splendid selections throughout the evening. Mr. J. E. Davey sang "Queen of the Earth" in splendid voice, and did even better in his encore. Eng. Lieut. Drake brought down the house with his songs a la George Grossmith. Some of his asides were highly amusing. Mrs. Bryant's orchestra, composed of Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. H. E. Peck, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Mellior, Mrs. Heilbronner, Mrs. Burritt, and Messrs. Edmunds, Duffy, Poole and Douglas Stork, delighted the audience and had to respond to an insistent call for more. Seaman McCaw, in Harry Lauder songs, kept the audience

#### RED CROSS SALE

Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Homer will have charge of the Red Cross sale of home cooking in the rooms in the Hart Block on Friday afternoon. With so many of the Canadian boys wounded there is a steady demand for hospital supplies and ladies are invited to send in whatever they can in the way of cakes, etc.

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simply rocking with laughter, and Mr. Brady recited in his usual accomplished manner.

In the second part of the program, Mr. William Balagno kept his audience spell-bound by his skill on the violin. For one so young, Mr. Balagno displays wonderful technique. Leading Seaman Poyser gave an exhibition of sword swinging which held every eye. In the rapid movements the blades flashed like lightning around his head. In his encore he even excelled his first performance. A remarkably pretty group were the "six little wives" from San Toy. Mr. Frank Moore played Yen How and his wives were Mrs. Smithers, Mrs. Darton, Mrs. McMillan, Miss Irwin, Miss Garton and Miss McClenaghan. Petty officer Raper, who looks every inch a sailor, sang "The Diver" in great style, while his rich voice rolled out "Asleep in the Deep" magnificently. Mrs. Bryant and Messrs. Edmunds and Duffy, in a mandolin and guitar trio, performed with their usual skill in harmony, and Steward Warner concluded the musical numbers with a series of comic songs.

Last, but not by any means least, came the "Trench Scene," staged by Sergeant J. Neville and Privates Cliff, Brethour, E. H. Maynard, "Paddy" Sullivan, A. Allett, H. O. Crew, R. Robertson, Jack Bradbury and Bugler Harry Hinckley, all of whom have returned from overseas service. It was a trench scene to the life. It was built in the most realistic fashion, with sacks of sawdust instead of sand. On the extreme right was the machine-gun emplacement, with a rifle mounted on a tripod for a machine-gun; one of the party kept continually on the lookout for Germans through a periscope; the dug-out was there, and, as the curtain was rung up, several of the boys were being hauled unceremoniously out of "bed"; "Paddy" Sullivan did duty as stretcher-bearer; rations were served out by the sergeant, not forgetting a "lot" of rum, "the real stuff from Billy Wright's," as the boys described it; the boys set to work to cook their "cuts from Friz-zell's" over a brazier which looked the real thing, and on the extreme left was the telephone by which the sergeant kept in constant touch with the artillery to learn just what they were doing.

It was a real Prince Rupert trench, with "Centre Street" and the "city hall" in close proximity, while Piccadilly figured a little to the right. The boys acted splendidly, simply because they were not acting but repeating what they had done day after day in the trenches, though under slightly different conditions. Even the language occasionally had a real trench flavor, when it came to

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PRESIDENT AND MRS. WOODROW WILSON

President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson in the front of the grand-stand at the world series. The President looks as if he had just received the news that he has been elected to the presidency of the United States for a second term, and Mrs. Wilson does not seem to be unhappy over the event.

#### WESTBOUND TRAIN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

The train from the east, due here on Tuesday evening, which arrived here about three o'clock this morning, had a very narrow escape and, but for the quickness of mind and hand of the fireman and engineer, there might have been serious loss of life.

About a mile and a half west of Eddy, while the train was rounding the shoulder of a mountain, the fireman noticed about six inches of earth on the track and, glancing up, saw the whole sidehill moving. He immediately shouted to the engineer, "soak her, and jump." In railroad parlance, "soak her" means apply the emergency brakes, and the engineer acted on the instant, bringing the train to a full stop in a few yards. The slide swept down and bored the track out toward the gulch on the other side, the engine going right on and turning over the embankment and hanging at an angle of 45 degrees, caught by the draw-bar. Meantime, the engineer and fireman had jumped, each to his own side of the track. The fireman landed on the embankment, and, caught by the slide, was swept under the tender and buried. The engineer landed on a pile of ties and strained his ankle.

An old locomotive man who was on the train immediately got out and started to look for the fireman. The latter had air enough to be able to shout and he was quickly uncovered and brought out none the worse, except for a shaking. In the dining car the tables were thrown about, and the dining car conductor sustained a severe bruise over the eye in saving a little girl from accident. A good deal of crockery was smashed and the cook, who was dishing soup at the time, was thrown against the ice box and sustained a bruised and dislocated shoulder. He is now in hospital in Prince Rupert, having been brought along on the train this morning. At the spot where the accident happened trains travel slowly and at the time of the slide the train was not making more than twelve miles per

hour. The greatest credit is due to the train crew for their prompt action, and it seems certain that the fireman and engineer saved the passengers from a very serious accident. The fact that oil is used instead of coal on this road had not a little to do with the escape, as, having no stoking to do, the fireman is able to keep a sharp lookout on one side of the track while the engineer watches the other.

#### BILL BROWN MEETS MANY RUPERT BOYS

Word reached town this morning from "Bill" Brown, who has been on instructional work since reaching England, that he expected to get to the trenches shortly. In England he has met several Rupert boys including Bob Wiggins, who is now in a convalescent hospital; Joe Hutchinson, who is also recovering from wounds, and Miles Henderson, who is at Folkstone as a Company Q. M. S. He also mentions having met E. O. Rietchel, "Major" Gibson, Denny Allen, Fred Hunt, and Phil Birkett, Tommy Stewart, who is now a Company Q. M. S., has been wounded three times but is still active as ever.

#### ATLIN DISTRICT IS SHIPPING MAGNESITE

Atlin district is coming into prominence as a shipper of magnesite and two carloads are being forwarded to the east through this port. The chief sources of supply of this ore have been Greece and Austria and the war situation has cut off that supply so that Atlin is benefitting. The magnesite deposits in Atlin are of large proportions and are held by a Vancouver syndicate, which has been shipping small quantities all summer. Larger consignments are expected to follow this first big shipment.

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#### ATLIN GOLD DISPLAYED AT VANCOUVER HOTEL

Chunks of what appear to be rock but valued at from \$250 to \$400 were on view in the Hotel Vancouver this morning, having been brought by Captain Alexander from the Engineer mine near Atlin. The captain, who is on one of his periodical trips from the north, is the sole owner of the mine which he told a representative of The Province is one of the richest on the North American Continent. It is not so long ago since he refused two and a half million dollars for the property which he expects will, in the course of a few years, yield him something like a million per annum.

Captain Alexander, who, by the way, was one of Lord French's staff in the South African war, has had this property for a number of years and at present he says that he has somewhere in the neighborhood of two and half million dollars' worth of ore in sight. Only a small number of men are working on it just now, but next year he expects to have at least 150 men working on three shifts.

The samples which he brought to the city today are as rich in gold as they can possibly be. The precious metal gleams from every part of it. One piece alone was worth \$400 and the smallest piece was valued at not less than \$250. Captain Alexander is highly optimistic of mining in the north and says there is a good time coming to British Columbia so far as this industry is concerned.—Province.

#### HALIBUT RULES HIGH

The 50,000 pounds of halibut, brought in by the Seymour yesterday, made 12 1/2 cents this forenoon, while the smaller fares fetched 12 1/2 to 12 cents. The Paloma had 3,000 pounds this morning and the Alliance 600 pounds. The weather on the banks is very rough and the boats are able to do very little fishing.

**THE CRADLE**  
Born to Alderman and Mrs. George Casey, a daughter, at the General Hospital yesterday.

#### BOTH PARTIES STILL CLAIM TO BE VICTORIOUS

Last Night's Wires Showed Wilson to be Almost Certain of Victory But Republicans Still Have Hopes.

Owing to a telegraphic breakdown, it was impossible to get any further election despatches as yet further election news through this morning, but the returns late last night showed that President Wilson, the Democratic candidate, had secured 258 out of the necessary 266 electoral votes and Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate, a total of 246, with 27 still to hear from. As Mr. Wilson required only 8 more votes to assure his election, it was generally conceded that he would remain President of the United States for another term.

In spite of the fact that their candidate required to carry twenty out of twenty-seven votes still to be recorded, the Republicans had not given up hope of his overtaking his opponent.

A flash from Vancouver at 11 o'clock this forenoon stated that both parties are still claiming victory. It would appear that the struggle is to be pretty nearly as close as that of 1876, when Rutherford B. Hayes was elected by the odd electoral vote. The probability is that the actual result will not be received until late this evening.

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**SUN AND TIDE**  
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Sun rises.....8:20 a. m.  
Sun sets.....5 p. m.  
High water...1:31 a. m. Ht. 49.5  
Low water...7:21 a. m. Ht. 7.7  
High water...1:14 p. m. Ht. 21.7  
Low water...8 p. m. Ht. 3.1  
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.

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**WIRES DOWN**  
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Owing to a breakdown in the telegraphic service, we were obliged to go to press today without our usual war despatches.  
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