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## FISHING STEAMER ROMAN WRECKED ON REEF

### STEAMER ROMAN V WRECKED ON KEY REEF

Captain Engvahl, of the American halibut schooner Liberty, brought in word yesterday afternoon that the fishing steamer Roman, owned by the B. C. Packers Association, at Steveston, had been wrecked on the Key Reef near Wrangell, Alaska.

This steamer had just undergone a complete overhaul and had been fitted out with large new oil tanks at considerable expense to fit her for fishing on the western banks. She was on her first trip north since being refitted when the accident happened. The same company owned the Westward Ho, which disappeared with all hands last winter. Captain Pete Rorvig formerly commanded the Roman.

### SNOWSTORM PLAYED HAVOC WITH WIRES

The snowstorm of last night played havoc with the light, power and telephone wires all over the city, and, up to about noon today, it looked as if there would be no papers printed owing to lack of power. Superintendent Kennedy and his men have had a strenuous time of it attending to demands for light, power and telephone connections from every quarter of the city. Last night, the wires looked like white cables so heavily loaded were they with wet snow and wires were down everywhere. The telegraphic lines throughout the north suffered a like fate and there are no war despatches to hand today.

### CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT WESTHOLME TONIGHT

The inimitable Charlie Chaplin is at the Westholme Theatre for tonight only in "The Pawn Shop," his latest scream. In order that all may have an opportunity of seeing the greatest comedian of the screen in his latest production, there will be three shows at the Westholme tonight, the last beginning at 10:45. There will be other good features.

For the benefit of those who missed seeing "Pasquale" last night, this great war drama will be repeated in the Majestic Theatre on Wednesday evening. It shows some most realistic scenes of the fighting on the Italian front with the troops scaling the heights; a big howitzer in action and many other thrilling war effects. It is also a most interesting story and should not be missed.

### WESTHOLME

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### Charlie Chaplin

"THE PAWN SHOP"  
Three shows tonight—Last at 10:45.

Other Good Features.  
NOTE:—"PASQUALE" will be shown on Wednesday night in the Majestic Theatre for the benefit of those who missed it last night.  
IT IS GREAT.

### SCHOONER DIRECTOR HAD VERY ROUGH TIME

Captain Saranio and the crew of the Director had a thrilling experience on the trip which they completed on Saturday. The schooner's engines broke down while fishing off the west coast of the Queen Charlottes, one of the roughest parts of the coast, and the vessel drifted 130 miles out to sea, with her sails torn to shreds. A second set of sails was rigged and the little craft and her stout-hearted commander beat their way back to port, after an experience which none of those aboard are likely to forget. The Director is a small schooner, carrying a crew of three, and it says a lot for their seamanship that they weathered one of the worst storms experienced off this coast for years.

### SUGGESTED COLD STORAGE FOR MARKET

Neil Welch, a rancher from near Skidegate, attended the city council last evening to urge upon the council the advisability of providing cold storage accommodation at the city market. Mr. Welch said that there are now about five hundred head of cattle on Graham Island and that the number will be much larger in the near future. He said that at present he had to ship his cattle to Vancouver, which cost him \$10 per head and in all probability the same cattle came back here dressed, so that the consumer had to pay freight each way. As it is only in the summer months that the island cattle are ready for market, he suggests that a refrigerator plant be put in to take care of this trade and that an extra commission be charged on the beef to help cover the cost. The matter was referred to the general committee.

### M. BRIAND SPEAKS OF THE NEW FRANCE

Paris, Nov. 18.—The Figaro reproduces a conversation of M. Briand in a Paris salon.

Speaking of France in July, 1914, M. Briand said: "Not daring to think of war, we were in a state of moral disorder and anger under incessant German provocations. We were bruised, and the world did not appreciate our worth."

Our attitude was not in our favor, because it was not really ours. The day when France showed by unheard-of heroism that she meant to shake off the obsession of defeat, all nations recognized their mistake, and the prestige of France has again become extraordinary—in fact, it has never been greater.

"The completion of the work and its crowning by victory are well worth the time and patience we must devote to it. If victory is difficult, it is because of what we have to do against the enemy to make it complete, for everything henceforth depends upon it—free life, fortune, social reforms, and a republic undisputed and powerful."—Reuter.

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SMITH-DORRIEN AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT.—The photograph shows General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien inspecting Dulwich College O. T. C. This popular leader commanded the Canadians in South Africa and an army corps in the early stages of the present war. He was superseded for some mysterious reason in command in France, and, at the time, it was announced that he was to take over the command of the British forces in German East Africa, but to date he has not apparently done so.

### JUDGMENT RESERVED IN FORT GEORGE CASE

Mr. Justice Morrison yesterday reserved judgment in the case of Burns v. Johnson. The case involves a half interest in a block of land at Prince George, through which the G. T. P. has right-of-way, for which \$4,056 was paid. The plaintiff, R. M. Burns, of Telkwa, was formerly a partner of defendant, Albert Johnson, formerly of South Fort George. They bought a half interest in a pre-emption held by George Stiles before the railroad was put through and the deal remained incomplete for years.

The dispute was as to whether the plaintiff had any interest remaining in the land and whether he was entitled to a portion of the sum paid by the G. T. P. L. W. Patmore appeared for the plaintiff and T. B. Shoebottom, of Vancouver, for the defendant.

Evidence was put in to show that the land had not been crown granted when the agreement was made. A final survey showed that there were only 40 acres in the lot instead of 160.

Mr. Shoebottom argued that the deal under the act was illegal. The only sale which was legal was that carried through by the defendant after the land had been crown granted.

Mr. Patmore quoted Chief Justice Hunter in support of his argument that an agreement to sell was legitimate. It could not be put into execution until the crown grant was given. He claimed that there had been an attempt to crowd Burns out.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL, phone 116. We have just received a shipment of 500 tons Lump Coal. We are prepared to put in your winter's coal for you.

Mitchell Albert, who has been in Alice Arm district for the last few days, returned to the city last evening.



With the Allies in Macedonia.

The picture shows a French Senegalese plodding along a dusty road in Macedonia with his equipment on his head, jungle fashion. The Zouaves and Senegalese are playing important parts in strengthening the French army, both on the western front and in the Balkans. Both races make excellent soldiers and, as they have been under French rule for many years, they speak French quite fluently. The Senegalese are a warlike people, the men being tall, lithe and active.

### MEETING TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of citizens in the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock to appoint a committee to assist in getting recruits for the Royal Navy. The meeting is called by Mayor McCaffery and it will be addressed by Lieut. Julien and Lieut. Chorley, who have arrived from the south to carry on recruiting for this branch of the service. A large attendance of citizens is requested.

### RUPERT DESTINED TO BECOME NAVAL BASE

L. Ernest Ferguson, a visitor in the city, sent us the following letter. Mr. Ferguson has a high opinion of Prince Rupert as a future naval base for the North Pacific.

Dear Sir.—Many people all over the world are today talking of a lasting peace when the present war is concluded. Such a peace is not going to be possible by the defeat of the enemy only, but must depend largely upon the part played by Great Britain and her colonies in the future.

Canada must, alike with the other self-governing Dominions, build and equip its own navy, to form a branch of the Imperial navy. One of the great lessons of the war is that the Pacific must be defended; the northern portion by a Canadian fleet and the southern by Australia and New Zealand. There must be close co-operation between the Home and Dominion governments if Great Britain is to remain the principal factor in the world's political drama. We must arm for defence of our coasts, proving to the world in all truthfulness that our policy is not one of aggression but a policy of the maintenance of law and order.

So, wake up Canada. Build ship-yards, encourage engineering and get the right kind of people to migrate here. Prince Rupert must grow up with your high seas fleet. Submarines have played a large part in the present war, and will play a greater part in the warfare of the future, and no spot on the coast is more admirably adapted for a submarine base than the harbor of Prince Rupert.

Yours truly,  
L. ERNEST FERGUSON.

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### ACTION OVER BULKLEY VALLEY LAND PURCHASE

In the Supreme Court this morning the case of David C. Gibb v. Ellis and Marshall was heard. Mr. Gibb told of having bought a ranch in the Bulkley Valley from Mr. Ellis for \$2,400. In all, he paid \$1,400, and then asked for his money back as the land was not as described. He went west in October, 1914, to take charge of the Hodder ranch 18 miles from the land which he had bought. He made a verbal arrangement with Mr. Ellis to run this ranch, the idea being that they would jointly raise stock, while plaintiff would make improvements on the land purchased.

In the following November, Mr. Gibb visited the land purchased and found that it was near Burns Lake and at that time was covered with ice, having apparently been flooded by the water from the channel between Burns and Decker Lakes.

Mr. Patmore produced a government map to show that the land sold to him was not in the Bulkley Valley but in the Nechako Valley.

Plaintiff said that he again visited the land the following September and found it covered with water and that it was impossible to plow it. He had been told that there was a road to the ranch but the nearest road was two and a half miles away. In January, 1915, he wrote to Ellis refusing to take up the land and demanding that his money be refunded. Later he took up a pre-emption about 28 miles away.

He was cross-examined by T. B. Shoebottom as to the time of year he visited the ranch and as to there having been a dam built by railroad contractors at that point.

Mrs. Gibbs testified to her husband having discussed the land with Ellis in Winnipeg before buying. Mr. Ellis described the land as fine black loam, partly ready for the plow and similar to the land in southern Ontario. The remainder was light clearing. On September 14th, 1915, she tried to see the land but could not get on it for water. She said the greater part of it was under water.

Cross-examined by Mr. Shoebottom, witness said she paid the first payment on the farm. Counsel then closely questioned witness as to the interview at the buying of the land.

### HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The schooner Liberty brought in 30,000 pounds of halibut yesterday afternoon, while the Sumner, with 20,000 pounds, made port at the height of the storm. The Director was in Sunday with 5,000. There was no bidding this forenoon but it was expected that prices would rule pretty near to the top.

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