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London Alarmed over Rumanian Situation—Ominous Silence at Petrograd and Bucharest.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Nov. 25.—Lord Robert Cecil has notified the associated press that all peace talk at the present time is futile.

The position of Rumania is the subject of considerable alarm as a result of the claims recorded by the Austro-Germans that they have driven the Rumanians out of the Jiu Valley and have captured thousands of kilometres of fertile wheat country.

It is doubtful whether Rumania can withstand a prolonged attack against the invaders, and the silence which is being observed by both Petrograd and Bucharest is creating intense excitement here.

Berlin Report.

Berlin reports that Von Mackensen's army on the Dobrudja front has again succeeded in crossing the Danube at several points.

INTERESTING LECTURE

Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant presided at the meeting in the Salvation Army barracks last evening when Commissioner Sowton delivered a most interesting lecture on the work done by the Salvation Army during the war. Of particular interest were his accounts of the work done in Sweden and Russia. Mrs. Wells played pianoforte selections very acceptably and the Girl Guides and Salvation Army Boy Scouts gave exhibitions of drill.

Useful gifts: Felt Slippers.—Wallace's. 277.

Christian Science Society services are held every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 12 noon. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock, Hays Building, 245 2nd Avenue.

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TWENTY GERMAN AVIATORS FLEE BRITISH TWELVE

Several Enemy Planes Brought Down—British all Safe—Little Fighting on West Front.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Nov. 25.—Twelve British aeroplanes engaged a fleet of twenty hostile machines over the western front yesterday. The German aviators were dispersed by the gunfire of the British airmen, who displayed superior ability in handling their machines.

One German aeroplane was destroyed and several were driven to the ground in a damaged condition. All of the British planes returned safely to their base.

Western Front.

British artillery fire disposed of an attack by German infantry on the Somme front last night.

The enemy artillery is particularly active at Les Bouefs and Beaucourt, two of the points recently captured by the British and French.

British Steamer Sunk.

Paris, Nov. 25.—The British steamer Brierton has been sunk. Her crew of thirty-one was safely brought to land.

THE CHICAGO EXPRESS CRASHES INTO HOTEL

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Duskey, Nov. 25.—The Pennsylvania Railway Steel City Express, bound from Chicago to Pittsburg, ran through a derail switch at Forest, Ohio, in a blinding snowstorm yesterday. The express ripped its way through a hotel building. The mail clerk was the only one to be seriously injured.

CROW'S NEST MINERS MAY STRIKE MONDAY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Fernie, B. C., Nov. 25.—It is expected that the miners in the Crow's Nest Pass will stop work on Monday. The ultimatum to the mine owners expires tonight and none of the concessions demanded has yet been granted.

SUN AND TIDE

Sunday, November 26th.

Sun rises.....8:48 a. m.
Sun sets.....4:32 p. m.
High water...1:50 a. m. Ht. 19.5
Low water...7:38 a. m. Ht. 7.7
High water...1:32 p. m. Ht. 22.8
Low water...8:26 p. m. Ht. 1.8
Monday, November 27th.
Sun rises.....8:50 a. m.
Sun sets.....4:30 p. m.
High water...2:36 a. m. Ht. 19.6
Low water...8:23 a. m. Ht. 7.8
High water...2:17 p. m. Ht. 22.5
Low water...9:10 p. m. Ht. 1.9
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.

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"The Town With A Curse" By Sir George E. Foster

In an address at the Empire Club, Toronto, recently, Sir George E. Foster described Prince Rupert as a "town which lies under a curse, an absolute curse". By this, Sir George meant that Prince Rupert had been the victim of the real estate craze: that lots had been boosted away up to enormous prices, which it would take years of hard labor to bring to a remunerative level. He instanced the case of a lot on Second Avenue for which \$18,000 was paid and which is a perpendicular wall of rock which a contractor wanted \$11,000 to bring to street level, making the buyer's investment \$29,000. Sir George took this city and this particular lot as a text for a sermon on development and production. No doubt the sermon was needed, even in Toronto.

Canada, like every new country, has had its share of speculators. The mere fact that a man comes here from the old country means that he is a speculator. The fact that a man moves his family from Ontario to the northern coast of British Columbia means that that man is a speculator. He is ready to take chances, even to paying \$18,000 for a lot with a hump of rock on it. It is not impossible, in fact, not unlikely, that Sir George Foster himself has, in the past, been tempted to speculate a little, even to buying vacant lots. Still there is truth in Sir George's statement that production is needed and that speculation has been overdone. However, Sir George is enough of an economist to know that such rash speculation carries with it its own cure, and that man cannot live by buying rocks alone, even if he has \$18,000.

The part of Sir George's speech which we take exception to is that in which he says of Prince Rupert, "Who live there now? The men who have speculated and who are hanging on by the skin of their teeth and their toe nails to see if the good Lord in some way or another will send a windfall to enable them to get out of their bad business."

Sir George must have met the wrong people when he visited Prince Rupert, or it may be that he obtained a distorted view of things. The latter is not unlikely. Sir George arrived here on the evening following the provincial election in which a Tory majority of 38 was turned into a Liberal majority of 27. Sir George was so anxious about the result that he wired from Smithers for the paper giving the results. He arrived in Prince Rupert on the evening of Friday, September 17th, in a very pessimistic mood. Sir George is not so young as he once was, though still very active on his feet, and, after the shock he had just received, it is excusable if he failed to look on life in Prince Rupert with his old-time buoyancy. Had he met the man who paid \$18,000 for that lot, he might have learned that the gentleman is still quite satisfied with his bargain and that he is looking forward to the day when the Grand Trunk Pacific hotel will throw its evening shadow over that lot. He might have learned that the gentleman had visions of a future in which our drydock would not be idle but would respond to the clamor of the rivetter and the shipwright; that the buyer was not worrying over what he had paid for the lot but that he was looking forward to the day when wheat elevators would line the harbor and liners from Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, India and the British Isles would discharge and take on cargo at Prince Rupert.

Had Sir George not been taking a gloomy view of things, he might have enquired how many millions of pounds of halibut the steamer George E. Foster had brought in to Prince Rupert during the past year. He might have taken notice of the new fish packing warehouses along the wharf and he might have learned that as many as fourteen and sixteen express cars of fish have left here for the east on one morning. He might have reflected that he had arrived at the close of the salmon canning season, and that this district now packs more salmon than any other part of the coast, though the bulk of the benefit still goes to Vancouver.

Sir George, had he not been feeling that the end of all things had come, since the Tories had been so thoroughly licked, might have learned that there are ore bunkers here handling many thousands of tons of copper ore, mined within easy reach of Prince Rupert and that it was time the government was thinking and acting in regard to a smelter and copper refinery for the north coast, which is centred in Prince Rupert. Had Sir George not been feeling blue, the result being that everything looked of the same dismal hue, he might have encountered husky fishermen by the score who had just cashed cheques for several hundred dollars as the result of one trip to the banks, the halibut banks.

If the Minister of Trade and Commerce were here today, he would find that, since he was here in September, there has been new mining development right at Prince Rupert's front door, on Porcher Island, and that the back door has a view of many inviting copper, gold and galena prospects, some of which are already shipping ore that is giving good returns. The men Sir George found hanging on by the skin of their teeth and their toe nails must have been the many individuals who had been living entirely off the defeated government. It may be that he encountered the man who, when asked what he did for a living, replied that he was on the Conservative executive.

Reverting again to land speculation, it must be admitted that it has been overdone all over the Dominion, but, in Prince Rupert, the Dominion government, of which Sir George is a member, is responsible for paying the most outrageous price ever paid for property in this city. The government paid \$95,000 for a piece of INSIDE property 100 feet by 100, and on top of that paid \$27,533 to excavate the same. This property was bought as a post-office site. It is still merely a site, the Conservative executive being the owners of the building which is rented to the government as a post-office. This site is more than a site; it is a pond, and if Sir George takes the trouble to look up the appropriations for this city, he will find that an amount is set aside to keep the water pumped out of this \$122,533 hole in the ground. Figuring the usual increase for corner lots, the gentleman who bought that \$18,000 lot should have paid \$61,000 for it, on the basis of the government price for inside lots. It is thus clear that Sir George E. Foster and his colleagues are the greatest sinners in paying inflated prices for Prince Rupert property.

RUPERT MUNICIPAL MOVEMENT STARTED

A public meeting was held last evening under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council, in the Carpenters' Hall, with a view to forming a municipal movement. The name of the Prince Rupert Municipal Movement was adopted and the following office-bearers were elected:—Chairman, W. J. McCutcheon; Secretary, pro tem, H. O. Roberts; Committee: J. J. Anderson, A. W. Edge, Ald. Geo. Casey, J. A. Thompson, and J. C. Gavigan. The committee has power to add to its numbers.

There was a general discussion of a platform framed by the Trades and Labor Council, the questions of trades unionism, municipal ownership, wider education and the Saturday half-holiday being the chief.

RUPERT'S ADVANTAGES ARE BEING RECOGNISED

A recent issue of the Seattle P.-I. devotes much space to an article by Gen. H. M. Chittenden, in the Engineering News, advocating the construction of a thirty-mile tunnel through the Cascades at a cost of \$50,000,000. The scheme was mooted some years ago and found favor in Portland, Ore., but the plan was at that time considered far too costly and not necessary for retention and development of trade.

The Seattle P.-I. enters into a discussion as to the relative advantages of the various harbors on the coast, showing that Prince Rupert is the only port which is easily accessible both from the ocean and from land. The other ports have each one of those advantages but Prince Rupert is the only one which has both.

After showing that the shipping trade of Puget Sound has doubled in four years, the article goes on to state that there is a rapidly developing trade between this coast and Siberia, Japan, China, Australia, the islands of the Pacific and Latin America, and that the most dangerous rival to Seattle in this trade is Vancouver or Prince Rupert, adding that Prince Rupert will, in future generations, probably be the keener competitor. After pointing out that the C. P. R. has spent millions in lowering its grade over the summit, without eliminating the costly maintenance between Hope and Banff, the writer shows that the Grand Trunk Pacific, taking the Yellowhead Pass route, has mostly a water grade to Prince Rupert. It is highly satisfactory to the people of Prince Rupert that an American writer should so fully appreciate the importance of Prince Rupert as a trade centre on the Pacific coast.

DEADLY FIRE TRAP

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, Nov. 25.—The Y. M. C. A. building at Columbus, Ohio, is burning and fifty persons have been trapped by the flames.

COL. MIGNAULT WILL RECRUIT COMPATRIOTS

Incomplete Battalions May Be Amalgamated—Crowther Warns Wholesale Bakers.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—F. B. McCurdy, under secretary to the Minister of Militia, announces that 370,000 Canadians have enlisted during the last twenty-seven months.

The recruiting authorities are seriously considering the amalgamating of the various battalions which are not yet up to full strength, with a view to starting as many soldiers across the Atlantic as possible at an early date, in order that they may receive a winter training in England which is impossible in Canada, because of the severe winter.

Colonel Arthur Mignault has been granted leave of absence from active service at the front and has been authorized to recruit French-Canadians throughout Canada.

Bakers Warned.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, has issued a warning threatening criminal action against wholesale bakers, unless the practice of refusing to sell bread to retailers who do not uphold the stated price, is immediately discontinued.

"A LITTLE VOLUNTEER" AT THE WESTHOLME THEATRE

Joyce Fair, in "A Little Volunteer," is the attraction at the Westholme tonight. The piece is described as a photoplay of smiles and tears and is a particularly pleasing production. There is also a gazette showing the latest happenings the world over and a few good comedies complete the show.

Hazel Dawn, in "The Feud Girl," will be shown at the Majestic Theatre tonight for the benefit of those who did not see it last night. "The Girl and The Game" will also be reproduced in the same program.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Foley, 1158 Ambrose Avenue, a son, at the General Hospital yesterday.

Presbyterian Church Bazaar in the church, Wednesday, November 29th, at 3 p. m. All kinds of Xmas novelties, plain and fancy sewing, etc. Tea and ices served. Splendid musical program in the evening. tf.

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