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CABINET CHANGES

For months past there has been growing dissatisfaction in certain sections of the London press with the coalition cabinet. Since the early days of the war, there have been repeated attempts to get Premier Asquith to resign and there have been several rumors that he was about to do so. The "ginger brigade" thought that the government's methods were too leisurely and cumbersome and there was a general disposition to have Lloyd George, the active Minister of War, take over the leadership.

Recently, however, Lloyd George has come in for his share of criticism, and the Morning Post and Evening News, the latter a Northcliffe paper, have made strong attacks against the Minister for War, alleging that he is interfering with military matters with which he should have nothing to do. Lloyd George's reply was that he had been summoned to the seat of war by the French and British leaders and that their conference had resulted in a thorough understanding all round, and that at no time had he sought to interfere with active military matters.

That affairs are coming to a head is evidenced by the report to hand yesterday from London. Though it is only a press report, there is every reason to believe that there are to be changes and that the changes will take the form of a war directorate, instead of the present unwieldy cabinet. That Premier Asquith will remain at the head seems certain. He does not possess the fire of a Carson or Lloyd George but his judgment is sound, and he is above all things a leader.

That the Minister of War will be allowed to resign is out of the question, and it is not unlikely that his threatened resignation has been the means of bringing about the discussion of a directorate of five men to carry on the war. The introduction of Sir Edward Carson to the directorate would be a move in the right direction, as he is the active leader of the "ginger" group and was the first insurgent to leave the coalition cabinet. The fire and ability of Lloyd George and Carson, coupled with the business acumen and foresight of Bonar Law and the experience of Balfour, under the leadership of Premier Asquith would make for a strong, progressive government, and a government which would meet with the approval of all sections of the people.

Northcliffe has been severely criticised for the stand taken at different times during the war by his press but it is clear that his criticisms were not made for party political effect, but in the interests of the nation and in order to strengthen Britain's position in the war. His methods may not always have been wise, but it must be admitted that he has been instrumental in directing the attention of the people to weaknesses in the government. The greatest weakness is undoubtedly slowness of action, due to the miles of red tape which have to be unwound before anything can be done, and the formation of a small, compact war board, composed of the best brains of the country would work wonders in speeding up action. Evidently the "ginger" group have not shouted in vain.



NOTES AND COMMENTS

For the first time in history a Liberal premier is at the head of affairs in Russia. From the recent disturbances in the Duma it would appear that there was some truth in the rumors of pro-German influence in Russia and that there was a section of the Duma which favored a separate peace. Russia is more determined now than ever to see the war through.

There is evidently a pretty strong kick left in the "beaten" Rumanian army and Von Mackenzen and Company are not to have things all their own way in getting to Bucharest.

The little disturbance in Athens over the handing over of the Greek guns seems to have been more serious than at first reported. The Allies seem to have got all they wanted, however, and Constantine must now be a good little boy.

Premier Brewster has intimated that he will proceed immediately to have the matter of the writ cleared up. He is proving to his opponents that the writ was no irresponsible act of a politician struggling for power, but the serious action of a man who had the best interests of the province at heart.

The local Tory organ does not seem to be able to grasp the idea of a provincial Premier being public-spirited enough to place the general over-seeing of the province before a salary. It will soon realize that a great change has come over affairs in Victoria and that the old days are past forever.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

Court of Revision, Municipal Voters' List.
TAKE NOTICE that a Court of Revision, consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Dybhavn and Alderman Casey, will sit on Monday, the Eleventh day of December, A. D. 1916, at 2:30 p. m., as a Court of Revision to correct and revise the list of voters for the year A. D. 1917.

The Court will sit in the Council Chamber, City Hall, and any person having any complaint as to any name being improperly placed on said list, or improperly omitted therefrom, shall attend and lay his complaint.

F. PETERS, City Clerk.

MINERAL ACT

Rivermouth Fractional mineral claim, situated in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassiar District.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, G. R. Naden, Free Miners' Certificate No. 94,096B, acting as agent for Carrie Pratt, Free Miners' Certificate No. 93,917B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1915. Apr. 2.

MINERAL ACT

Notice to Delinquent Partners.

To G. W. Maxwell and Charles Nicholson.
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Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 19th day of February, 1916.
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