

# THE DAILY NEWS

LIMITED LIABILITY  
JAN 22 1917  
VICTORIA, B.C.

VOL. VIII. NO. 13.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1917.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## BRITAIN PREPARING FOR NEW OFFENSIVE

### PEACE HOES SHATTERED MEANTIME -- STARTLING REVELATIONS BY LAWSON

#### FACTORIES ARE PREPARING FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

Munitions Turned Out at Enormous Speed in Britain—Prisoners Captured by French and British.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 16.—British munitions factories are today turning out every forty-eight hours more heavy gun ammunition than they manufactured in the entire first year of the war and production is still increasing each week in preparation for the great new offensive on the western front.

##### Western Front.

The British last night carried out a series of their raids which are demoralizing the German defenders, who never know just where the enemy is to strike next. On this occasion the attack was directed against the German lines north of Loos. Small companies advanced, with bombing companies in the lead. The bombers approached close up to the German dug-outs before they were discovered and had the occupants at their mercy. Little resistance was offered and a number of prisoners were captured.

##### French Attack.

Paris, Jan. 16.—On the Somme front, the French forces made several surprise attacks last night and captured war material and prisoners. Attacks by small parties are very successful and as many as three hundred prisoners are taken in one night. The Germans attempted to make counter-attacks but all failed.

#### ASSESSMENT REDUCED OVER TWO MILLIONS

That the city assessment will be 16 per cent lower than last year was the announcement made at the city council meeting last evening from the assessor's report for 1917. The total assessment is returned at \$11,645,595, a decrease of \$2,196,219. This is \$5,840,890 below the highest assessment ever made in the city.

On the motion of Ald. Dybhavn, seconded by Ald. Smith, the report was received.

Ald. McClymont raised the question of the assessment of the waterfront. The mayor said that this would be taken up at the court of revision.

Grand Annual Ball of Local Union 745 in Railwaymen's Hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17th. Westholme orchestra. Refreshments. Tickets 50 cents. Proceeds to Returned Soldiers' Association. Real good time assured.

**WESTHOLME**  
OPERA HOUSE  
Tonight and Tomorrow  
RITA JOLIVET  
"An International Marriage"  
TOPICAL BUDGET

#### GERMANY WILL NOT CONSIDER ALLIED TERMS

War Clouds Looming Darker—German Foreign Minister Says Door Closed Meantime, But May Re-open.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berlin, Jan. 16.—Zimmerman, the German Foreign Minister, has informed the associated press that the conditions put forward by the Entente Allies are too hard and could not be accepted by Germany. He looked upon the Allied reply to President Wilson as something of a rebuff, but believed that the answer did not finally and completely close the door against later peace efforts, before one side or the other is completely crushed.

He expects that a failure of the Entente summer offensive might make possible the approaching of the subject of peace again next year, when reasonable terms would have a prospect of successfully bringing the war to an end.

Referring to the German proposals, the Minister said: "We can't afford to create the impression that we are for peace at any price. For us to pursue the matter further at the present time would be hailed as an expression of weakness. There is not a German who would not rather die than see the Allies accomplish their plan to crush Germany. In the meantime, until the battle of victory is ours, the door is closed for further peace negotiations."

##### Vadeti Taken.

London, Jan. 16.—The enemy are now in complete possession of Vadeti and Bulgarian artillery is firing on Gairis, from the right bank of the Danube. Berlin announces that the Germans repelled all the Rumanian attempts to regain Vadeti.

##### Russian Report.

Petrograd, Jan. 16.—The Rumanians have forced back the invaders northeast of Fokshani and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

##### CIVIL SERVICE

In the list of successful candidates for the civil service appear the names of G. R. S. Tit and John M. Struthers, Prince Rupert, the latter in the preliminary and the former in the qualifying examination.

Special meeting of the Fish Packers' Union in their hall, 6th Ave., Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 7:30 p.m.—F. W. Grimble, Secy.

The Returned Soldiers' Association begs to intimate that all efforts to raise money on behalf of the association must first have the sanction of the members.

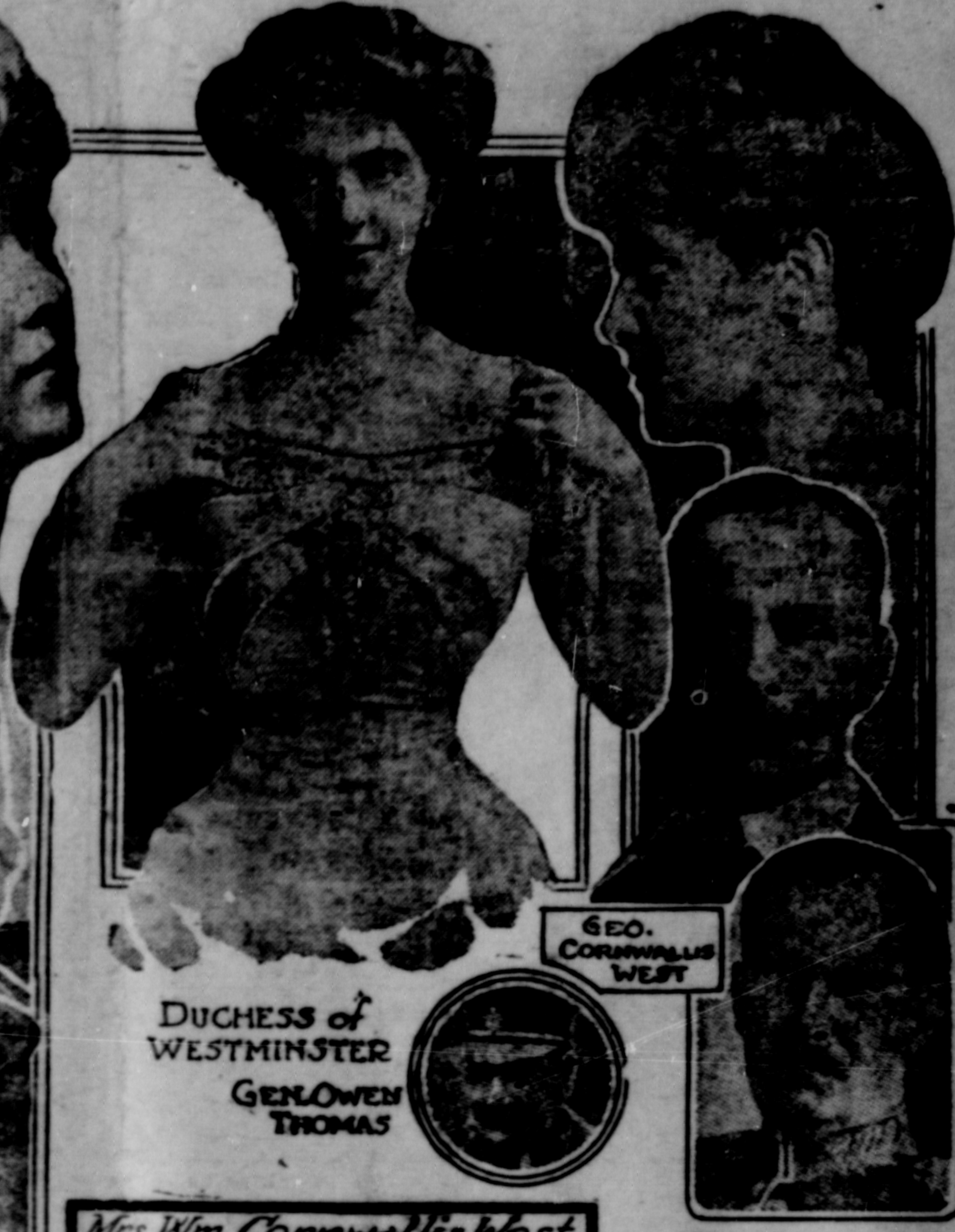
**NEW WELLINGTON COAL.**  
phone 116. We have just received a shipment of 500 tons Lump Coal. We are prepared to put in your winter's coal for you.

PRINCESS HENRY OF PLESS



LORD FRENCH  
GEN. SIR H. MCKINNON

MRS. GEO. CORNWALLIS WEST



THE CORNWALLIS-WESTS AND SOME FIGURES IN THE WAR OFFICE SCANDALS.—This picture not only gives good likenesses of all the principals in the British War Office scandal, but also gives the genealogical tree of the Cornwallis-Wests, showing the important position which Mrs. West held in the upper strata of British society.

#### AMERICAN AVIATORS OBJECTS OF SEARCH

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Col. Bishop and Lieut. Robertson, the missing United States army aviators, are now the objects of an international hunt. The missing officers are believed to be marooned in the southern Arizona desert.

#### LUMBER TENDERS

The city council last night accepted a tender of Albert & McCaffery for 100,000 feet of fir lumber at \$15 per thousand, this being the lowest offer. Tenders were called for by mail and Ald. Casey thought that it should have been done through the press, though he admitted that the price was low and could not be met by the other bidders.

#### TUG-BOAT WANTED

The undersigned is open to purchase a small steam tug, forty to fifty feet; must have good sound hull, first-class machinery and be seaworthy in every respect. Apply by letter, giving all particulars, stating where tug can be inspected.  
WILLOW RIVER LUMBER CO.,  
GISCOM, B. C.

#### HARMONIOUS OPENING OF MUNICIPAL YEAR

The new council met for the first time last evening, when Ald. McMeekin occupied the chair formerly filled by Ald. Barrie. Before entering upon the evening's business, Mayor McCaffery expressed pleasure in seeing so many of last year's council again at the board. So far as he was concerned, the year 1916, with its joys and sorrows, was forgotten, and he was prepared to meet the council as a new council to do the best he could for the welfare of the citizens as a whole, and he hoped and believed that the council would work in harmony towards the same end.

#### HEAVY SNOWSTORM

(Special to The Daily News.)

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 16.—The heaviest snowstorm in history struck this city yesterday and the street cars had to be operated all night in order to keep the street railway open for traffic this morning.

#### PLUGGING ENQUIRY WILL BE THOROUGH

Victoria, Jan. 13.—The appointment of two judges as members of a royal commission to investigate the charges of corrupt practices at the Vancouver bye-election held in February last, will shortly be made. Discussing this matter today Hon. John Oliver, acting premier, said to the press:

"The commission of enquiry into the Vancouver election irregularities will be a commission of judges and the gentlemen to compose the commission will be appointed as soon as the judges who have been requested to act decide as to their course of action and also decide as to the form and scope of the commission on which they will act. The widest possible discretion is being extended to the judges and their reply is expected at an early date.

"The enquiry will be a thorough, complete and non-partisan one, and the commissioners will be given every power which they request or suggest, so that they may carry on the proceedings in their own judicial discretion, absolutely free from any possibility of outside interference."

#### NOTICE

David H. Hays has taken over the real estate, insurance and safety deposit business handled by Hon. T. D. Pattullo. Mr. Hays will conduct this additional business at his present office at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street.

#### THOMAS LAWSON DROPS BOMB AT INVESTIGATION

When Forced to Speak Lawson Makes Startling Charges—Says Chairman Gave Him the Initial Information.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—Threatened with imprisonment if he continued his refusal to divulge the names of the persons implicated in the stock gambling pool, which profited by advance information regarding the issuing of President Wilson's peace note, Thomas W. Lawson, before the House Committee on Rules, asserted yesterday that Representative Henry, chairman of the investigation committee, furnished him with the initial information. Secretary McAdoo; H. Phirey Fiske a banker; a senator known by the initial "O"; member of the Federal Reserve Board Warburg, and Malcolm McAdoo, brother of the secretary, were mentioned as possessing knowledge of the affair.

Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, in the presence of her attorney, declared that Secretary Tumulty received his share of the profits through Lawson. There is a repeated rumor current that Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, made two million dollars in the deal.

Every implicated person, including newspaper and magazine editors, has been subpoenaed to appear today when Lawson will be given a further hearing. An emphatic denial to Lawson's charges has been made by Representative Henry and Secretary McAdoo. Secretary Tumulty said: "I will make good here. I won't go to jail as the goat."

#### RITA JOLIVET AT THE WESTHOLME THEATRE

Tonight and tomorrow, the Famous Players' drama, "An International Marriage" is presented at the Westholme Theatre. The star of this highly interesting photoplay is Rita Jolivet, who has not been seen in Prince Rupert for some time, but whose reappearance will be welcomed by all Westholme patrons. A Topical Budget, showing the latest world's news completes a good show.

#### COURT OF REVISION

At the city council meeting last night, the mayor nominated the following aldermen to act with him as a Court of Revision: Ald. McClymont, Dybhavn, McRae and Montgomery. The court will sit on March 5th.

**LONDON CAFE**  
AND GRILL  
Third Avenue  
Serves Nothing but the Best  
STRICTLY UNION HOUSE  
BOXES FOR LADIES

**LIBERAL ASSOCIATION**  
Annual Meeting  
FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
Thursday, January 18th, at 8 p. m.  
IN THE LIBERAL ROOMS, STORK BLOCK  
ALL MEMBERS INVITED