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PRESIDENT SPEAKS OF ACTIVE ASSERTION

WARNS THE NATION TO BE PREPARED FOR IMMEDIATE ASSOCIATION WITH WAR

GREAT SPEECH IN CONGRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

Warns People of a More Immediate Association With War Than Armed Neutrality—It May Not Suffice.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 5.—President Wilson sounded a new note in the doctrine of internationalism and world peace in his inaugural address today. But in the same breath he warned the United States people that they may require a more immediate association with war than armed neutrality. Speaking of the unity of America, he said that her thought, spirit and action all voiced the view that Americanism from henceforth must be steeped in the world spirit instead of in the isolated national view of the past. His principal plea for the world's peace called for the limitation of armaments and for all nations to have an equal interest and responsibility in maintaining peace.

"Armed neutrality is our stand, but that may not suffice," said the President. "We stand firm in armed neutrality, since it seems that in no other way can we demonstrate what we insist upon and cannot forego. We may even be drawn by circumstances, not of our own purpose and desire to the more active assertion of our rights as we see them and to a more immediate association with the great struggle itself. The United States cannot, even if it wishes, any longer stand apart in isolation. It must regard itself as a world entity, and think and act in the terms of this world spirit."

To the thousands attending his second inauguration came these words of great import. The President called for the destruction of the "armed balance of power," that all the world should support no other view than governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed. The equality of nations was insisted upon in all matters of right or privilege.

LOCAL TAXATION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

In connection with the request made to the government by the city council that the taxes on assessed government property in Prince Rupert be assumed by the provincial government, a letter was read last evening from the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, member for this riding, stating that the matter was in hand. This same matter had come up previously, as pointed out, in connection with the Point Grey municipality and they had received a communication from the late government agreeing to their request. It is pointed out now by the minister of lands that this letter had no statutory authority behind it. The whole matter was under the earnest consideration of the executive and a decision would be come to in the near future.

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ROAD SUPERINTENDENT SYSTEM IS ABOLISHED

Victoria, March 3.—Radical changes in the system of public works construction throughout the province are foreshadowed in the public works department here by recent orders coming from the minister, Hon. Dr. King.

It has been plainly intimated that the road superintendent system will be abolished on the ground that to have a road superintendent in each district, the official being practically the appointee of the member, savored too much of political patronage. It is claimed by the administration that many of the road superintendents have not been practical men at the time of appointment and they have had their experience at the expense of the provincial treasury. It is also maintained that in many of the ridings roadwork under the superintendent has been patronage pure and simple.

The plan which it is said that Hon. Dr. King will bring into effect will mean the appointment of a number of qualified civil engineers who with their staffs will be under the civil service act and who will each have charge of a section of the province. They will have road foremen for each section. Instead of a road superintendent for each constituency the scheme will mean a road engineer for three or four, or possibly more, ridings. He will be able to do his own engineering work and his road foreman will carry out construction under his direction. The government believes that this method will mean economy and efficiency, particularly in the matter of getting roads built to a standard on the best grades.

DEATH OF MAJOR F. T. LUCAS

Word has just been received in town that Major F. Travis Lucas has been killed at the front. Major Lucas had very many friends in Prince Rupert, who will mourn his loss. Holding the position of resident engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in this city and being one of the pioneers in the district, Major Lucas was very well known, and was very well liked by all who came in contact with him. Mr. Lucas went to Seattle to rebuild the G. T. P. dock there after the disastrous fire nearly three years ago, and when the war broke out, he left Canada with the 54th Regiment. Major Lucas was a brother to Mr. A. S. B. Lucas, who was long in this town and who now resides in Hamilton, Ontario. The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to Mr. Stanley Lucas in his loss.

RETAIL CLERKS MEETING

The Retail Clerks had a very large meeting last night. Two active members were gone, in Mr. P. H. Linzey and Mr. A. A. Cawley, who have left the city. Among the matters brought up was the inclusion of Martin O'Reilly, H. S. Wallace, Ltd., and Mussallam Grocery Co., Ltd., among the union stores.

GRANT TO HOSPITAL

At the city council meeting last evening, it was recommended by the finance and general committee that the sum of \$5,000 be granted to the General Hospital Association for the year 1917. The recommendation was adopted.

THE CRADLE

Born at the Prince Rupert general hospital this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Reilly, a son.



SCENE OF THE BRITISH OPERATIONS IN PERSIA

PARLIAMENTARY CRISIS IN CHINA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Peking, March 5.—The Prime Minister has resigned. This is owing to the refusal of the President to sanction the cabinet's recommendation to break off relations with Germany, on account of their unrestricted submarine campaign.

THE FISHERIES DELEGATION REPORT

At the city council last night, Alderman Casey enquired when the delegation recently sent to Ottawa were going to make their report. Alderman Nelson, as a member of the delegation intimated that they had reported twice already. Alderman Casey said that the policy pursued by the delegation was not according to his idea of proper procedure. In the first place the delegation was not confined to members of the council, yet the council defrayed the expenses, while having had no report from the delegation, had thus been ignored. "Any delegates," he said, "travelling at the expense of the city should be selected by the council."

Here Alderman Casey was gently reproved by the Mayor for being "out of order," so notice of motion was given that the question would come up next Monday. There was some further discussion regarding a cannery licence, of which Alderman Nelson disclaimed all knowledge. Alderman Nelson also wanted the idea dispelled that he is "the recipient of a magnificent salary" in connection with his appointment to the Advisory Board.

Alderman Nelson was struck with the disposition to find fault displayed at times with the man who got something for himself.

GERMAN CHANCELLORSHIP

London, March 5.—A movement to force von Bethmann-Hollweg to resign the German chancellorship and make von Hindenburg chief of the state and also of the armies is being watched with acute interest here.

It is interpreted as meaning that the Hohenzollerns are side-stepping the disaster which is believed to be inevitable; that they are willing to let von Hindenburg become even more the national idol so that when the end comes he will be in a position to bear the brunt of the blame.

According to the plan outlined, von Hindenburg is to become both the Bismarck and the Moltke of this era. As he is an unflinching advocate of extreme measures, it is predicted that should he get important power he will increase the difficulties of the situation by drawing the United States into actual warfare.

The Hindenburg propaganda is being organized systematically, but it is ridiculed by the Liberal and Socialist forces in Germany.

BULGARIA TO BREAK WITH UNITED STATES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 5.—The semi-official Bulgarian press agencies declare that the Bulgarian government will shortly send a note to the United States explaining their adherence to Germany and instructing the Bulgarian minister in Washington to demand his passports.

ACTIVITY IN THE QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Mr. A. R. Mallory, of Port Clements arrived in town this morning off the Prince Albert. Mr. Mallory reports that things are moving in the Queen Charlotte Islands these days. The sawmill at Port Clements has started up. The sawmill has made a shipment of clear spruce for aeroplane construction. "The lumber industry is bound to be an important factor in the development of the Islands," says Mr. Mallory. There are three logging camps in full swing as well as the Kelly camp on Moresby Island, which is operating on a very large scale. The outlook for the prosperity of the Queen Charlotte Islands is brighter than it has been for a long time. The Ikeda Mine has proved to be a very valuable one, and between mining and logging, the Islands will be producing on a very large scale in the immediate future.

HAS INVENTION TO BLOW UP DIVERS

Pittsburg, March 5.—Theodore Eichholz, a young engineer and architect of this city, has invented a wireless device that may be used to destroy submarines by causing an explosion of gases that are always present in submarines. For several years the inventor was connected with the United States Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Eichholz states that a few days ago a small experimental apparatus at his home on Neville Island sunk a small "dummy" submarine in the Ohio River five miles away. The destroyed model was built of steel, and had been submerged to a depth of ten feet.

All submarines while under water are propelled by electric storage batteries which throw off a gas that pervades the hull. This gas, Eichholz says, he detonates by wireless current and destruction follows. The apparatus will be submitted to the government at once.

BRITISH SHELLS FOR STATES

Washington, March 5.—Great Britain has withdrawn her objection and made known her permission for Hadfields, Ltd., an English munition concern, to contract with the United States navy department for armor-piercing shells of the 14 and 16-inch type.

GERMANY MADE A MISTAKE IN MEXICO

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berlin, March 5.—"We should not have offered Mexico any territory, because Mexico was on the defensive against the United States, we should have merely tendered them assistance." These are the words of George Bernhard, waiting in the Vossische Zeitung. Germany's self defensive offer of an alliance to Mexico "may reveal to Americans the dangers into which their President is leading them." He says it was Germany's duty to enlist as an ally America's most bitter enemy, but the offer of Germany to Mexico proved the salvation of Wilson's reputation, when he played it as a trump card in congress.

MORE TERRORISM IN BELGIAN PROVINCES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, March 5.—The Prussianising of Belgium is almost completed. The kingdom has been divided into three provinces, with the cities of Brussels, Namur and Ghent designated as their capitals. The German scheme as that adopted in Poland. Only German is to be taught in the schools and it is an offence to be heard speaking any other language throughout the country. The population remaining is suffering under the heavy hand of the oppressor.

POWER FOR THE EMERSON SAWMILL

At the city council last night, it was agreed to forward the contract for the power for the new mill at Seal Cove to the Emerson people for their signature.

New transformers will require to be put in to take care of this new demand for the city's power and it is proposed to get along with the work at once. Prince Rupert is able to meet the Westminster and Vancouver rates for power.

GOVERNMENT AND THE P. G. E. CONSTRUCTION

Victoria, March 5.—The government is now engrossed in preparing for an investigation of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. A report has been handed to Hon. John Oliver, minister of railways, regarding the various expenditures in the construction of this line. It bears out in much detail the numerous allegations made by the members of the Liberal opposition in the last legislature. The report, however, is being supplemented by a more detailed examination of the line. It is said that this shows a condition of affairs warranting an investigation and it is very probable a committee of the house will be selected to undertake this.

OFFICERS OF PRINCE JOHN ARE COMMENDED

The marine enquiry held at Vancouver into the stranding of the G. T. P. steamer Prince John in Wrangell Narrows on January 26th, resulted in the certificates of the master and the first mate being returned to them forthwith. The board also thought the conduct of the officers and the crew after the stranding was worthy of high commendation.

Akerburg, Thomson & Co. have just received a shipment of spring brass and phosphor bronze. This is very high class metal and is used for making salmon trolling spoons. It will repay anyone intending going salmon trolling this spring to have a look at these.

RETREAT OF GERMAN ARMY CONTINUES

Stubborn German Resistance to Advancing British—Rear Guard Actions and Counter Attacks.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 5.—The German troops continue their retreat aided by the low visibility. There is a white mist obscuring the view from the artillery control stations, and under cover of which the German troops have made good a further retirement. On one part of the front, a strong German counter attack was made, but was repulsed with loss and many prisoners were left in the hands of the British.

French Front.

Paris, March 5.—A violent German attack over a front of a mile and three quarters was made west of Soissons. Repeated assaults were made by the enemy, but each attack was repulsed with very heavy loss to the enemy. The German forces failed to get any footing anywhere except in one of our advanced trenches to the north of the Cauriers wood, Mesopotamia.

The pursuing British are still hampering the retreat of the Turkish forces, expelled out of Kut-el-Amara. The British are near Ctesiphon, which is the furthest point reached by Major-General Townshend in his first advance. It is expected that the news of the investment of Baghdad will be received any time now.

BUSINESS METHODS

It was announced a few days ago that the Commercial Club of Port Clements, Q. C. I., has been inaugurated with a view of giving the facts, and nothing but the facts, to anyone desirous of information regarding the Islands. The usefulness of such an institution was proved by Mr. A. R. Mallory, the secretary of the club, this morning. Mr. Mallory has had already several enquiries from various people regarding the prospects of business in the Islands. As a result of the publicity afforded by the club, one of the large lumber operators in the south has had a man over the ground seeing for himself just what things looked like. With a sane business-like method of getting down to facts and stating them plainly, the Commercial Club should play a large part in the development of the Islands.

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