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## FIGHTING IS BITTER ON WESTERN FRONT

ENEMY IS COUNTER ATTACKING FURIOUSLY BUT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

### BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE PROGRESSING

Canadians Capture Enemy's Front Line Trenches in Sector of Importance—Hand to Hand Fighting.

London, May 8.—The British have improved their positions at Bullecourt and are pushing the enemy eastwards towards the village. Hand to hand fighting is taking place.

Canadian troops have captured an important sector of the enemy's front line trenches south of the Souchez River.

#### Counter Attacks.

Furious counter attacks are still being made by the Germans around Roeux, Fontaine les Croisilles and near Reincourt. At Lens a particularly furious onslaught was made by the enemy in strength, but all attacks were repulsed. The British machine gun fire was deadly and wiped out the advancing waves of the enemy forces, while their supports were caught under the artillery barrage. Tremendous losses were inflicted upon the enemy.

#### At Bullecourt.

The Germans yesterday fought furiously for positions around Bullecourt. The British have occupied the north, west and eastern outskirts of the town, leaving the south the only available direction for the Germans to retreat.

#### French Front.

Strong counter attacks were made by the Germans at various points on the French front. Severe fighting took place, and the Germans were repulsed in each case with heavy losses.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

At the council meeting held last evening, Ald. Casey, as chairman of the Health Committee, reported to the council regarding the department. The old carpenter shop, he said, had been altered by taking the front out, so as to permit of the movable city property being stored therein under cover, instead of being left outside, exposed to the weather, as heretofore. Provision had also been made for the men's conveniences.

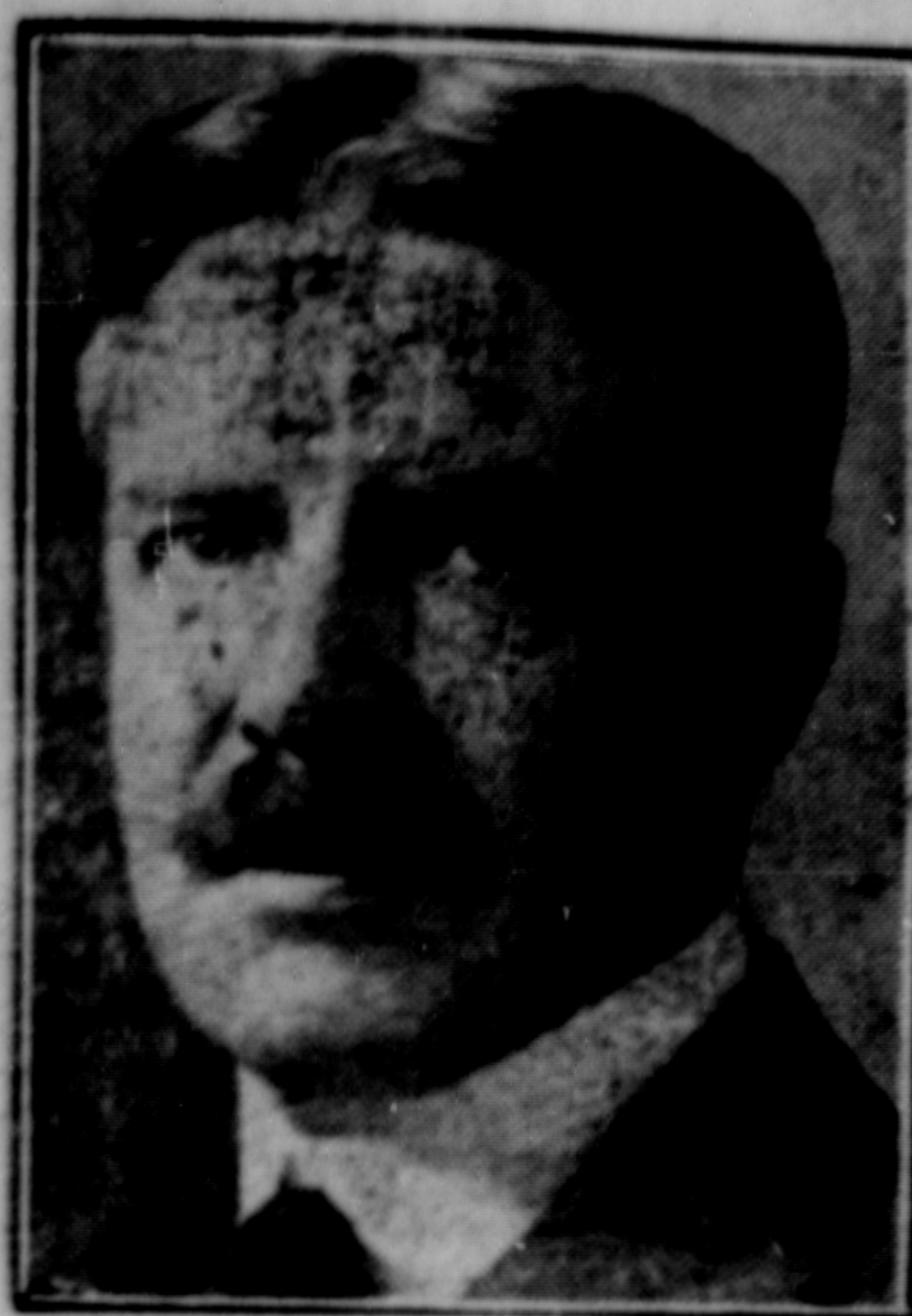
The garbage men were now working five days on the wagon instead of four as previously, one day per week being spent in cleaning up the open ditches, etc.

#### GERMANS SEIZE VESSELS

London, May 7.—Confiscation by the Germans of the Belgian relief steamship Carmetta is reported in a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. A Danish sailor who was a member of the crew is authority for the report. He says the Germans ordered the crew to leave the ship and placed a prize crew on board to take it to a German port. The men from the Carmetta, in two small boats, asked for provisions, but the Germans refused. After six days of terrible suffering the men in one of the boats reached the Norwegian coast.

#### FISH ARRIVALS

The Nellie has arrived with 12,000 pounds of halibut; Lansing with 12,000; Elfin, 5,000; F and S, 7,000; Agnes B., 10,000; King George, 2,000; M. and L., 3,000; Polaris, 7,000, and the Sitka came in with 20,000 for the Cold Storage Co. Yesterday's prices were around 8½ cents, while today's prices were 9½ cents.



SIR HENRY L. DRAYTON

Of the Railroad Commission, which recommended the unification of all the railroads in Canada except the C. P. R.

### WILL PURCHASE FOR ALL ALLIES

Washington, May 7.—Creation of a central purchasing commission in Washington for all supplies bought in the United States for the Allied Governments was forecast here today by Sir Hardman Lever, financial expert of the British War Mission. Sir Hardman was careful to say that negotiations to this end still were incomplete, but he pointed out why a joint directing bureau would be essential to secure the most economical administration of the huge credits authorized by this country and the fairest distribution of supplies among the various nations. The American Government is preparing to do its part toward seeing that the Allies get their money's worth for every dollar spent here.

Discussing the world financial situation, the British expert expressed the opinion that Germany will be practically bankrupt in the credit markets after the war.

"Our enemies," he said, "for all their boasted efficiency, have never had the courage to face their financial problems, with the result that when the war is over they will be hard put to it."

#### MINING NOTES

A sample of the ore from the forty-foot winze at the Highland Boy Mine near Hazelton has proved to be very rich. The vein runs to two feet. Shipments are being made to the Ladysmith smelter, and there is considerable ore all ready sacked at the mine. It is being hauled to Skeena Crossing for shipment. This property is a very promising one.

Near Telkwa, the Tonapah Mining Company have taken up a property. Arrangements are being made to do some more extensive sampling and surface work. Last fall a number of samples were taken from this property which is situated on Lucky Strike mountain some thirty miles from Telkwa. They proved very satisfactory, but before development is proceeded with on a large scale, further samples will be taken.

The Santa Maria Mine near Telkwa is being reported upon very favorably. It promises to be one of the richest copper producers in the district. Last winter's shipments averaged over 18 per cent copper. This spring a drift was commenced and the results make the outlook very much brighter.

Ladies. If you want to see dresses well worth looking at, call in at Goldbloom's.

### THE CITY COUNCIL THE WATERFRONT

At the meeting of the city council last evening, the question of waterfront for civic purposes was again to the fore. It was moved by Ald. McRae, seconded by Ald. Montgomery, that the mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward the attached letter to the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, Victoria.

The letter was read by the city clerk, but the mayor flatly refused to have his letters dictated for him.

#### Proper Procedure.

He pointed out that if the city council desired to communicate with the minister of lands, the proper procedure was that the city clerk should do so. Thereupon Ald. Casey moved as an amendment that the city clerk be instructed to draft a resolution embodying the subject matter of the said letter and forward it to Mr. Pattullo. This was seconded by Ald. McClymont, who understood that a resolution had been intended at first instead of a letter. So did Ald. Dybhavn.

#### The Object.

Just what the object of the resolution was Ald. Nelson wanted to know. He didn't think it would enlighten the Hon. Mr. Pattullo to any great extent. A letter received today by applicants for waterfront said that their application was being held up by the city council. "The action of the council by this continual chasing after waterfront is perhaps reacting against the proper people getting waterfront," continued Ald. Nelson. "What is the real object in sending this resolution to Mr. Pattullo anyway?"

It was explained by Ald. McRae that the object was to get some waterfront for the city and not to block the city getting such, as certain interests apparently desired.

#### No More, No Less.

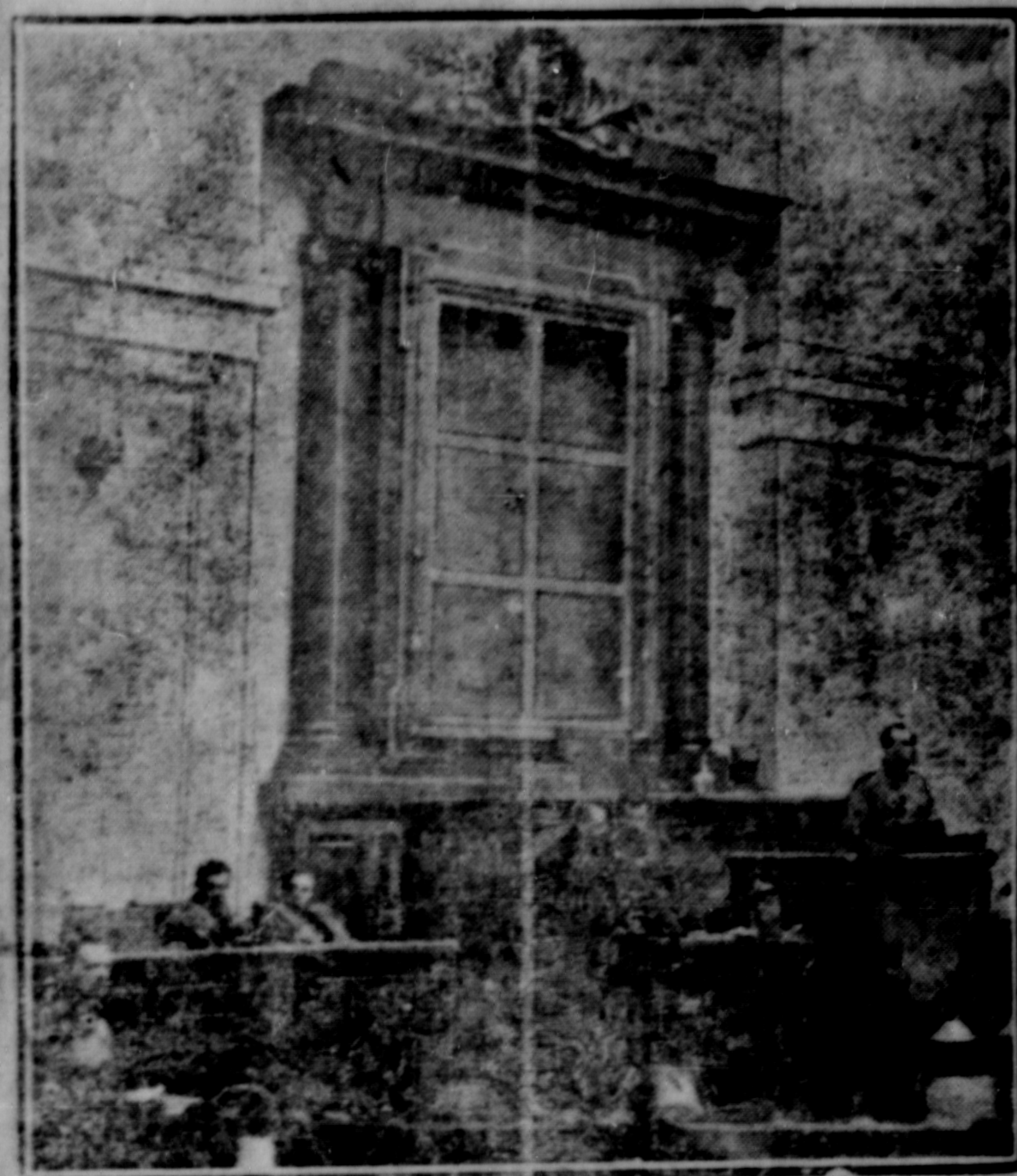
It was further explained that the city wanted lots 1 and 2, Block F, and the vacant space between the Government wharf and lot 1. Nothing more and nothing less.

Finally it was decided that the letter be drafted in resolution form by the city clerk and be resubmitted to the council and the question was carried unanimously.

### THE REPORT OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION

The commission named by Parliament last session to enquire into the general problem of transportation in Canada has made its report. Sir Henry Drayton and W. A. Aeworth, of London, in a majority report recommended that all the Canadian railways apart from the C. P. R. be merged into one system and be placed under the control of five trustees appointed by Parliament. Mr. A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central, in a minority report recommends a continuance of Government aid until the railways become self supporting. He expressed the belief that this time will not be far distant.

The favorite household Coal is Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15, Prince Rupert Coal Co.



PASSING OF THE CZAR

This picture just received from Petrograd shows the massive frame behind the speaker's chair in the Duma, where the great portrait of the Czar used to be displayed, but is now removed.

### FIRST WAR ARMY OF UNITED STATES

Washington, May 8.—The full strength of the first war army organized under the selective draft bill, will be 18,538 officers and 528,659 enlisted men, making up eighteen war strength divisions complete in every arm and supplemented by sixteen regiments of heavy field artillery equipped with large calibre howitzers.

Virtually every detail has been carefully worked out, and the selection of the men will begin as soon as the draft measure becomes law. Conference of the Senate and House will meet to agree upon disputed features today and the bill probably will be sent to the President for his signature this week.

#### EMPIRE IS CHANGED

London, May 7.—Commenting editorially upon the work of the Imperial War Conference, the Daily Telegraph this morning says:

"One of the changes which will inevitably follow from the recent Conference is that the autonomous units of the Empire will all be engaged and interested in the problems of their defence, and having each of them a right to an opinion on concerns immediately interesting to them, must also be consulted in all matters which affect the Empire as a whole. We must disabuse our minds of a conception which really belongs to an age that we have now passed by. We still speak of Great Britain as the mother state, and for all the sentimental associations gathered round the phrase there will always be room in the hearts of the people. But we are now beginning to understand what a great Confederacy means, and how much it involves of joint effort and close collaboration."

### RATIONING SCHEME FOR GREAT BRITAIN

London, May 7.—Baron Devonport, the Food Controller, announces that an organization for complete rationing of the United Kingdom cannot be completed until the middle of July.

The necessity for putting the machinery into motion will not arrive if the people loyally observe the King's exhortation to reduce the consumption of bread by one-fourth.

In the next eight weeks, the announcement says, the public can decide for itself whether compulsory rationing will be instituted.

### BIG CROPS EXPECTED IN BULKLEY VALLEY

This year the farmers of the Bulkley Valley will do very little, if any, experimental work. They are seeding and preparing every available acre for a bumper grain crop. Over six thousand acres will be seeded to oats, wheat and barley. The provincial agricultural department will have only one or two experimental plots.—Omineca Herald.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are hereby notified that a temporary stake light has been established on Birnie Island, Port Simpson Harbor, in place of the light destroyed by fire.

F. E. SAUNDERS, Marine Station, Digby Island.

#### WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme Theatre tonight, the great photoplay, "Unprotected," will be repeated. This is a Lasky production and with Blanche Sweet in the title role, a very fine photoplay has resulted. It is full of strong scenes, and shows the conditions which convict labor creates in the southern states when leased to private corporations. This play holds the interest from start to finish and last night proved a decided success. In addition there is a War Gazette, showing the latest war scenes.

#### NOTICE

The meeting of the Retail Merchants Association which was called for tonight at the city hall is postponed until further notice.

### LOCAL FIRMS AND THE WATERFRONT

At the council meeting last night, reference was made to a communication received by a local firm from the minister of lands, wherein it was stated that their application for the waterfront lots 5 and 6 Block F, was being held up by the action of the city council.

It was resolved that the city did not require these lots 5 and 6, and that the minister of lands should deal with any application for these lots, and any others not applied for by the city.

A copy of this resolution was to be sent to the minister.

### DEPUTATION WAITS ON POLICE COMMISSION

It has been reported that the inmates of the segregated area in the city have been warned out, and that a date has been set, for their departure. In this connection, a deputation of the merchants in town waited upon the Commission yesterday afternoon and put forth reasons for the retention of the district.

The police commission have now heard the question discussed from all points of view.

### OFFENSIVE ON ALL ITALIAN FRONTS

Rome, May 7.—General Cadorna, the Italian commander-in-chief, has made his dispositions for an offensive on all the Italian fronts. During the last month, the Italians have been practically on the defensive but that had indicated no abandonment of plans for a big offensive. The offensive last year started in June, reaching its full development late in the summer.

#### CITY PRINTING

At the meeting of the city council held last evening, tenders were opened for the printing of the Auditor's report. For 500 copies, A. O. Franks tendered \$4.50 and for 400, \$4 per page; while K. L. Rauk's figures were \$4.95 and \$4.85 respectively.

It was agreed that the lowest tender be accepted.

#### DESTROYER IS LOST

London, May 7.—The loss of a torpedo-boat-destroyer and probably of one officer and sixty men is announced by the Admiralty in a statement issued last night.

The statement says: "The Admiralty announces that a destroyer of an old type struck a mine on May 2 in the English Channel and sank. One officer and sixty men are missing and are presumed to have been drowned."

#### FOR MAY EXPENSES

Washington, May 8.—The United States will loan \$400,000,000 to Great Britain to meet May expenses.

#### AEROPLANE ATTACK

London, May 8.—A German aeroplane yesterday morning dropped bombs to the northeast of London.

### LONDON CAFE AND GRILL

Third Avenue  
Prompt Service of the Best  
there is to eat at all hours.

#### BOXES FOR LADIES

### The Chances of an Election This Year are Good.

#### If You Want to Vote, You Must Register.

Any lady over 21, who is a British Subject, and otherwise qualified, should get her name on the voters roll by applying to the Registrar of Voters, or any Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Alderman, or other Commissioner.

MONDAY, MAY 14, IS THE LAST DAY THIS CAN BE DONE