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THE WAR TAX

A dispatch received recently from Ottawa reads as follows: "Sir Thomas devoted a good deal of attention to the Hon. Mr. Graham's remarks about the mobilization of wealth. The Government had not been slow in taxing wealth. He described the business profits war tax as one of the severest in the world. Up to the end of the present fiscal year, the Government would have raised about \$200,000,000 by special war taxes."

Attention is particularly drawn to the statement that "the Government has not been slow to tax wealth." This is one of the most flagrant misrepresentations among the many that have ever come from the present Government. In the accepted meaning of the term "wealth" the Government has been exceedingly slow to tax it. The wealth they have taxed has been the poor man's wealth. But the wealth of the rich, the Government has let off very lightly. Sir Thomas White in this instance is enough of a casuist to make such a misleading statement. As is very pertinently pointed out by The Times:

The \$200,000,000 special war taxes received from the commencement of the war up to the end of the present fiscal year have wrung from those least able to pay. The extra postage the stamp taxes, the imposts on little articles entering into general consumption and the increased customs taxation relatively touch the rich scarcely at all, yet they represent the vast bulk of that two-hundred-million-dollar total. The profits tax brings in just 6 1/2% of the country's revenue, or \$12,500,000 per year, and even in this small business man—in a proportionate sense—bears the greater part of the burden. Big incomes are not taxed at all. Enormous profits from war contracts, which since the outbreak of war represent an outlay of \$1,500,000,000, are hardly scratched.

Sir Thomas White's affiliations and environment no doubt influence his point of view, but this will have to be altered, and the sooner he realizes it the better for himself, the government and the coun-

try. There is a scarcely a public body in Canada which has advocated conscription of men that in the same resolution has not called for the conscription of wealth, which actually means the conscription of excess profits. They realize that one must accompany the other to be effective; that not only is it common justice, but that without this co-ordination it is impossible for Canada to do her full duty in the war. Conscription of wealth might involve the taking over by the state of most of those industries which are directly associated with the conduct of the war, but what of that? Is this any more extreme than the conscription of man-power. It was done in the United Kingdom and in every other belligerent country in Europe. President Wilson has taken power to do the same.

We detect a tendency in certain papers in the East to question the good faith of those who advocate the reduction of Canada to a proper war basis, to insinuate that they are trying to complicate the situation. With equal justice it might be charged that those who demand conscription of men without the conscription of wealth are insincere or luke warm in their patriotism. As we pointed out the other day, the man who objects to one and believes in the other is certainly in no stronger position than the man who reverses the process. Moreover, it is infinitely easier to carry out both together than it is to carry out one without the other. It is a problem which Sir Thomas White will be expected to solve, but before he can do so, it is evident that he will have to change his point of view. What Canada needs is a few months of Lloyd George.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The fact that the Canadian divisions now overseas are reported to be not up to strength is sufficient for most people to demand that they be reinforced at once. Let us get on with the war. After all means have been adopted—and all means have not been adopted yet—to gain recruits in sufficient numbers voluntarily, if that fails, then by all



means let us have conscription. But it must be conscription of the whole country. It would be manifestly unfair to compulsory conscript the lives of one section of the community alone. Who does not offer his life for the safety of the realm has every right to offer all else that he has.

The latest dispatches announce that American, British and French civilians are working side by side in the ruined districts of France tilling and planting the war-scarred soil for crops this year. Thirty large tractors are being employed immediately out of the range of the big guns of the Huns ploughing the land and effacing the mark of the German occupation. Up to date farming on a larger scale than heretofore will be the order of the day in Europe henceforth. The scarcity of man power will enforce the extended use of modern machinery. This war is not only merely destructive. This is one instance of direct progress. There were not very many tractors in Europe in pre-war days.

The commander of the squadron of airships that dropped the bomb on the school in London.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements NOTICE

Caribou Mineral Claim situate in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located:—Near head of Alice Arm, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. Fred Ritchie, Free Miner's Certificate No. 3229 C, acting as agent for W. A. Williams, Free Miner's Certificate No. 5011 C, 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 issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 27th day of March, A. D. 1917.

J. FRED RITCHIE, Agent.

killing several of the children, has been decorated by the Kaiser. To the German mind, this is doubtless a fitting reward. A greater reward will surely await the Emperor William.

The German Minister to Norway has resigned. Norway itself is said to be boiling with rage at the continued outrages perpetrated upon its peaceful merchant shipping. Whether Norway will boil over or not remains to be seen. This would involve Sweden and Denmark, according to treaties at present existing between the three countries. But the German High Seas Fleet could menace Scandinavia, where the navies of the Allies could afford no protection.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserve existing over a small island in the harbor of Prince Rupert, known as Lot 5466, Range 5, Coast District, by reason of a notice appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of the 21st April, 1910, and dated 19th April, 1910, is cancelled for the purpose of making a sale of the said Lot to the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited. GEO. R. NADEN, Deputy Minister of Lands, Department of Lands, Victoria, B. C., 18th June, 1917. M. AUG. 20.

MINERAL ACT

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT PARTNER

To C. W. Calhoun: Take notice, whereas I have done and caused to be done assessment work on the Midnight Fraction mineral claim, situated on the Hlancee river, about fourteen miles from the head of Alice Arm, in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassiar District, assessment work for 1914, 1915, and 1916, and have paid for said work and recording same the sum of \$307.50. Unless you pay me the sum of \$102.50, for your share of the said assessment work, together with the cost of this advertisement, I shall, at the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date hereof apply to the Mining Recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C., to have your interests in the Midnight Fraction mineral claim vested in me, in pursuance of the provisions of the mineral act. Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 11th day of April, 1917. Jy 11

H. C. PHILLIPS.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE

"Dougall," "Dougall Fractional," and "Waterfront" Mineral Claims, situate in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the west side of head of Alice Arm.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Richard B. McGinnis, Free Miner's Certificate No. 11306, acting as agent for the Dolly Varden Mines Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 931-C, 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 issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 24th day of April, A. D. 1917. Jy. 9.

RICHARD B. MCGINNIS.

"WATER ACT, 1914."

BEFORE THE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION

In the Matter of all Streams in the Hazelton and Fort Fraser Water Districts.

A MEETING of the Board of Investigation will be held at the Court-house at Hazelton on Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

In the Matter of all Streams in the Prince Rupert Water District.

A meeting of the Board of Investigation will be held at the Court-house at Prince Rupert on Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

At these meetings all statements of claim to water privileges under Acts passed before the 12th day of March, 1909, on any of these streams, all objections thereto, and the plans prepared for the use of the said Board, will then be open for inspection.

All persons interested are entitled to examine these, and to file objections thereto in writing if they deem fit.

Objections will be heard forthwith if the party objected to has received sufficient notice of the objection.

The Board at the said meetings will hear the claimants, will determine the quantity of water which may be used under each record and the further works which are necessary for such use, and will set dates for the filing of plans of such works and for the commencement and completion of such works.

And whereas there may be persons who, before the 12th day of March, 1909, were holders of water records on the said streams and yet have not filed statements of their claims with the Board of Investigation, such persons are required to file on or before the 15th day of July, 1917, a statement, as required by section 224 of the "Water Act, 1914." The forms (No. 50 for irrigation and No. 51 for other purposes) may be obtained from any Government Agent in the Province.

The claims of riparian proprietors who have filed, as required by section 6 of the "Water Act, 1914," statements of claim to waters of any of the said streams will be heard at the same times and places.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 7th day of June, 1917.

For the Board of Investigation, J. F. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

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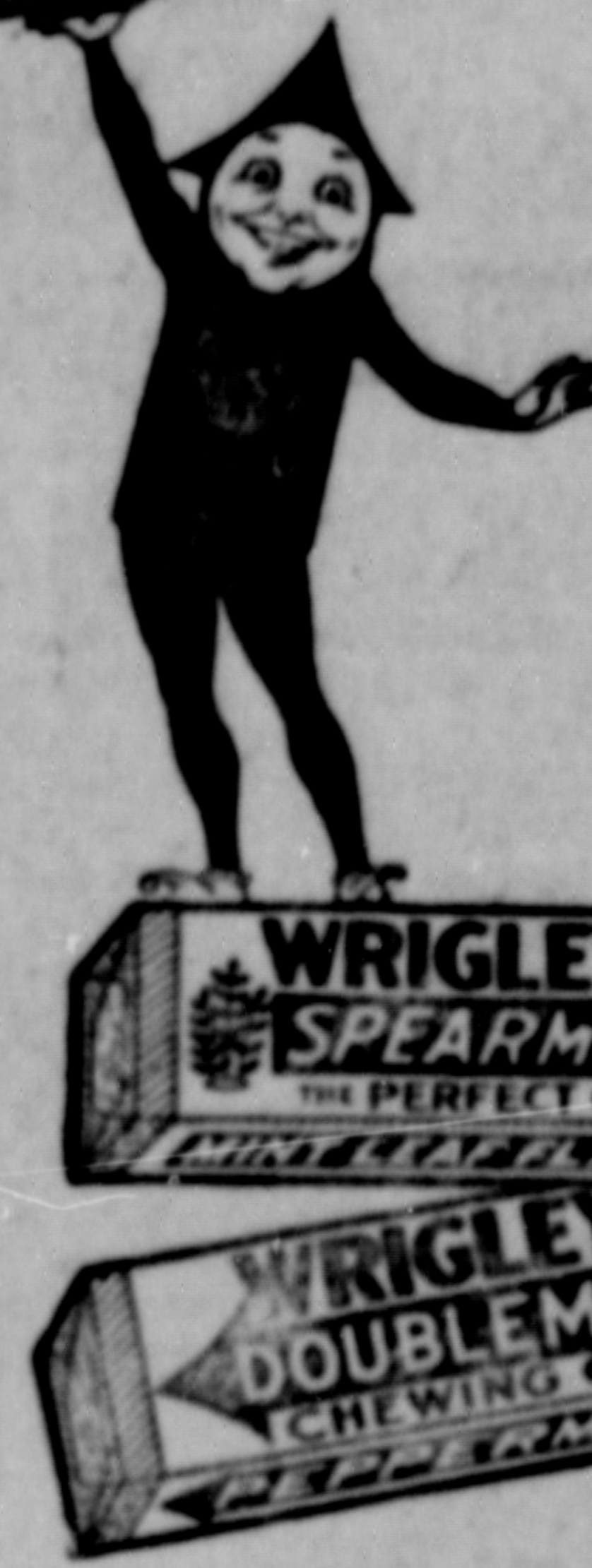


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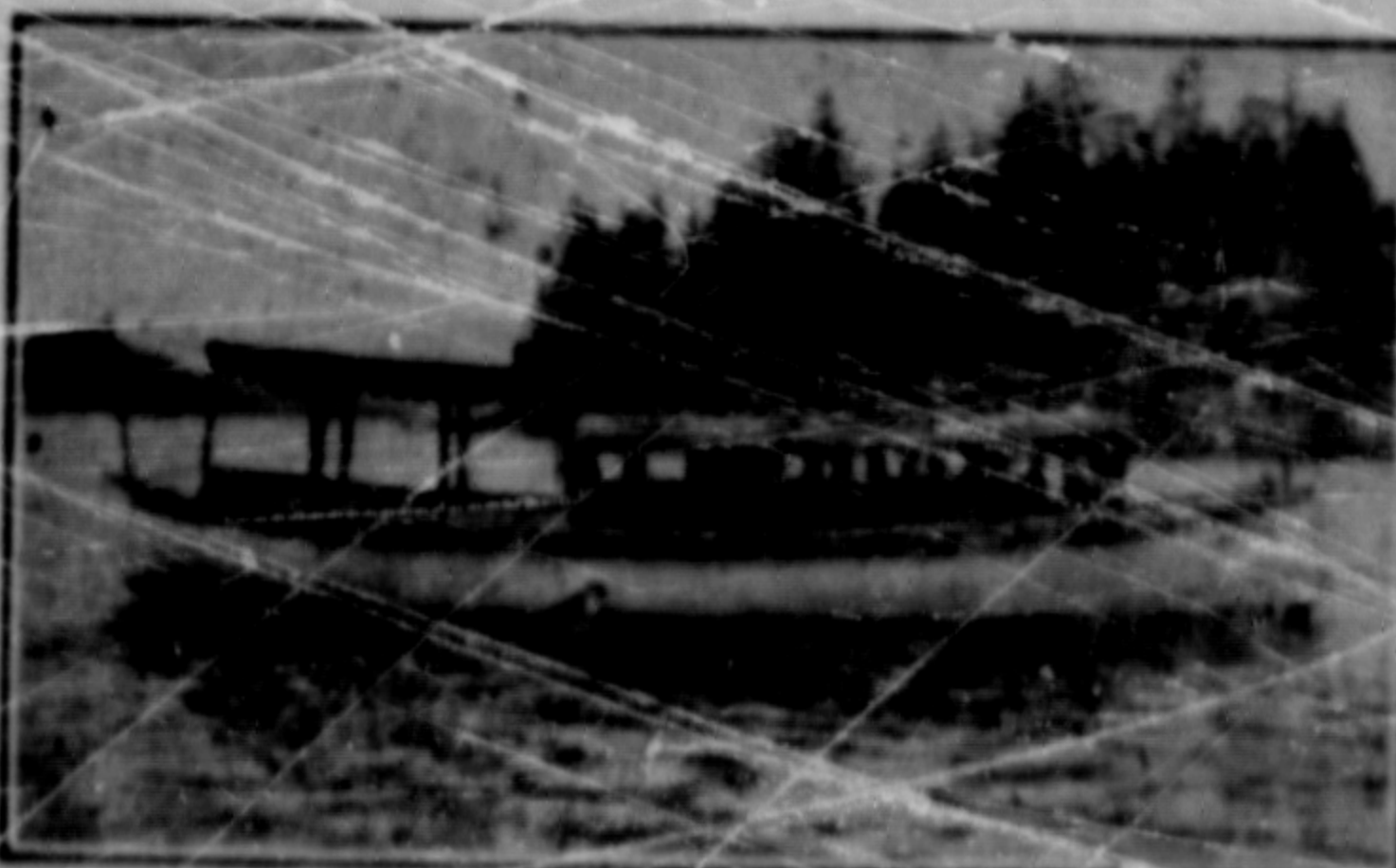
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