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PRICE FIVE CENTS

ANOTHER SLIDE BLOCKS RAILROAD TRACK

AVALANCHE OF TREES, MUD AND STONES. TELEGRAPH SYSTEM INTERRUPTED

ANOTHER TRAWLER NOW OPERATES FROM HERE

The fishing boat "Zorra," belonging to the Atlin Fisheries, Ltd., arrived in the harbor today with some 3,000 lbs. of "scrap" fish—that is, fish of all kinds. The Zorra has been fitted up with a beam trawl and has made two or three prospecting trips lately to find out just where the fish were.

Being only a small boat, her success on this occasion is considered satisfactory. The variety of fish caught by the trawl is infinite. Practically all are edible, and many of the smaller varieties are of a much more delicious flavor than halibut.

The demand for these other varieties of fish is great in other countries, and good prices are realized; in many cases being away above that of halibut, which is the main standby on this Pacific coast.

It is possible that before long there will be many trawlers operating in these waters. There is no doubt as to the fish being there for the catching, and in times like these, when there is a world-wide scarcity of food, there should always be a good market.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Reith, 233 Eighth Avenue East, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on December 29th, a son.

NOTICE

We beg to inform our patrons that we are operating on strictly cash basis on and after January 1st, 1918, as we shall have no time to keep open accounts owing to labor shortage.

Your patronage solicited,
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—IN—
"WHAT MONEY CAN'T BUY"

A 5-reel Player Production. From the Original Story of the Same Name—By GEORGE BROADHURST. With a Strong Cast, including Theodor Roberts, Robert Bosworth, Raymond Maiten, James Cruze.

TOPICAL BUDGET
Full of late events.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S
ATTRACTION

5-reel Butterfly Production.

"THE PLOW WOMEN"

A Nestor Comedy

"TELL MORGAN'S GIRL"

A Joker Comedy

"THE MAN WITH THE PACKAGE"

NOTE—This is the first time that "BUTTERFLY" features have ever been shown in this city.

HI GILL WILL RUN AGAIN IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Immediately following announcement of the attempt to disbar the legal firm with which he is connected, came the announcement from Mayor Gill that he would again be a candidate for the mayoral chair.

Half a dozen or more prospective candidates are in the offing waiting for an opportunity to slip in their bids for office, but Mayor Gill anticipated them somewhat by his definite pronouncement. His most feared opponent is Harold Preston, urged to run by the citizens' committee, which has been most active in opposition to Gill and is still unprepared to believe that his belated decision to clean up the city is sincere.

In his formal announcement Gill says:

"I really hadn't intended to file; my family did not want me to run again, and I had decided to go back to the practice of law. But last night, after I had been served with notice of this disbarment proceeding, I had another family caucus, and we decided there was no alternative save running."

"I will go on the stump and tell a great deal that I have refrained thus far from saying. Of course I expect to be re-elected. As for the disbarment proceedings, I do not believe I will have any difficulty in defending myself. I intend to handle my own case and I know of nothing that would in any way justify the attempt to prevent me from practicing law."

WHALE MEAT NOW TO BE EXPORTED WORLD-WIDE

Victoria, Dec. 29.—In an effort to distribute whale meat to the markets of the world, instead of restricting its consumption to the Pacific coast, the Victoria Whaling Company is planning to establish a modern canning and refrigerating plant at Kyquoot on the West Coast.

It is believed that in the near future negotiations can be closed with the British Government for supplying whale meat to the troops overseas. Thorough tests have proven the food to have high nutritive value, and investigators claim that it should have an important place on the soldiers' rations. Samples of the canned product have been put up, and are declared to be of excellent quality.

Wide Market Expected.
Mr. S. C. Ruch, manager of the company, was not in a position yesterday to say to what extent it was intended to launch into the new industry, and the operations of the coming season will be of an experimental nature more than anything else, although it is expected that a wide market will be found. When given its tryout in Victoria and other coast cities last Summer whale meat proved a popular delicacy at hotels, restaurants and private households, and, with the canning facilities, the company expects that the demand will be unlimited.

THE POLICE COURT

This morning in the police court, Mrs. Annie Rutten again appeared before Magistrate Carss on a charge of selling liquor. The case was found proven, and the accused was fined in the sum of \$200, this being her second offence.

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CONJECTURES ABOUT THE SOLDIERS' VOTE

From time to time articles have been appearing in some of the Vancouver newspapers claiming that the soldiers' vote is going largely for Colonel Peck. This foreknowledge of what is going to happen may carry some significance. The soldiers were practically all going to vote for Colonel Peck. This was said to be a sure thing. At first it was claimed that Col. Peck would have some 2,000 votes from the soldiers, but according to the latest article on this subject, this has been reduced now to 1,250.

When it is considered that some sixteen months ago the total number of votes cast in the provincial election by the soldiers from the three provincial constituencies which make up the Skeena Division for the Dominion Parliament, only numbered 424 altogether, there must have been some scratching to get the number raised to 1,250 now.

One thing is certain and that is that the majority of the voters in the Skeena Division voted for Fred Stork. He is the choice of the people residing in the district.

"WHAT MONEY CAN'T BUY"

The play to be screened tonight at the Westholme Theatre is an adaptation from the play of the same name by George Broadhurst. The play is well known, and in the adaptation for the screen, it has lost none of its strong points. The star actors, Jack Pickford and Louise Huff, are famous and they are supported by one of the strongest casts ever seen in one picture. It is really one of the finest productions that have ever come to the coast.

Tomorrow, New Year's Day, a special attraction is to be given in the shape of a "Butterfly" production entitled "The Plow Woman." This is the first time that Butterfly productions have appeared in town, and this one is certainly something very fine. There will also be two fine comedies.

See Tite's windows for January Sale bargains.

ALDERMAN MONTGOMERY TO THE CITY ELECTORS

To the Electors of Prince Rupert, Ladies and Gentlemen—Having entered the contest for the Mayoralty of your city for 1918, it is my duty to place a platform in front of you for your consideration. I submit the following:—

1. Open up the question of our agreement with the G. T. P. Railway Company with a view of getting an understanding with the newly appointed officials of that company, as to their attitude towards the Prince Rupert agreement. This matter to be pursued with the best intentions as regards the interests of the railway company and Prince Rupert which I consider are one.

2. I am opposed to purchasing the power rights of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Co., situated on Falls River. I consider this is too expensive an undertaking for the city to enter into at present; also too expensive to buy and hold for an indefinite period. If the proposals made by the present council are accepted by that company, I will consider it my duty to have a by-law drafted, and submitted to the people for their consideration.

3. Cow Bay. My policy has always been against the closing up of Cow Bay, because it is the only outlet the city possesses to the waterfront. It is the only place for repairing small boats on the townsite, as Seal Cove will be interfered with in the near future.

4. Adopt a policy whereby lands which have become the property of the city through tax sales shall become revenue producing, so as to relieve the general taxpayer. This to be carried out with the view of supplying industrial sites wherever possible at a reasonable figure.

5. To enforce prohibition to the letter, and all other laws and by-laws, irrespective of who may be affected; the same to be carried out at a reasonable expense. We are now paying 200 per cent. more than similar cities in this province are paying, and in Prince Rupert we are not getting value for our money.

6. To place the city's utilities upon a self supporting basis, and

SLIDE BLOCKS THE RAILROAD AT KWINTSA

As the result of the thaw and the warm rains, there has been another slide along the railway line near to Kwinitsa. The track is blocked badly and the train from the east which was due to arrive here last evening was unable to make it.

The train is stalled somewhere on the other side of Kwinitsa, and its arrival will depend upon the speed made with the clearing of the track. The G. T. P. have got every available man on the job, and everything possible is being done to get the line clear.

The slide is reported to be a very bad one, and Kwinitsa is famous for slides. The warm rains together with the melting snow, loosened large quantities of muskeg, which came rolling down the mountain sides, carrying with it tree trunks, roots and all, together with large quantities of stones.

WIRE TROUBLE

Towards the end of last week, there was a great blizzard in the Fraser Valley, which caused extensive damage to the telegraphic system. For miles at a stretch, the poles were levelled and the wires broken in many places. In the Skeena valley over the week end, there was a very high wind, which caused trouble to the wires and which were doubtless further interfered with by the big slide at Kwinitsa.

Prince Rupert is, therefore, cut off from communication with outside points by telegraph, and we have been unable to get our usual press dispatches for publication today. Next year, however, conditions may be improved.

to remove the cause of our present deficit, which I claim is due to bad administration.

7. To adopt grading where practicable so as to abolish as far as possible planking on our city streets.

8. Economy with efficiency shall be my policy with all city business.

9. It shall be my ambition to protect the general public in regard to prices, quality and sufficient supply of the commodities necessary for their use. Where private enterprise fails to supply these commodities at a reasonable price, it shall be my duty to find ways and means to overcome obstacles which appear to render the city powerless to act. On such occasions I will not hesitate to take action.

10. I can see no reason why permission cannot be granted to householders to cut a supply of wood for their homes, where timber is not available for lumber. This will assist the coal supply in this city, which has not been satisfactory of late owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies and in their transportation. I shall attempt to obtain permission and to assist with roadways if possible.

11. I shall consider it my duty to assist in every way possible any and all legitimate industries, which will be in any way an asset and shall try all ways and means to provide sites and power for such enterprises.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you have got my record for investigation for five terms as alderman for your city, which I rely on, and if you find it satisfactory, I ask for your support on election day. If I am elected, I shall devote my whole time to the city business, with which I am familiar. I will give you a progressive, sane and fair administration for 1918.

I remain,
Yours respectfully,
W. H. MONTGOMERY.

BIG DEMANDS FOR NORTHERN B. C. SPRUCE

It has been known for some little time that the Imperial authorities have had the development of the resources in spruce lumber in British Columbia under consideration. This clear spruce is required for the construction of aeroplanes, and already many millions of feet have passed through this port on its way to the East for manufacture. Thirty million feet per month was the original estimate which the Imperial authorities were prepared to utilize. This amount of course depends altogether upon the number of loggers and the quantity of machinery that can be procured for the purpose of getting the logs into the water. The spruce trees are there—thousands of acres of them in the Queen Charlotte Islands—for the getting.

Since the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, returned to Victoria after his visit here a few days ago, he is able to predict with absolute certainty that private enterprise—one concern alone having made definite arrangements for the moment—will within a very short space of time complete its plans whereby about ten million feet per month will be procured and placed on the market for disposal along the essential channels. Other concerns are making tentative plans which will be certain to materialize just as soon as the engineers now making practical investigations have completed their findings. So that what appeared to be next door to an impossibility three weeks ago is practically certain of conversion into an accomplished fact before many months have passed.

Startling Comparisons.
The enormity of the undertakings now planned by two or three private enterprises will be best judged by the fact that the present monthly output of aeroplane spruce for the whole province of British Columbia the product of the same commodity for barely reaches half a million feet, while the whole of the United States per month does not exceed three million feet. From the figures quoted some insight will be gained into the plans of the Imperial Government with regard to aeroplane construction during the next twelve months, and Mr. Pattullo's announcement will also bear out the definite statements made, in private and public, by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu during his recent visit to Victoria.

A BALL IN AID OF THE HALIFAX SUFFERS

The first annual ball of the Sons of Canada Society will take place in the St. Andrew's Hall on Friday, January 11th. The West-holme Orchestra will provide the music. Tickets: Gents, \$1.00; Ladies 50c.

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