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PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1918.

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## Mullen's to Build 2 Govt. Ships

### FINAL VICTORY LOAN RALLY TAKES PLACE TONIGHT DOWN TOWN

#### TWO GOVERNMENT SHIPS ARE TO BE BUILT IN PRINCE RUPERT BY THE MULLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Grand Trunk Pacific Manager Wires That Government Contracts for Two Steel Vessels have been Accepted; Alex. Manson, M.P.P., Reports on Behalf of Delegation That Visited Ottawa

At last it seems like a sure thing that Prince Rupert is to have big steel ships built here. A wire was received here by Alex. Manson, M. P. P., from W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, saying that J. L. Mullen Construction Company has accepted the offer of Hon. C. C. Ballantyne to build ships for the Canadian Government and will undertake the construction of two steel ships for the Dominion Government at this port.

It is great news, following as it does the news that many of the mills would continue their activities in this neighborhood and that other small industries would be started. It means that Prince Rupert's future greatness as a seaport and industrial centre is not only assured, for it was always that, but it means that prosperity will come at once.

#### How It Was Done.

Nearly three weeks ago a message was received locally from Mr. Hinton to the effect that the Mullen Construction Company was an offer to build ships for the American Government, but that the Dominion Government would not allow the steel to be imported. An impromptu gathering of those most interested was called and it was arranged that Mayor McClymont, and Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Prince Rupert's representative in the local house, should go, accompanied in an advisory capacity by J. H. Pillsbury. Owing to the sudden invasion of influenza the mayor felt it would not be right for him to leave and Alex. Manson, M. P. P., at much inconvenience to himself decided to go. They spent over a week at the capital and of the work done there Mr. Manson's report to the mayor handed in this morning speaks for itself:

#### Report Ottawa Deputation Re Shipbuilding.

Immediately upon the arrival of Mr. Pillsbury and myself at Ottawa we got in touch with the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, who pursuant to the request of yourself on behalf of the City and Board of Trade had proceeded to Ottawa as one of the deputation to take up with the Government the question of shipbuilding at this port. Mr. Mullen arrived and consulted with us on the following morning. Mr. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, had already arrived at Ottawa in the same connection and was able to assist your deputation with exceedingly valuable advice of the exact situation and the course to be pursued.

#### Concrete Proposition.

Hon. Mr. Burrell arranged an

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appointment with the Hon. Mr. Ballantyne under whose department shipbuilding comes, and accompanied your deputation upon the occasion of its interview with Mr. Ballantyne. Mr. Burrell in introducing the deputation pleaded our case sympathetically and forcibly and Mr. Ballantyne lent a sympathetic ear. He was frank in his discussion of the situation and went over the difficulties one by one. When threshed out, what appeared to be mountains became mole hills and the present position is that instead of the responsible minister standing in our way in connection with the shipbuilding enterprise at this port he is prepared to do everything within reason to assist such an enterprise. He submitted a concrete proposition to Mr. Mullen in our presence which Mr. Mullen has under consideration with his engineers at the present time.

#### Position Clearer.

Your deputation cannot report that shipbuilding will take place, but it can report that the situation is very distinctly clearer than it was and where there was difficulty before there is now none. Your deputation feels that it is exceedingly unfortunate that someone with the interests of Prince Rupert at heart did not in person at a much earlier date take the facts up with the Government. In these strenuous times each minister is exceedingly busy and has almost innumerable requests to consider. Only the personal presentation of the situation by someone with a first hand interest can attain results. Nearly always special requests are presented by someone in person and action, quicker and more decisive than could otherwise be hoped for, is obtained.

#### Friends at Court.

The deputation found that the Hon. Mr. Carvell and the Hon. Mr. Calder had made their task a great deal easier by their representations to their colleagues at the city of Ottawa after their visit here some six weeks ago. Now, it would appear, this city has several very decided friends at Court and the situation seems altogether more hopeful than it has at any point in the city's previous history.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALEX. MANSON,  
For Hon. Mr. Pattullo, J. H. Pillsbury and myself.  
P. S.—Since writing the above your deputation is able to inform you that Mr. Hinton has just

wired that the J. L. Mullen Construction Company has accepted the offer of Hon. Mr. Ballantyne and will undertake the construction of two steel ships for the Dominion Government at this port.—A.M.M.

#### "CONCHIES" MAY GET NO VOTES

Government is Considering the Question of Disposal of Thousands Now In Jail.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—The Government will shortly take up consideration of the question of the conscientious objectors under the Military Service Act, who are now serving terms of imprisonment. There are said to be some thousands incarcerated in the jails throughout the Dominion. The suggestion has been made that as a further penalty to their imprisonment to date, they should be disenfranchised for a further period of years.

#### BRITAIN MAKES PROVISION FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD

London, November 15.—Premier Lloyd George, in an address before representatives of the Employers' Association, and the Trades Unions, stated that the Government wished to maintain the present rate of wages for at least six months during the transition period. Provision, however, must be made, he said, for the conditions which are now arising in connection with wages, owing to the fact that with the change over from munitions work to private work the rates of wages which had been fixed by awards and orders under the Munitions of War Act, would cease to have effect.

#### NEW GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S PROCLAMATION TENDS TOWARDS DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY

MAKES MANY MODIFICATIONS FROM STAND TAKEN BY PREVIOUS REGIME—UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE FOR BOTH SEXES, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND WRITING, WITH FULL LIBERTY OF ACTION

Berne, Switzerland, November 15.—Dispatches received here from Berlin state that the new German Government has published its programme in a proclamation. The dispatches add that the programme infers many modifications in the direction of democracy and liberty, both economically and politically, which would have been impossible to hope for under the old regime. While the steps taken towards reforms are the initial ones, they are the essentials and fundamentals for a democratic state. The proclamation announces that the state of siege has been raised, that there is to be full liberty for all, even functionaries,

#### VICTORY LOAN BIG CAMPAIGN

British Columbia Had \$22,250,000 Up to Last Night; Toronto Trying for Half a Billion.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
Toronto, Nov. 16.—The total subscription to the Victory Loan reported last night was \$465,699,000. It is expected that today's returns will carry the amount over the objective.

British Columbia has now reached \$22,250,000.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 16.—The Victory Loan yesterday had the most successful day since the campaign was launched, the sum of \$600,000 being subscribed. The total to date is approximately \$5,650,000.

#### WILL CO-ORDINATE THE DEPARTMENTS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—A committee of the Cabinet composed of Sir James Loughheed, Ron. N. W. Rowell, Hon. T. A. Creerer, Hon. Gideon Robertson, Hon. Arthur Meighan and Hon. J. A. Calder has been appointed to co-ordinate the efforts of the various departments which have given a close study to problems of reconstruction arising with the conclusion of war.

Hon. J. A. Calder will be chairman of the committee whose members represent respectively the departments of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, Agriculture, Immigration and Colonization, the Interior and Labor.

#### GREAT INCREASE EXPECTED IN CANADA'S EXPORT TRADE WHEN SHIPS ARE RELEASED

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CONFERS WITH BUSINESS MEN REGARDING TRADE SITUATION ARISING FOLLOWING PEACE CONDITIONS

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, November 16.—The Reconstruction Development Committee of the Cabinet, under the chairmanship of the Hon. A. K. McLean, conferred yesterday with a representative gathering of the leading Canadian exporters and shipping men, in regard to tonnage and export conditions and requirements following peace conditions.

The Government expects that prompt and satisfactory arrangements can be made for providing tonnage to handle the large export business now in sight, both in Atlantic and Pacific trades. Exporters of machinery of all kinds, meats, fish, agricultural produce, lumber, etc., anticipate large orders, not only for necessities of the war devastated countries of Europe, but also for South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and South America, which have been cut off more or less during the war from their usual sources of outside supplies. Steamship men decided at today's conference they were prepared to put their carriers back on regular trade routes as soon as they were released by the Admiralty. Some steamships, it is understood, will be immediately released for Canadian use to carry Canadian manufactured produce ordered long ago, to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

#### PEACE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AS SOON AS CAN BE ARRANGED BY ALLIES

SPREAD OF REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT IN EUROPE IS REASON GIVEN FOR CHANGE IN PLANS; TENDENCY TO DELAY HAS HAD TO GIVE WAY

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Washington, Nov. 16.—Developments in Europe, not only in a military way but in the field of international policies and the tendency of the revolutionary spirit manifested by the demoralized civilian population of the Central Empires to spread to neighboring states, have influenced the Allied and American Governments to arrange for a meeting at an early date of the Great Peace Conference.

There has been a disposition to delay the holding of the peace conference until the situation in Europe had somewhat crystallized but it is understood that other considerations finally forced the decision to assemble the conference at the earliest date that can be set, having regard to the difficulty of insuring the attendance of commissioners or delegates at Versailles which seems likely to be selected as the place of meeting.

#### INVESTIGATE LOSS OF SOPHIA

Enquiry to Be Made Into Loss of Vessel and No Witnesses Now Left Alive.

CAPTAIN J. D. McPHERSON, WRECK COMMISSIONER, WILL HOLD ENQUIRY

Victoria, November 16.—Wreck Commissioner Captain J. D. McPherson has received orders from Ottawa to hold an investigation into the loss of the C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia on Lynn Canal, Alaska, recently. No further instructions have been received.

It was assumed here at first that the enquiry would resolve itself into an endeavor to place the blame, if any, for the loss of life, which was so very heavy, and to find out definitely if there was any negligence displayed with regard to the taking of proper precautions for the safety of the passengers.

The instructions received from Ottawa are simply to make an enquiry into the loss of the vessel and no one now remains alive to give evidence regarding this.

Geo Hill has opened a new repair shop at the FAMILY SHOE STORE.

#### INFLUENZA TRAVELS TO THE FAR NORTH

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—According to reports reaching here, the influenza epidemic has reached the sparsely populated regions of the far north, from the Labrador coast to the delta off the McKenzie river. The disease is causing a heavy death toll among the Eskimos.

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