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Great Strategist Is Acclaimed

FOCH GETS GREAT RECEPTION FROM PEOPLE OF LONDON, ENGLAND

MARSHAL FOCH ON VISIT TO LONDON IS ACCLAIMED EVERYWHERE BY POPULACE

London, December 3.—Marshal Foch who is visiting London has been acclaimed everywhere by the people. On his way to and from a meeting with the Premier and Ministers at Downing Street people lined the streets and gave him a splendid reception.

It is announced that the preliminaries of the Peace Conference have been arranged and that everything is now in readiness to proceed.

The matter of what to do with the late Kaiser was discussed, but no statement in that regard has yet been made. It is generally accepted, however, that a demand will be made on Holland that he be given up and brought to trial.

TELEPHONE BYLAW HAS BEEN REVISED

Change in Amount of Rebates
Made Before Corporate Seal
Attached to Document.

At the Council meeting held last night the chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, Alderman Dybbavn, reported that at a special meeting of the Council at which the newspapers were not present the telephone bylaw had been revised and passed through all its stages and finally adopted. This provided for a rebate of 75c. in place of the present \$1 rebate and when payment is made for six months the rebate is to be \$5 instead of \$7 as formerly.

There is nothing to indicate who is responsible for the change, as the details of the discussion and the movers and seconders of the resolutions were not made public.

Mr. Peters announced that the corporate seal of the Council had already been affixed to the bylaw and it was now in force.

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INFLUENZA HAD BAD EFFECT ON FISH CATCHES

Months of October and November
Show Marked Reduction Over
Same Months in former
Years.

Owing to the influenza epidemic the fishing record of the present year will be lower than that of last year or the year before. The months of October and November have shown a marked falling off in the catch and even yet conditions have hardly become normal. Some of the best fishermen have died from the epidemic and this has had the effect of tying up the boats.

In October, 1917, the catch was 1,025,000 lbs. and the year before that it was 1,780,000 lbs. This year in October the catch was only 653,500 lbs.

For November of last year the catch was 1,048,000 lbs., and for 1916 it was 1,080,000 lbs. This year it was only 619,000 pounds. The falling off is chiefly due to influenza but also it is due in part to the calling up of a number of fishermen by the Canadian and United States Governments for military service.

While the catch will not be as big this year as last the value of the catch is almost double that of last year, as the price of halibut has been so much higher than in former years. The following list of catches for the month of November with the prices at which they are sold will prove of interest:

Republic, 45,000, price, 16.5c.; Seattle, 26,000, 16.3c and 14.1c; Fisher, 10,000, 15.5c; Dauphin, 1,000, 12c; Advance, 1,000, 10c; Orient, 38,000, 17c; Allen, 30,000, 17.1c; Liberty, 57,000, 16.5c; Omaney, 54,000, 16.5c and 16c; Polaris, 55,000, 14c and 13c; Eagle, 8,000, 13c and 12c; Atlas, 27,000, 14c; Panama, 52,000, 17c; Wilson, 10,000, 17c; Pioneer, 60,000, 16.1c; Tom and Al, 70,000, 16.1c and 15.1c; Constance, 35,000, 16c and 15c; Tordenskjold, 40,000, 16c and 14.6c. Total catch, 619,000.

The following are the catches for each month of the present year to the end of November.

January	401,500
February	563,500
March	1,320,500
April	1,634,500
May	1,777,000
June	2,032,000
July	2,318,000
August	1,933,500
September	1,441,000
October	653,500
November	619,000
Total	14,394,000 lbs

MEAT PACKERS CONTROL PRICES

Government May Step in and Set
Rates at Which Food Com-
modities May be Sold.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Five meat packing companies have been accused by the Federal Trade Commission with conspiring to control prices.

It is not an uncommon thing for business houses to agree to certain prices but when it is done by the big concerns it becomes a menace.

The remedy is said here to lie in the hands of the Government, who may have to step in and set the prices at which food commodities shall be sold.

FISHERMAN DIES ON VISIT TO CALIFORNIA

Sam Fagerland Was Well Known
Here, Where He Was for
Some Time Mate
On Kelly.

News was received in town yesterday of the death in California on November 13 of Sam Fagerland, formerly mate on the trawler Andrew Kelly and a well known fisherman of this port. He lived here for several years and those who knew him speak most highly of him as a man who was "white all through." He left here some little time ago to go to Harrison Hot Springs and from there he went to a hot springs in California, where he died.

Yesterday Miss Lena Fagerland a sister of the late Mr. Fagerland, arrived on the steamer Princess Mary accompanied by Miss Mary Billings for the purpose of looking after her brother's affairs here.

The case against Miss Martin, who is charged with an infraction of the Prohibition Act, was further adjourned this morning in the police court.

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POTLATCH IS CURIOUS OLD INDIAN CUSTOM

Ceremony is Simple in Conception
But Hidden Meaning is Pro-
found, Says Rev. J. B.
McCullagh.

Rev. J. B. McCullagh, C. M. S., of the Naas river, who is a deep student of Indian native life and language, in a series of articles to one of his missionary journals recently has the following:

The full-blown flower of Indian life is undeniably the far-famed "potlatch." It formed the chief corner-stone of heathenism in the old days, and its spirit today is the chief stumbling block to progress among the Christian communities. The word, I think, is of Russian origin, and belongs to the Chinook jargon, which seems to be a conglomeration of words borrowed from various Indian and European tongues (principally French and English), and strung together in a very simple manner for trading purposes. "Potlatch" means to give, and is transitively applied to the Indian custom of giving away property at feasts: in the language proper of each tribe, however, this custom has its own name. In Zimshian it is Yaok; in Gitikshan and Nisga, Yuk. But this Yuk is like an iceberg in mid-ocean, a comparatively small part of it only is visible to the observer, while the greater part of it lies hidden beneath the surface. People having just seen the feast, the dance, and the distribution of gifts have gone away imagining they know all there is to know of the Indian "Potlatch," little suspecting the underlying existence of a profound conception, and that what they have seen has been only the uplifted ends.

Strictly, and actually in the old days, only men of noble birth—chiefs and sub-chiefs—could celebrate the Yuk. But now every ordinary individual tries to win for himself, if not the actual social standing of a chief, at least the deferential treatment due to that position; for the Yuk is essentially an appeal to the suffrage of the people. Thus it is by means of this custom that a chief maintains his status, and continues to hold his various titles to hunting grounds or fishing streams, as also his right to the crests and the totem which go with the name

PRESIDENT WILSON HOPES TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTION IDEALS OF UNITED STATES

Washington, December 3.—President Wilson in his address to Congress says that he had considered it his paramount duty to attend the Peace Conference. He hopes to translate into action the ideals of the United States in the war.

The President paid a glorious tribute to the American forces for their splendid services and to the people at home for their enthusiastic war effort.

he bears. To this end all the men and women of class in the tribes forming the confederacy are invited with much formality to the village of the chief who is about to celebrate the Yuk, where, on the appointed day, they assemble in his large house (more recently in a large public hall), each seated according to rank.

From this point the principal features of the Yuk are:

1. Gigenuh-l Wau, or prayer to the guests. This consists of a very formal and at the same time intreating address; the idea seeming to be the removal of prejudice, opposition and hostility. In no other sense is the word Gigenuh-qu used; to no other function but that and the worship of God is the word applied. This is the first feature of the Yuk prayer.

2. The feast comes next, and, if the celebration be on behalf of a dead chief (which is the true basis of the custom), the guests partake of "the offerings of the dead."

3. After that, the chief (who has taken the dead man's place, and is celebrating the Yuk) proceeds to declare himself—he will go into the details of his descent—he will boast of his ancestors—he will recite the traditions of his family—he will exhibit the crests he is entitled to wear—he will enumerate the items of his estate, hunting and fishing places—and he will sing his Lim-Aui, the ancient song of his line. If all the assertions he has made, and all the claims he has advanced, pass muster unchallenged he will then proceed to make his vows with regard to his policy (shall we say) and position in the future. He promises what he will do and what he will not do.

4. Finally come the gifts, offerings made to each person present according to his or her rank, and each offering or so-called gift is lifted up and handed to the recipient the celebrant cries with a loud voice, "Dum um-bah'-yes So-and-so," (pronouncing the name of the dead. I have always interpreted this Bah'-mag, therefore as meaning the putting up of the soul. The Indian cannot tell you what significance is attached to the word; he is only uttering a shibboleth handed down to him from the past. But I take it that the hidden meaning of the custom is the putting up of the soul of the dead, and the making of offerings on his behalf; the use of the prefix "um" shows that. Originally these were pledges, held for a time and returned whenever the recipient had occasion to celebrate himself, the purpose they served being that of public avouchment of social and public standing, as if to say, "You have heard my claims and passed them unanimously, and in return I publicly avow you in your rank and position." In its conception the Yuk was certainly a most wonderful system for holding scattered and perfectly free communities together in their ancestral and family rights, and of keeping those rights, titles, tra-

COLD STORAGE TO BE CONSIDERED TONIGHT

At the meeting of the City Council last night on the suggestion of Alderman Dybbavn it was decided to give the committee which had in charge the proposal to erect an independent cold storage two months' extension of time insofar as the special rate for power was concerned.

A meeting of fishermen will be held tonight for the purpose of considering the feasibility of going ahead with the project and it is probable that as a result some steps will be taken to get the concern under way.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

Municipal Voters' List 1919.
Take notice that a Court of Revision to revise the Voters List for the city of Prince Rupert for the year A. D. 1919, will be held at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 1918, at the hour of 2.30 p. m.

ANY PERSON desiring to add names to or take names from the list will then be heard.

FRED C. PETERS,
City Clerk.

COW BAY DREDGING

We are asking the Dominion Government to spend a quarter of a million dollars in making Cow Bay a small boat harbor. You will find the petitions scattered through the business districts. Sign up and make your friends sign.

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