

LEADERS ARE AT PREMIUM IN POLITICAL ARENA AS SEEN AT NATION'S CAPITAL

EVERYONE GUESSING AS TO FUTURE LINEUP AND DATE OF ELECTION; SIR WILFRID LAURIER AND SIR ROBERT BORDEN LIKELY TO BE OUT OF RUNNING

Ottawa, December 7.—The political situation here is engaging a good deal of attention. There is considerable speculation as to when the election will be held. It was generally stated on the hustings during the campaign when the present government was returned, that immediately following the signing of a treaty of peace there would be a new election. The coalition cabinet was a war cabinet and it was said would resign immediately the war was over.

Now the members of the cabinet are being reminded of the promise and it is generally understood that an election will be held in the early summer, possibly before. There are those who profess to know however, to say that the election will be held until the autumn by which most of the soldiers will be returned.

Everyone Guessing

What is keeping everyone guessing here is how the parties will line up on election day. A determined effort is being made to hold the Liberal Unionists in line and to appeal to the country as a Unionist Government. This might be done if a suitable leader could be found, but that seems impossible. The Liberals absolutely refuse to follow Sir Thomas White, who is looked upon as the logical successor to Sir Robert Borden, arguing that as he represents all the big interests of the country, a Government of which he was the head could not in any sense of the word be said to have Liberal principles.

Sir Robert for England.

It is generally understood that Sir Robert will go to England when the reorganization takes place as a special representative of Canada. He has never been the real leader of the party and will not be missed to any extent. He has however been able to hold the party together as Sir Thomas White could not.

The position is an interesting one. With Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposing to retire from the leadership of the Liberals and the difficulty of finding a strong leader to take his place, it is most difficult to forecast what is likely to happen. What seems certain is that the present Government will live through the coming session and that an appeal to the country will be taken with a Conservative still as premier.

A. E. Munn and J. M. Dempsey, who are interested in logging operations at Cumshewa, arrived in the city this morning from Vancouver.

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LIEUT. STEPHEN WAS KILLED IN EAST PERSIA

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FORMERLY EMPLOYEE
IN LOCAL POST OFFICE

News has been received by R. L. McIntosh of the death in action of Lieut. James E. Stephen, son of Lieut.-Colonel Guy N. Stephen, of the Imperial Army, and formerly an employee in the Prince Rupert post office. The news has been received with great regret, as the young soldier was a splendid lad, and extremely popular here with everyone.

The information is conveyed in a letter from Col. Stephen in London saying that he had received a cable conveying the sad news, and asking that his friends here be notified.

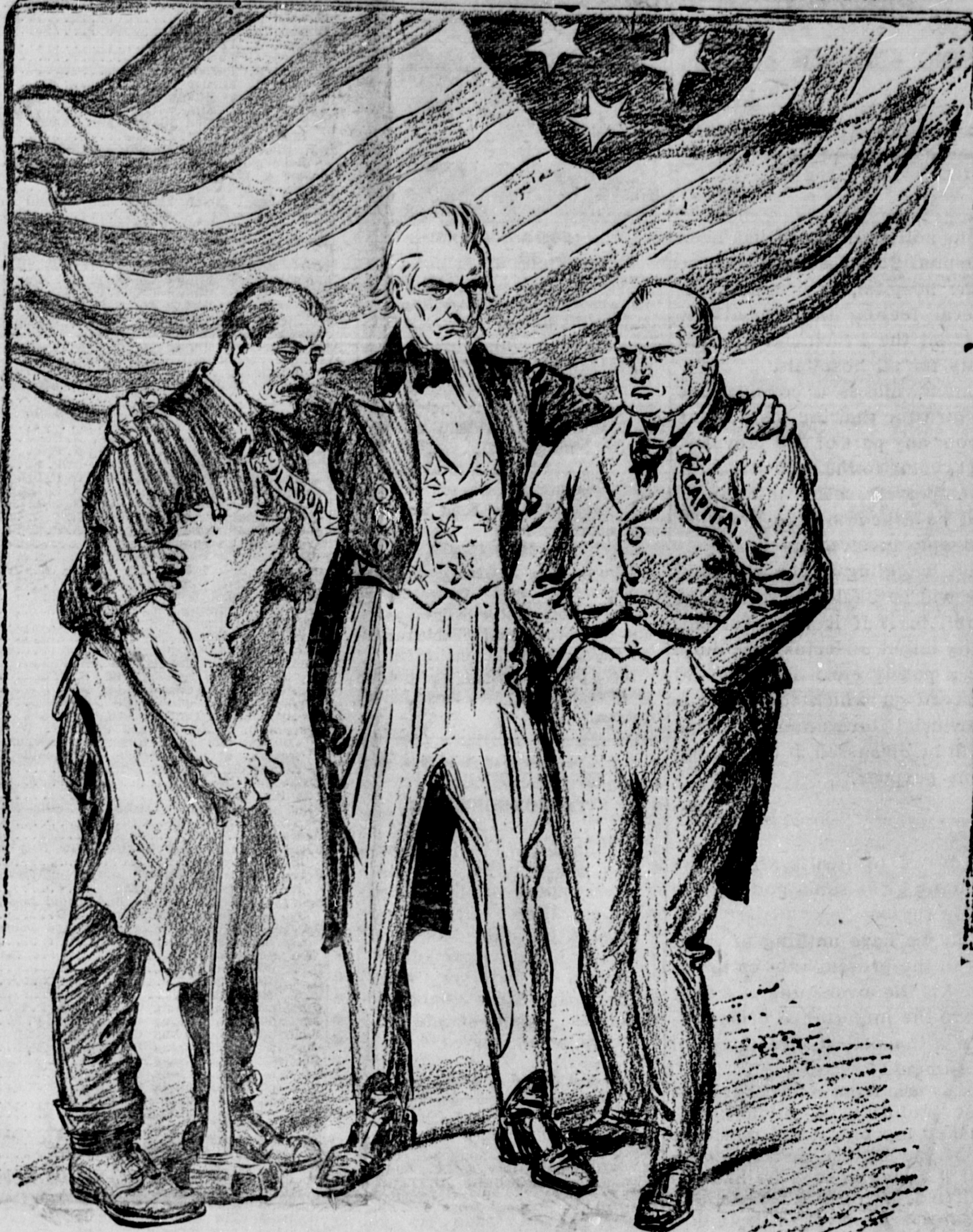
Lieut. Stephen came to Prince Rupert in 1913 and lived here for about two years before joining the 62nd Battalion in July, 1915. He was sent to Vernon and was not long there before he went with his unit to England and was given a commission and attached to the 3rd Buffs, a Kentish regiment. He took part in fighting on almost every front and came through unscathed.

Going to Salonika he was there chosen for service with an Indian regiment. About six months ago he was detailed to take up reinforcements to the East Persia Gordon Field Force. This meant a three months' march through Beluchistan across mountain, desert and cultivated land until he arrived at Meshed, a place with a considerable garrison where a number of European refugees from South Russia and Persia had collected.

From there he left to relieve an officer who was ill with an outlying detachment, four days' march distant. From that nothing was heard of him until word came of his death.

Lieut. Stephen was only about twenty years of age when he left here and his death will be regretted by all his friends. They will know, however, that he died as a soldier and will be sure that he acquitted himself with credit to the service.

WE WON WAR TOGETHER—LET'S STICK TOGETHER NOW



Capital and Labor are getting together both in Canada and the United States. This week the Labor Congress officers joined with the manufacturers in presenting a memorial to the Dominion Government.

TOMMY BURNS HERE AND OUT OF UNIFORM

Says Boxing Match May not Come Off At Vancouver Owing to Difficulty Over Building.

Tommy Burns, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, arrived home this morning after completing his term of military service at Vancouver, where he has been boxing instructor to the soldiers who were preparing to go overseas.

Tommy is again in civvies and looking well, but just a little heavy for a boxer. He says that the proposed match with Mickey King at Vancouver may not come off, as the horseshoe building in which it was to have been held has been condemned. If a permit can be obtained to use the building he will go to Vancouver and fulfill the engagement.

Tommy is back here to look after his cabaret which had to close during the time of the influenza, but which is again running and is as popular as formerly.

CURLING CLUB HOLDS PRELIMINARY MEETING

The Prince Rupert Curling Club held a meeting last night at the City Hall and decided to make preparations for a rink during the coming winter. General Superintendent McCall will be asked to allow the use of the hotel site as in former years and arrangements are also being made for getting the rink in shape as soon as the right kind of weather arrives.

Mr. J. Hilditch returned to the city by the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver.

SUPPLIES FOR SHIPPING ORE

Hay and Oats Arrive Today, and Horses Next Week, For the Owners of Bush Mine At Stewart.

In fulfillment of the plans laid for the continuous development of the famous Bush mine near Stewart, this morning the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert brought up a large quantity of hay and oats, and next steamer will have on board a bunch of horses. These will be used in hauling the ore from the mine to tidewater. A new road was constructed this summer over the distance, which is about fourteen miles. Although the mine is in British Columbia, the road winds for the greater part of its length through Alaskan territory, for about eleven miles, and the road building operations have already cost some \$50,000.

When the road is in condition for sleighing, it is expected that at least 2,000 tons of ore will be shipped out to the smelter. The ore is a siliceified chloite schist, carrying native silver and silver sulphides and in some places galena, and averages around \$200 per ton in value.

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.

HOOMES K. FREEMAN.

Final grand rally in Shoe Sale Saturday—Wallace's.

FUNERAL OF LATE MRS. THOS. REYNOLDS

From the parlors of the B. C. Undertakers yesterday afternoon, the funeral of the late Mrs. Thos. Reynolds took place. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Rix. Many friends of the deceased were present, and the floral tributes to her memory were numerous. Burial was made at Fairview, the pall bearers being J. H. Meagher, J. M. Duggan, W. Smith, and H. Streethorst.

The two little sons of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are still in the hospital, where they are making a good recovery from their attack of influenza.

D. H. Morrison returned to town this morning from Ocean Falls, where he was on business.

GOLD MINE IS BEING OPENED AT SKIDEGATE

A. S. Holmes is on His Way to Meeting of Owners at Calgary To Decide Regarding Future Operations.

Preparations are being made by the South Eastern Mine Co. to further develop their gold mine at Skidegate and to make it a shipping proposition in the very near future. A. S. Holmes, the manager, was in the city yesterday on his way to Calgary where a meeting of the owners of the mine is to be held and where it will be decided just what steps will be taken in connection with the mine in the spring.

The South Eastern Mining Co. is a branch of the Northern Customs Concentrators, Ltd., of Cobalt, Ont., a closed corporation, and they have no stock to sell in connection with their mine at Skidegate.

The property is located about three miles up the coast from Skidegate and a mile from the Government wharf. The ore carries free gold and silver and some lead and copper. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 100 feet and there is about 600 feet of drifting and cross-cutting which has developed a considerable amount of ore carrying good values.

It is proposed to install a cyanide mill to treat the ore and the meeting at Calgary will decide whether this will be done at once or be deferred until more development work has been done. Operation is still being continued but the shortage of labor and the high prices of everything have resulted in retarding the work. Now it is expected that there will be a change.

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Sunday Afternoon, December 8th, 1918

At 4 o'clock p. m.

All resident and sojourning Masons are cordially invited to attend.

ED. H. MORTIMER,
Secretary Tsimpsean Lodge.

E. V. LING,
Secretary Tyee Lodge.