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Shipbuilding Is About to Start ACTIVE OPERATIONS BY FEB. 1, SAYS NEWMAN ERB OF NEW YORK

DEFINITE WORD IS RECEIVED BY SUPERINTENDENT PILLSBURY THAT DETAILS NEARLY COMPLETE

Chairman of Board of Directors is Financial Magnate and He Will Be Here Before End of Month to be Present at Beginning of Operations.

The following telegram was received here yesterday:
"New York, January 14, 1919.
"Pillsbury, Superintendent Prince Rupert Drydock & Engineering Co., Prince Rupert, B. C.
"We expect to have all details completed for beginning active operations at Prince Rupert by February first. I intend leaving here latter part of next week direct for Prince Rupert to be present for the beginning of operations."

"NEWMAN ERB."
Newman Erb is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the new company and the financial man who is backing the venture. He has reorganized a number of the railroads and industrial concerns in the east and has the reputation of being able to put languishing concerns on their feet and making them pay. The fact that he is the chief mover in the local company is sufficient to stamp it as a business concern that is here to build up a permanent industry.

Other Contracts.
Just how many ships will be built here no one can say. It is understood that besides the contracts for the government ships, the company has orders for a number of contracts for ships for foreign registry and that possibly as many as six will be laid down here at one time. There is, however, nothing very definite in this regard. The company has, however, asked that the land right to Cow Bay be reserved for its shipbuilding yard.

The citizens of Prince Rupert will be glad to have this definite word from Mr. Erb, setting a definite time for commencing. It puts things on a new basis for it means that preparations must be made to do the increased business which is bound to accrue from the starting of such a large enterprise.

Wooden Ships.
Nothing has been said recently of the wooden ships which it is proposed to build here. It is understood that the company may build half a dozen wooden craft on the covered ways, but it will not be anything more than a subsidiary industry to the main one which is the building and repairing of steel ships.

It is understood that one of the main attractions to Mr. Erb and his associates in coming here was the splendid drydock and machine shops which have yet scarcely been used. With the coming of the mechanics and material for building ships will come also the ability to repair and overhaul large vessels on the drydock here. That means increased business and when the building of ships ceases, if it ever does cease at this point, the repair and overhaul business of the drydock will continue. The company is here first and naturally expects to build up a permanent business at a point which it is generally understood will become one of the great centres of industry, trade and commerce on the Pacific Coast.

TWO STATES DECLARE FOR PROHIBITION

California and Washington make Number Up to 24 in Favor of National Measure.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Washington, Jan. 15.—The passage of the resolutions ratifying federal prohibition by the Senate and House of Representatives of the States of Washington and California brings the States which have acted favorably on the proposal up to 24. Thirteen more states must ratify the amendment before it becomes effective.

GERMAN PRISONERS HAVE TO WORK IN DEVASTATED DISTRICTS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, Jan. 15.—The cabinet has decided that German war prisoners henceforth be employed in reconstruction work in the liberated districts. The measures adopted provide that a minimum of 200,000 be working in devastated districts by March 20.

DOMINIONS TO BE EQUAL TO SMALL NATIONS

Canada Will Have Two Delegates At Peace Conference Same As Greece.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, January 15.—The British dominions overseas are to be represented at the Peace Conference upon a basis in substantial agreement with the proposition submitted on their behalf to the Imperial War Cabinet in London by Sir Robert Borden.

The proposal was that the dominions should be given equal status in conference with smaller Allied nations, and in addition, should have representatives upon panel from which the British delegation should be drawn. Representation of the overseas dominions is thus to be on this basis—Canada, Australia, South Africa and India are to have two direct representatives and New Zealand one in the Allied conference, and in the following peace congress. They will have precisely the same status in these bodies as the smaller allied nations, which will have representation on the same basis, two delegates for Belgium, Serbia and Greece, and one for the smaller allies.

GERMAN SHIPS TO BRING AMERICANS BACK FROM FRANCE

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Washington, Jan. 15.—Naval demobilization plans are in abeyance and recruiting for permanent service is being pressed now so that the navy may be prepared to man the big German merchant ships which the Allied War Council is considering allotting to aid in the task of bringing the American army home from France.

FORCIBLY SUPPRESS THE SINN FEINERS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
London, Jan. 15.—The intention to forcibly suppress the Sinn Feinn organization is attributed to the British Government in certain quarters in Ireland according to the Daily Mail.

Moderates there, the correspondent says, are speculating anxiously as to what developments may be expected from the meeting of the council which the governor has called for Monday at Dublin Castle.

CASES BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Order to Be Asked Vesting the Custody of Thorsch Estate in Crown.

At the Civil Sittings of the Supreme Court, which will take place after the murder trial, there are already four divorce cases on the calendar, with possibly two other divorce cases still to come. The cases already in or those of—Elise Jane Beavan vs. Archibald Beavan.

Mark Young vs. Jessie Young.
Wasy Worobek vs. Maria Worobek.

Herbert L. Harris vs. Margaret Harris.

There is also a court motion to be heard, being an application by the Custodian of Enemy Property, represented by Fred Peters, K. C., city solicitor, for an order for vesting the property in Prince Rupert of Alphonse Thorsch, an alien enemy, in the Custodian of Enemy Property. The property held by this enemy subject in the city is extensive.

A motion for judgment will also be heard in an action by A. J. Thompson, of Usk, against Rowntree et al for 15,000 shares in the Kitselas Mountain Copper Company.

Frank H. Mobley, M. P. P., arrived in the city this morning from Victoria.

EXECUTIONS IN BERLIN

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
London, Jan. 15.—Members of the Spartacus faction in Germany have been court martialled and executed, according to despatches from Berlin picked up here.

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TWO THOUSAND ARE KILLED IN GALICIA

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Geneva, Jan. 15.—Two thousand persons were killed at Przemyśl, Galicia, by Ukrainians, according to despatches to the Neue Frie Presse of Vienna. The Ukrainians have been bombarding Przemyśl for several days, and conditions in the town are described as terrible. The gas and electric plants have been destroyed and there is no light in the town. Water and wood are also lacking.

ELECTRIC STORM STRIKES VANCOUVER

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Vancouver, Jan. 15.—During an electric storm last evening lightning struck a tree hundreds of years old in Stanley Park, the tree soon being a mass of flames. Many fires were started in the various parts of the city, but all were speedily extinguished. Through the burning out of many transformers the street railway was placed out of commission for a considerable period. There was a heavy deluge of rain, accompanied by high wind.

RUSSIA AT CONFERENCE

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, Jan. 15.—Russia may be represented, together with all other nations that engaged in the war against Germany, at the first formal meeting of the peace conference.

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**PROTESILAUS LIMPING
MINUS A PROPELLER**
Steamer Arrives at Vladivostok With Some Troops, While Kent Hurries to Her Assistance.
(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Vladivostok, Jan. 15.—The troopship Protesilaus which left Victoria during the Christmas holidays with 2000 soldiers for service in Siberia is limping into this port with a broken propeller and is sending out wireless messages and appeals for assistance. The cruiser Kent is hurrying to her assistance.
The steamer Teesta has arrived here safely with two companies of infantry under the command of Colonel Swift and also a machine gun unit, 900 of all ranks.
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BOLSHEVISTS ADVANCE

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Warsaw, Jan. 15.—Bolshevist forces converging on Warsaw over three lines of railroads are advancing from Vilna and have passed Zudario and Orani.

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