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HAWTHORNTHWAITE ABJURES BOLSHEVIK MOVEMENT AS OPPOSED TO SOCIALISM

MEMBER FOR NEWCASTLE IS DISILLUSIONED AS RESULT
OF INTERVIEW WITH CATHERINE BRESHKOV-
SKAYA, THE "GRANDMOTHER OF THE
REVOLUTION" IN RUSSIA

Victoria, January 28.—"Traitor" and "Judas" were the epithets hurled at J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Socialist member for Newcastle, who, as the chief speaker at Sunday night's meeting at the Columbia Theatre, held under the auspices of the B. C. Federation of Labor, caused a riot in the local Socialist ranks. He, apparently, forsook his former stand in respect of the Bolshevik movement in Russia, and, on the authority of statements stated had been made to him when he on Saturday last interviewed Madam Catherine Breshkovskaya, the world-

amous "Grandmother of the Russian Revolution," who arrived in Victoria en route to New York, arrayed herself against the regime of Lenin and Trotsky, whom he branded "communistic anarchists" and a menace to the propagation of the real Socialistic doctrines, which, he averred, he subscribed.

The member for Newcastle's statements created considerable uproar from that element of the Socialistically inclined who have hitherto been pleased to believe that the Bolshevik movement in Russia has been a true Socialist movement, concerning which the "ruling classes" in other countries have permitted only such information to reach the outside world as would create an unfavorable impression to the end of control of the "wage slaves" may be maintained by the "capitalistic classes." The censoriousness of this element claims, has prevented the peoples of the world from judging events in Russia at their true value, and once Mr. Hawthornthwaite's quotation of Madam Breshkovskaya's statement found a considerable portion of his Sunday night audience disposed to doubt his word. In fact, some of the more heated members plainly told him they did not believe his statements. It appears, however, that Newcastle's member had the majority of the meeting with him.

Mixed Reception.
"I don't care if you believe me or not," declared Mr. Hawthornthwaite. "But I give you Madam's statement to me." He referred to his long record as a revolutionary Socialist, to her many years' imprisonment in Siberia because of her beliefs, and asserted, "When a woman like that tells me such things I will believe her until I have shown her statements are false. I was prepared to support the Bolshevik regime in Russia until I was shown it was wrong. I believe I was mistaken. Government in that country today is simply anarchy, communistic anarchy. The country is reeking with blood. If that is so, we Socialists cannot support such a movement."

Madam's statement to Mr. Hawthornthwaite, as he reported it to the meeting, was as follows:
The Statement.
"Russia must have adequate representation at the Peace Conference. The whole world must know of the terrible conditions which prevail in that great country. Help is needed; it is needed at this moment. The people are without food and without clothing. What necessities of life are left in the country are in the absolute possession of Lenin and his crowd. Lenin and his gang care not who suffers so long as they are provided for. Anybody who possesses anything, whether bourgeois or peasant, is mercilessly stripped of it by the criminal band which encompasses the government. The large majority of the peasantry are absolutely illiterate and with very few exceptions have never seen a map of their own country. If they did see it, scarcely one of them would know what it meant. They have no idea of their strength or their numbers. Just helpless in the hands of the present bureaucracy is their horrible plight. If they could only get a leader, a good leader, with one hundred thousand determined men, they could sweep the bloodstained Bolshevik oligarchy out of the country and establish a Socialist republic that could take its place among the civilized nations of the world."

Has Opposition.
When the member for Newcastle completed his address he was the target at which was hurled a volley of questions, denials and accusations. He declared Madam had told him when Lenin and Trotsky came into Russia the country was flooded with German gold and German propaganda.
"I believe Lenin is an insane man today," declared Mr. Hawthornthwaite, amid laughter, applause and general disturbance. "The Lenin-Trotsky forces are supported and aided by the gendarmes of the old regime, not by the working classes. A reaction is bound to occur and the old regime is hoping for it."

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LEGISLATURE WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY

No Ceremonial This Year Because of the Death of Prince John; Members are Arriving.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 28.—Preparations are well under way for the opening of the Legislature on Thursday afternoon. Owing to the death of Prince John there will be no ceremonial, the Governor entering the Legislative hall without any military or naval escort as is usual on such occasions. As soon as the Governor has read the speech and the house has been declared open the regular business will be proceeded with.

The Government has not as yet given out a forecast as to what its legislative program will be. It is understood, however, that there will be further measures dealing with provision for returned soldiers and unemployment. It is not expected that there will be very much legislative work but it is said that W. J. Bowser will have a good deal to say about the P. G. E. with a view to campaign material.

A number of the members are arriving in readiness for the session. John Keen, the Speaker of the Legislature, is on the ground and those wishing private legislation are busy seeking support from the members as they arrive. Among the latter is L. W. Patmore of Prince Rupert who is seeking a renewal of the charter for the Dolly Varden Railway at Alice Arm and is offering to pay the workmen and all bills for supplies if the charter is renewed. If there is no charter there will be no payment. It seems likely that some arrangement will be made.

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WHEAT IS SHIPPED FROM BULKLEY VALLEY TO VANCOUVER MILL

A carload of wheat was shipped from here this week to Vancouver to the flour mills, says the Omimera Miner. This was the first shipment of wheat from the North to a flour mill and it is an important event in the agricultural history of the Bulkley Valley. A few years ago there were plenty who ridiculed the idea of growing wheat that would make flour and most were sceptical as to the ability of the Valley to compete with the prairie grain. There were some faithful enthusiasts and they are proving their convictions.

There were several farmers contributed to the shipment but their grain all graded the same. F. M. Dockrill, who was the leading spirit in the undertaking, had previously sent a sample of his own grain to the Vancouver mills and it was graded No. 1 hard. The price set was also satisfactory and little time was lost in getting the different lots of grain ready.

Much interest has been displayed in this shipment and the result will determine the proportion of land to be put in wheat next spring.

There have also been rumors that a flour mill would be one of the enterprises started locally in the not distant future as an aid to the farmers and with a view to supplying local consumption with all mill products.

BAD WEATHER FOR FISHING

Two American Boats Come in With Small Catches; Tramps is Leaving.

Two American fishing boats, the Edsvold and the Alvid arrived in port late last night, from their fishing grounds on the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands. The Edsvold brought in 24,000 lbs. and the Alvid 18,000 lbs. of halibut. It was reported that there was good fishing where they were, but the severe weather prevented them getting big catches. It was the first trip of the season.

The steam trawler, Carruthers, of the Cold Storage Co., went to her fishing grounds about 9.30 this morning. On account of the rough weather she was forced to take the channel running by Metlakatla on her way out.

The fishing boat, "Tramp," of Prince Rupert was also preparing to go out some time today.

CITY COUNCIL AND TAXATION QUESTION

Scheme to Finance a Permanent Road to Seal Cove Being Worked Out By Engineer.

The question of taxation for permanent public works is engaging the attention of the City Council just now. Last night the matter was brought up by the mayor, who said it would take about five weeks before the new plan of making one local improvement district of the whole city was complete. The engineer was now working on it with a view to arranging for the building of a road to Seal Cove. The assessment values and charges against each property was being worked out.

Alderman Casey said that so far as he could gather, the people in the outlying districts were opposed to the scheme as they felt that most of the improvements would be made in Sections 1 and 6 and that this was a scheme to shift the burden.

The mayor said there was also strong opposition to the scheme developing in Section 1. That was why he was hopeful that some settlement would be found. If the sections were both opposed to it now, there was hope that the problem might be solved. They could get a report on the scheme and also on the grouping of outside sections and discuss both on their merits.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jabor, of Second Avenue West, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, on January 28, a daughter.

Dr. McNeil was called last night to attend E. Dempsey who was taken ill at the Empress Theatre. Constable McGlinchy summoned a taxi and took him to the hospital under the doctor's orders. When he arrived there, however, he refused to go in and walked back with McGlinchy apparently quite well.

NEW MANAGER FOR ATLIN FISHERIES

H. C. Nunan Gets Promotion to Ketchikan and James Lee Succeeds Him Here.

H. C. Nunan, manager for the Atlin Fisheries at this port, has been promoted to the position of manager of the New England Fisheries at Ketchikan where there is a cold storage plant. Both concerns are branches of the New England Fish Co.

Mr. Nunan had been here for a number of years and was well known and respected, not only by the fishermen but by the citizens generally. He had been on a visit to the head office and returned yesterday, going right on to Ketchikan to take charge of the new work.

Mr. Nunan's successor is James Lee who has been connected with the company here for a number of years. He also is well and favorably known and his friends will be glad to hear that he has received the well earned promotion.

The Atlin Fisheries have a warehouse here where they buy halibut, pack it in ice and ship it fresh to the eastern markets. They have been established for a number of years and do a large business.

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"DEMERS"

Mrs. Demers has returned from the south, bringing a few of the new trench coats, that are being worn at present. These coats are very smart and serviceable. Also the hat of the moment, and several pretty party dresses.

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