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## THE WHOLE CITY TURNS OUT TO WELCOME COLONEL C. W. PECK V.C. AND HIS MEN ON THEIR RETURN

Great Mass Meeting of Citizens at Exhibition Building at which  
both Colonel Peck and Captain McGregor V.C. are Especially  
Recognized and Addresses Presented to other  
Returned Men.

All the city turned out last night to welcome Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., and his famous men and to do honor to Captain John McGregor, V.C. It was one of the greatest crowds that has ever gathered in Prince Rupert and also one of the most enthusiastic. There was but one aim and that was to make the returned officers and men feel that their work had been appreciated.

The party was met at the dock by the Metlakatla brass band and a piper, and led by these it marched to the Exhibition building where a very fine address was presented to Lieut.-Col. Peck, engraved addresses to the men and a gold watch and chain to Captain John McGregor, each as a mark of appreciation for services rendered.

The immense building was crowded to the doors and the galleries were thronged. Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Peck, Captain McGregor, Lieut.-Col. Scroggie and other officers of the 16th had seats on the platform as well as Mayor McClymont, Canon Rix, Rev. Dr. Grant and Tom Silversides.

The returned men were ranged on preferred seats in the front, the members of the Musical Society choir to the left and the Symphony Orchestra just at the foot of the platform.

The place was beautifully decorated, the work having been done by Wm. Martin, of the City Hall staff, who also had charge of the erection of the fine arch of welcome at the end of Fulton street.

The music was all of a national and patriotic character, and after the presentation the Ladies Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A. served the visitors with tea and coffee.

The address, which was the work of the famous artist, Morte Ziegler, on a complete buckskin, was illuminated on the wall at the back of the platform.

After the formal presentation there was an informal reception and it was well after two o'clock when the officers and men finally left for the boat, escorted by their friends. Before leaving, Col. Peck was prevailed upon by his men to go with them to Vancouver and Victoria to complete in proper style the triumphal procession through the country.

### COLONEL PECK WENT SOUTH WITH HIS MEN

Lieut.-Col. Peck went south with his men last night. They were so insistent that as they had come out of their way with him, he should go on with them, that last night it was decided to postpone all local events for a week and have him make the visit south.

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### TWO DROWN WHEN A BOAT CAPSIZES

Angus Kerr and Dan McKenzie of Anyox, Who Lost Their Lives Were Known Here.

Two men who are well known here, Angus Kerr and Dan McKenzie of Anyox, were drowned on Saturday as the result of the overturning of their boat when salmon fishing. There were three men in the boat at the time of the accident, but Angus McKenzie managed to hold on to the boat for a couple of hours until help came. Kerr's body which was found tangled in the lines was recovered.

Both men were from Sutherlandshire in the north of Scotland and had a number of friends here. Kerr leaves a widow and two children and the body will be taken to Vancouver for burial.

Lieut. Arthur Noble arrived home yesterday after completing a second term of service overseas. He lost an eye the first time and was among the first to return. Then he trained and secured a commission in the railway corps.

### THIRD VICTORIA CROSS MAN AT CELEBRATION

At the big hall last night there was a third Victoria Cross man present, although the fact was not generally known. It was T. S. Holmes one of Peck's men who also fought in the South African war and who was one of the few V. C. men of that war. He formerly worked at the oil tanks in this city, but he fought with an Irish regiment in Africa.

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## GERMANS MUST SIGN TREATY AS DRAWN BY ALLIED POWERS

Allies can admit of no discussion of the right to insist upon the terms of the Peace Treaty being accepted substantially as drafted. This is the reply to Count von Brockdorff Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, who submitted a note to Premier Clemenceau declaring the peace treaty contains demands which could be borne by no people, and many of them incapable of accomplishment. Brockdorff Rantzau also has been informed in answer to a complaint, that Germany was asked to sign the Allied plan of a league of nations, although not among the states invited, that admission of additional states had not been overlooked, but had been explicitly provided for in the second paragraph, article one of the covenant.

The German peace delegation declared, in letters sent to the allied and associated powers, that on several points the base of a peace of right agreed upon between belligerents has been admitted.

## GERMANS ROUSED OVER THE TREATY CAPT. MCGREGOR IS HONORED BY ALL CITIZENS

Socialists Rampant Against It and Cities Demand Recall of Delegates.

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

Berlin, May 12.—The whole country is aroused by the Allied peace terms. Troops both here and at Lipsig have been reinforced in order to maintain order. The Socialists are rampant against the proposed terms. The majority group in the National Assembly in caucus decided to support the measure refusing to accept the terms. The cities are demanding the recall of the German peace delegates.

The German Government has declared a week of mourning. All dancing, horse racing, gambling and concerts have been stopped.

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held in the Carpenters' Hall on Wednesday, May 14, Tuesday night being given over to Organizer Mace of the Loggers' Union.

The man Richardson, V. C., belonged to that band.

The Colonel thanked the people for their kind welcome to himself, his officers and men. Many times he had thought of them in Prince Rupert and had hoped to come back. He thanked them on behalf of the wonderful battalion he had had the honor of leading.

**Presentation to Men.**  
Rev. Dr. Grant made the presentation of engraved addresses to the men on behalf of the city. These addresses will be forwarded to the men by mail, but one was presented and suitably accepted by Thomas Silversides, president of the Great War Veterans Association.

In making the presentation Dr. Grant spoke of Peck being a great soldier. While they all looked with admiration on him they must not forget the brave men who had fought under him. The men of the 16th were some of the best who had gone overseas.

Mr. Partidge, one of the returned men, then spoke of the manner in which the colonel was beloved by his men and was insistent that he must go south with them.

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## GERMANS ROUSED OVER THE TREATY CAPT. MCGREGOR IS HONORED BY ALL CITIZENS

Presented With Gold Watch Last Night and Cheered to Echo By Crowd.

"The citizens of Prince Rupert will not, I hope, be disappointed at not hearing a speech from me. I thank you for the way you have shown your appreciation of my services as a soldier and my only regret is that I am not able to thank you in a more fitting manner."

That was the speech of Captain John McGregor last night in the Exhibition Building when he had been presented with a gold watch by Canon Rix on behalf of the city of Prince Rupert. It was cheered to the echo and the greatest enthusiasm was shown by everyone.

Canon Rix in making the presentation spoke of the enthusiasm at the time when Col. Peck and his men had gone. His prophesy that they would bring back the Kaiser's helmet at that time had been proven true, for a thousand of the Kaiser's helmets had been brought home by the soldiers.

All Deserve Recognition.

He mentioned a statement that everyone of the Canadian soldiers had won the military medal even if they had not received it. The highest decoration they could win, however, was the Victoria Cross. They did not want titles in this country, but there was one of the titles they were glad to know that many Canadians bore. They honored the man who was able to put the famous V. C. after his name. It indicated splendid courage, resourcefulness and also some deed of special valor in saving life.

Fit For Honor.

Colonel Peck had been one of the ordinary men of the town, yet he had won it. Another was Capt. McGregor. Like all brave men he was bashful. When he had first met the Captain and looked into his clear eye, seen his clean skin and honest face he knew that he was a man fit to win the Victoria Cross. It gave them all pleasure to be able to present him with the watch and he hoped it would tick out the time in Prince Rupert.

### Address Presented to Colonel Peck Last Night

The following is the text of the address which was presented to Lieut.-Col. C. W. Peck last night by Mayor McClymont and signed by himself, the city clerk and the Board of Aldermen:

"A greeting to Lieut.-Col. Cyrus Wesley Peck, V. C., D. S. O., M. P.—

"On behalf of the people of Prince Rupert, we the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to extend to you a most hearty welcome home again after more than four years of absence on the battlefields of Europe, and by the grace of God, none the worse for wear.

"We have no hesitancy in expressing it—we are proud of you, and very proud indeed of the reflected honor you have conferred upon our city.

"During your long absence we have followed your movements and have taken a vital interest in the things which you have done, and on various occasions in the things which you have said. Knowing of old, however, that praise distresses you, we will simply say that your home coming swells our hearts with a kind and grateful eloquence to which we would gladly give voice.

"In strange lands, through wild nights beset with danger and swiftest death on every hand, were your honors won. Through it all for reasons of his own, God has not only spared your life but has conferred upon your old friends the great privilege of joining you in feeling grateful.

"It may be pertinent to say to those dear boys of ours you left upon the field, we render full justice, honor and love. They were true to us who now begin to enjoy that bulwarked freedom for which they offered up their lives; shall we not then be true in our memory of them.

"May you enjoy the blessings for which you have fought so long and fearlessly."

### PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO LOCAL MEMBER

Col. Peck Gives Stirring Address When Honored by Citizens Last Night.

The address to Colonel Peck was presented to him by Mayor McClymont who read a copy of it. The Colonel then replied.

"On a great occasion such as this I feel compelled to quote the old phrase of the famous Scotch poet,

"Breathes there the man with sold so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said  
This is my own, my native land."

That was the opening sentence of Colonel Peck's reply. He continued: "As I came down the valley of the old Skeena River, saw the old snags on the sandbars, and all the rocks on which George Frizzell used to run his boat (a voice, 'He still does it'), as I marched over the plank walks and saw the muskies I said to myself, 'I love you better than any spot in the world.'"

The Colonel spoke of the last

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time they were assembled in the same building when he had taken a small contingent to join the 30th battalion, nearly all of whom went to the 16th, but a few to the famous 7th.

No Man Failed.

"I want to say a few words about those men," continued the Colonel. "They were great soldiers, no man failed, no man quailed or faltered, but many bones were left to whiten on the fields of France and Flanders on those famous battlefields.

"Before they went away they were good fellows together, they could swap real estate, but no one knew what they could do as soldiers. When it came to fighting, however, they had swept across the battlefields and had swept the Germans before them like chaff before a storm. The men who are back today were all old timers at the game. When I called on them to do deeds of valor not one flunked.

Colonel Scroggie had joined as a private, but his vigorous character, his fine Scotch courage and his military instinct had resulted in his getting decorations, time and time again. The other officers too had done great deeds.

Deeds of Valor.

Before him were a few of those who were left from the veterans of British Columbia. He could call them by name and tell of the deeds of valor that each had performed and what fine gentlemen they were, members of the finest unit that ever fought in Flanders.

In Prince George they had had a good reception. One of the boys remarked to him "It's easy to tell we are in the west." There were two pipers and a drummer left of the most famous pipe band in the world. That band had always "played them over." There were 24 when they left Belgium, ten of them had been decorated. He wanted among his own citizens to bear tribute to these fine men.

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