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BRITAIN'S FAVORABLE POSITION

The favorable position of Great Britain as compared with that of the United States is emphasized in a recent editorial article in the Vancouver Star as follows:

"The British Parliament stands adjourned until February unless sooner called together again in case of emergency. The members disperse for the Christmas recess with the knowledge that industrial conditions are better than when they met to take measures to deal with a very critical situation.

They know today that the budget is certain to be balanced and they have been told on the authority of Mr. Neville Chamberlain that not only will the government meet all its obligations out of current revenue but a substantial contribution to the sinking fund will also be made. It should not be forgotten that when the budget deficit, to avert which such drastic steps were taken, was held to be impending, the figures mentioned invariably included the customary payment to sinking fund account.

Taking it for all in all the financial position of Great Britain is probably sounder than that of any other country with which it may reasonably be compared. Assuredly it is far better than that of the United States, which, while accumulating the larger portion of the world's gold supply, has also achieved a deficit which, by the end of the financial year, will exceed three billion dollars.

Nor should the comparison between the two countries end here. Unemployment, according to the ascertainable statistics, is proportionately much less in Great Britain than in the United States and is decreasing there while it is increasing in the republic.

It may be added that Great Britain always states things at their worst; in the United States it is almost a criminal offence to acknowledge facts that are unfavorable. French governmental finance, too, like American unemployment figures, avoids unpleasant revelations as long as possible. For this reason, while it is known that France has a deficit the full amount of it is not easily ascertainable.

It is unfortunate that, while, on the whole, the British ministry was able to strike a hopeful note, it was compelled to announce the suspension of work on the new giant Cunarder.

There was, however, no attempt to blink the facts. Mr. Runciman was almost blunt in his declaration that, owing to a falling off in earnings, the Cunard Company had not sufficient funds available in its depreciated coverage account to go on with the work and that the government could not provide the money. The best he could say was that he trusted circumstances would permit the resumption of work before long.

It may be taken for granted that this latter depends on a general improvement in world trade, which, again, is held back by Germany's inability to meet her foreign obligations.

The solution of the problem thus created is to be found in part in Paris and in part in Washington. Paris, however, resolutely blinds herself to the urgency of the case, while the capital of the United States can think of world politics and world crises only in terms of a presidential election that is almost a year away.

HAZELTON HAS SHOW

Variety Concert Staged by Hospital
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HAZELTON, Dec. 18.—The fact that the mercury took a sudden notion to drop down to the point where a noticeable drain on the woodpile becomes evident did in no way hinder the residents of Hazelton and the surrounding districts from attending the variety show given under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary to the Hazelton Hospital in aid of the hospital, on Saturday, December 12. The show, which was very ably directed by Miss E. Rock, was indeed a success.

Long before the hour scheduled for the start of the show, every available seat was taken, showing that the quality of the concert of Flower-Show Day had not been forgotten and that the patrons were expecting a duplication of just such a performance.

The first number on the program proved to be one worth hearing when the Little Symphony Orchestra offered that ever popular number "Anchors Aweigh" and, as their encore, sang the refrain rounding it off with some very clever orchestration. Following the opening number, Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Falconer were well received when they offered a vocal duet for the approval of a very appreciative audience. They were ably accompanied at the piano by Mr. Redman. A violin solo by Mrs. Redman, accompanied by Mr. Redman at the piano, was one that in the opinion of music lovers was very good indeed.

Miss Vandermere appeared next and made the hit of the evening when she suddenly changed from a falsetto to a very masculine tenor. This young lady, who has caused many wondering residents a little loss of sleep, proved to be none other than Verne Hawkin, one of the young men about town. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. A. D. Chappell.

The Hazelton Glee Club followed and proved just what can be accomplished with a little effort. The first public appearance of this recently organized group proved to be a success and Mr. Redman, the director, is deserving of a great deal of credit for his work in this connection.

The program took a slight change when Professor Kookoo, the talkative proprietor of a travelling medicine show and his trusty assistant Ferlando, a Hindu Prince, with all the appearances of a rube, endeavored to sell or give away their panacea for all ills and sure cure to the blues. The audience was held spellbound when Jimmie Adams, as the professor, proceeded to stick a sword into a large box containing his assistant, Jimmie Cox, when loud cries were cause for the box to be opened, revealing that escape was impossible due to the fact that his trousers were caught on a nail.

A touch of opera was added when selections from "The Mikado" were presented as a closing for the first part of the evening's entertainment. The first number, "Three Little Maids From School," offered by Misses Cox, Chappell and Sutherland, was followed with a solo "The Sun Whose Rays" by Miss Rock, followed with the ensemble singing the final number from "Act Two" of "The Mikado."

The ten-minute intermission which followed proved to be a colorful one indeed when two members of the cast, Art Irvine and Bill Lloyd, arrayed in comedy costume, endeavored to pry the patrons loose from their small change in exchange for chewing gum, chocolate bars, etc., which they loudly offered for sale.

Second Half
The second half of the program opened with a Hawaiian guitar duet offered by Mr. Bannister and Verne Hawkin and was well received.

This number was followed by a vaudeville skit entitled "Cupid is Speedy," being well handled by Miss Mabel Cox and Bud Bell proving to be a real hit.

Miss Rock followed with a vocal solo accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Chappell. Verne Hawkin assisted with the Hawaiian guitar during the encore.

The one-act comedy entitled "Crossed Wires" held the audience spellbound until the final curtain. The scene opened in the home of Stanley Arnold, with Betty, the maid, arranging the living room when the door bell rings. On answering it, she finds that it is a telegram for herself telling of her sis-

ter's arrival. She leaves to arrange her room and the master of the house enters and picks up the telegram thinking that it is for himself and from a girl that he had met previously. From this time on the messenger boy is kept quite busy with telegrams for different members of the household and all from people whose identity they wish to keep a secret. The climax comes when the door bell rings and the maid is heard welcoming Lucy, Jack and Charlotte with the household fainting from the shock. The visitors turn out to be friends of the maid, and, while they are being introduced, the messenger arrives with cops who proves to be the butler's dog. The show was a success and went a long way to prove that it isn't always wise to read other person's telegrams.

The cast as they appeared were Betty, the maid, Ralphena Wrinch; Stanley Arnold, the husband, Verne Hawkin; Clara Arnold, the wife, Mrs. Cox; Briggs, the butler, Frank Wheatley; Uncle Will, Stanley's brother, Harold Wrinch; Lucy, Lois Anderson; Jack, Bud Bell; Charlotte, Thelma Cox, and the messenger, Happy Cox.

Immediately following the play, Mr. Redman offered two splendid piano selections which were well received by the audience and certainly left an air of satisfaction and feeling that the evening had been

a huge success. The closing song by the entire company brought to a close a good two and a half hours' entertainment.

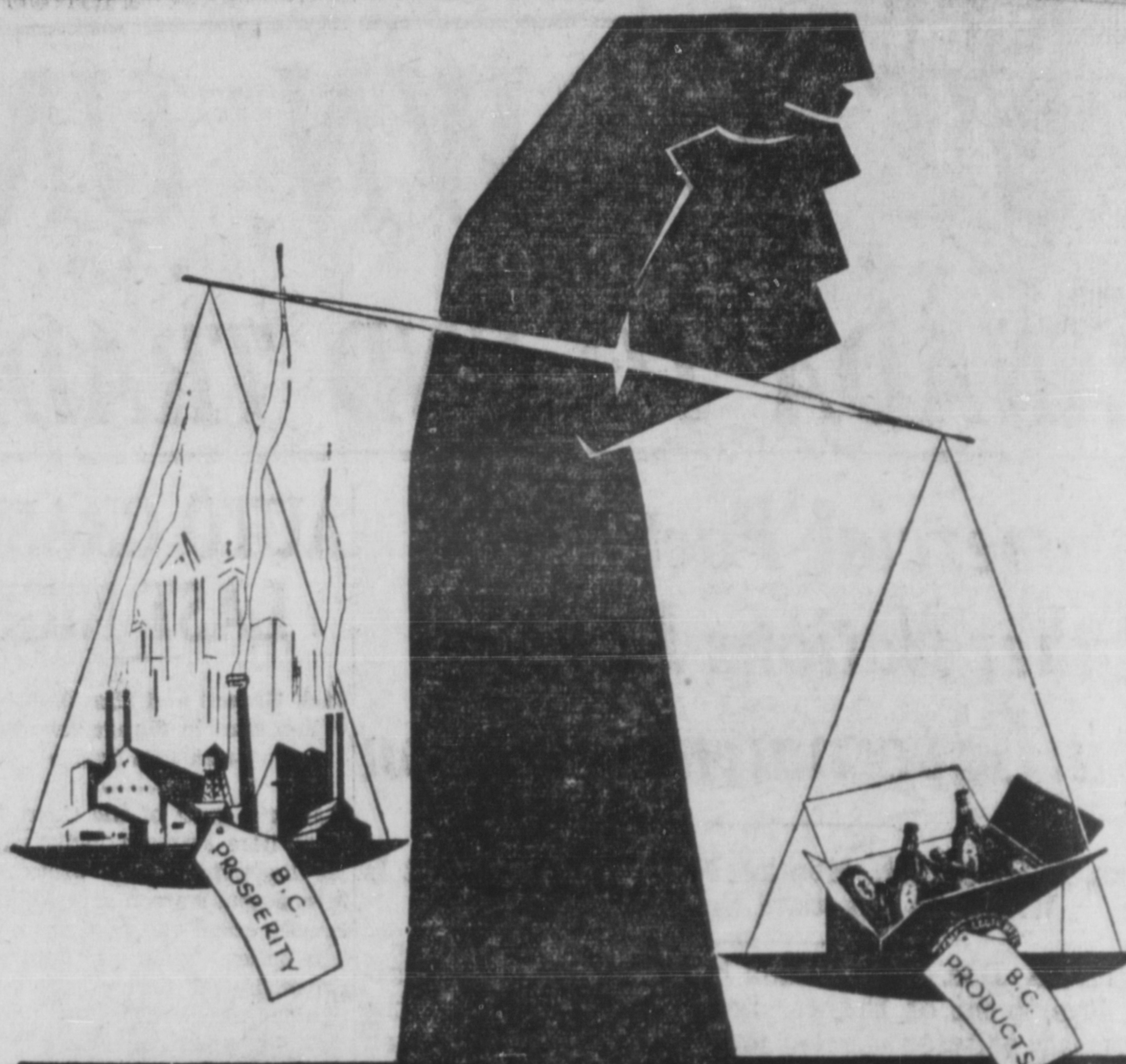
Inspector John Macdonald, provincial police, is sailing this evening for Vancouver where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

RETURNED TO PORT

C. N. R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Dan Donald, returned to port at 8:45 this morning from Anxox and Stewart and will sail at 6 o'clock this evening for Vancouver via Ocean Falls and Powell River. She is making a specially scheduled Christmas sailing south.

SAILS THIS EVENING

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Oxford Mincemeat—30-oz. jar	28c
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