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## TURKISH NAVY DEFEATS GREEKS IN BIG BATTLE

### TUG SANGRA WAS BURNED AND SCUTTLED AT SHAWATLANS RAPIDS THIS MORNING

#### SANGRA DESTROYED BY FIRE AT SHAWATLANS THIS MORNING

WELL KNOWN POWER TUG BURNED BY IGNITION OF GASOLINE—WAS SCUTTLED TO PUT OUT FIRE—DIVER WILL ATTEMPT TO RAISE HER TODAY.

Catching fire in some unexplainable manner, the well known power tug Sangra was partly destroyed by fire this morning. The extent of the damage is unknown as she was scuttled to quench the fire. The accident happened this morning shortly before 11 o'clock while she was engaged in laying the pipes across the passage from Shawatlans Lake to Kaien Island. While details are lacking, it is thought that the engine was leaking gasoline and in some manner this ignited. Several launches were sent from the city to her rescue, while the derrick employed in the water works construction will be used to raise her. A diver will go down this afternoon and she will be brought to the city. The Sangra is one of the best known launches in the north, being the property of the genial Captain Babington.

**Men.**  
Pleasing the ladies is not difficult when you select your Christmas gift at Wallace's. 294tf

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#### VANCOUVER ISLAND CONSERVATIVES DESERT PARTY OVER COAL STRIKE

Men Who Formerly Supported McBride are Banding to Fight Him Because of His Actions in Regard to the Striking Miners---700 Chinese Working

Victoria, Dec. 17.—It is understood that Mr. John Jardine, Vancouver Island's representative upon the recently gazetted royal commission on labor, is strenuously urging that that body lose no time in visiting Cumberland, the centre of present discontent seriously affecting the coal production industry. With a view to the representation of an interim report thereupon in advance of the meeting of the Legislature in January, so that recommendations with the object of satisfactorily ending the present situation may be given immediate effect. The commission is to hold its organization meeting here on the 28th inst., when its plan of procedure will be considered and decided upon.

Firm friends of the administration in the directly interested district are much exercised over what they regard as a grave tactical blunder on the part of the government in dealing with the Cumberland strike and by not granting an inquiry into the grievances of the men when it was first applied for, and thereby averting not only much suffering on the part of the workers and their families, but also provincially-wide inconvenience in a mid-winter shortage of coal, and very serious disarrangement of the export trade. Instead, the policy has been adopted of spending from \$45,000 to \$50,000 of public money in a quite unnecessary maintenance of a large police force, the presence of which has been fully taken advantage of by the operators to introduce Oriental strike breakers to the number of about 700.

"The result will inevitably be," says one Comox Conservative, "a strong, well based white labor attack upon the government at the first opportunity in which labor men of independent views, Socialists, Liberals and a good many hitherto staunch Conservatives will find common ground, and which in every probability will lose the government and the party at least four island seats."

#### RUMORED THAT SIR RICHARD M'BRIDE WANTS TO RESIGN

VICTORIA STORY SAYS THAT PREMIER WILL RESIGN IN 18 MONTHS WHEN HE KNOWS PARTY IS DEFEATED—BOWSER WILL BE THE LEADER AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 18.—The spectre of a desertion of the Conservative party in British Columbia by its picturesque leader, Sir Richard McBride, is one which refuses to be laid and persistently presents itself to the manifest disgust of the faithful. The latest version of the rumor is that, having carried through the last chapters of his railway policy, some eighteen months hence, and before the period of temporary hard times inevitably to be expected at the close of construction activity on a large scale, Sir Richard will betake himself to London as Canadian high commissioner, bequeathing to his attorney general and first lieutenant his mantle of leadership and responsibility for what is bound to befall. Then at a first appeal to the country, the influence of less prosperous times and popular demand for a change will cause the loss of power by the government and blame will fall entirely upon the new and less popular leader. The suggestion fits in with the prime minister's proven ability in the interpretation of a psychology of politics.

#### BORDEN GAVE NAVAL POLICY TO PAPERS BEFORE COMMONS

REPORT OF SPEECH WAS SET UP IN TYPE IN CONSERVATIVE OFFICES BEFORE PARLIAMENT WAS AWARE OF POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—WAS SENT TO ENGLAND.

(Mail Correspondence.)  
Ottawa.—An amazing precedent has been set by Mr. Borden with regard to the naval announcements made on Thursday, and one which comports neither with the dignity of the Prime Minister nor the non-partisan treatment of the naval question which he has been demanding. Acting along the lines of the circus booster he sent his speech embodying the naval proposals to the leading Conservative journals of the Dominion several days before it was delivered, to be "released" when he arose in the House on Thursday. Not content with this, the speech, some five thousand words of it, was committed to a leading news agency and cabled to England for distribution amongst friendly papers there as soon as the signal was given from Ottawa by the Premier. So that days before the announcement was made Mr. Borden's speech was lying in cold type in newspaper offices of two continents, neatly filed up and interpolated with "here, hear," "Loud applause," "Cheers" and so on at what seemed fitting places. Apart altogether from the dignity or prudence of such an emergency method to secure prompt publicity it shows an evident lack of sincerity in the Premier. He has for long professed to pose as an Imperial statesman, and urged that this Imperial naval proposition be elevated above the sphere of party politics. But quite apart from this his action was altogether wrong. Parliament was entitled to the first knowledge of the Premier's intention, and the representatives of the people were the ones whose right it was to be the first to comment upon it from their seats in Parliament.

Such an unstatesmanlike and partizan procedure compares ill with the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministers approached the reciprocity announcements. There was no circus poster business, no partizan favors. Liberal and Tory were treated alike to judicious silence until the proper time for the announcement, and then the people and press of all parties were given an equal opportunity. Mr. Borden can hardly be said to have added to the dignity of his high offices by descending to the methods of a press booster and ignoring the rights of Parliament of which he is the leader.

#### PEACE RIVER COUNTRY SURPRISE TO VISITOR

Ontario Farms Cannot Compare with the Peace River Lands.

Victoria, Dec. 18.—Mr. James Rutherford, who has just returned to the city from the Peace River country, is enthusiastic about the prospects of that section of Canada, and confirms all that has been said as to what a big asset it will be to British Columbia. Mr. Rutherford left Fort St. John on November 10th, and reached Dunvegan on the 19th of that month.

There he saw farmers plowing their fields for next season's crop, something which they cannot do in Eastern Ontario at that time of the year. He was also shown samples of wheat, barley, oats and potatoes grown in the open which would have done credit to any country in the world. Mr. Rutherford said that some of the potatoes weighed two and a half pounds, and also that he saw tomatoes which exceeded in size and flavor anything ever produced in the Niagara Peninsula.

#### GREEK FLEET IS BEATEN BY TURKS

(Special to Daily News.)  
Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Turkish fleet engaged the Greek fleet off the Island of Lemnos this morning, according to an official telegram from the Dardanelles. The Greek fleet was compelled to withdraw from the action.

#### AT THE WESTHOLME

Griffith Stock Company Will Play "A Bosom Friend of Bowser's" at Popular House Tonight.

Tonight the Griffith Stock Company will produce one of the famous comedies of Broadway, "A Bosom Friend of Bowser's." Contrary to all reports, this has nothing to do with the Attorney General of British Columbia. This play is a huge laugh producer and those who know the minister will agree that he is not productive of much mirth. Whether political or not, one thing is certain, that with the able players comprising the company the play will be a decided success.

#### HUNGER DRIVES BOY TO CRIME AND JAIL

Held Up Man and Was Invited Home to Dine—Police Summoned.

Portland, Dec. 16.—A man-sized appetite is the cause today of Albert Kroll, 19-year-old bandit, being behind the bars. Pulling a revolver on F. W. Usherwood in the suburbs, he commanded Usherwood to jettison all of his available coin and jewellery.

Usherwood, however, began talking sympathetically to Kroll and seeing a "lean and hungry" look in the lad's face, invited him to the Usherwood domicile where he said a meal awaited.

While the youth was gorging himself to repletion, Usherwood notified the police station.

#### THE WEATHER.

The weather report at 5 o'clock this morning read: Barometer, 29.500; maximum temperature, 43; minimum temperature, 32; precipitation, 1.63 inches.

#### Loyal Order of Moose.

A regular meeting will be held in the K. of P. Hall Thursday, the 19th inst., at 8 o'clock. Officers for the coming year will be elected and members are requested to attend in full force. 297-298  
J. D. MEIKLE, Secy.

#### Finish Training.

The contestants in the fight tomorrow evening have finished their training and will both enter the ring in the pink of condition. Mortimer, it is reported, will make the required weight at the ringside, while Olmen will climb over the ropes at about 152 pounds. The preliminaries arranged for will be good ones.

See the bargains in ladies' furs at Wallace's. 296-297

#### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Fred Ritchie and son were among the passengers on the Prince Rupert this morning.

1 Heintzman piano, 1 Ennis piano, to be sold during the next 6 days at big discounts. See them. Wark's. 296tf

Mr. John Peters, son of City Solicitor Peters, arrived in the city today from the south.

See A. W. Edge Co. for wall paper. Low prices to make room for new spring stock. 285-1f

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

**Christmas Holly**  
Now on Sale at the  
**Arctic Studio**  
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
will arrive on the last ship in before Xmas, Saturday, December 21st.

## THE DAILY NEWS DEVELOPMENT NUMBER

In addition to the regular daily edition, The News, today issues an eight page illustrated "Development Number," which will be found exceedingly interesting to not only residents of Prince Rupert, but people in every part of the world desirous of securing reliable information as to the progress that has been made in this promising city.

The number contains some excellent articles on the natural resources of the district surrounding Prince Rupert, the advantages of its excellent harbor, the immense dry dock under construction, its splendid schools and other items of interest.

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#### AVIATOR TO FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN TO HALIFAX

GERMAN WILL ATTEMPT TO FLY FROM PORTUGAL TO HALIFAX—WILL LAND AT AZORES, AND FROM THERE MAKE HIS LONG FLIGHT TO NOVA SCOTIA

Berlin, Dec. 17.—In a steel ribbed monoplane with gigantic wings, Richard Beckmann, an aviator of the City of Cologne, plans to fly across the Atlantic Ocean next spring. He is confident of success. His start will be made from the Cape of Roca, known as the Rock of Lisbon, on the coast of Portugal. His first landing will be, if all goes well, on the Island of Terceira, in the Azores. Thence he will fly straight across the vast expanse of water to Halifax. The distance from the Cape of Roca to Halifax on the North American coast is about 3,000 miles, and Beckman expects to cover the course in thirty-three hours, exclusive of the halt at Terceira. On the first lap, from Portugal to the Azores, a stretch of a stretch of a thousand miles, the aviator will have the benefit of the trade winds, he calculates, and with his ninety miles an hour machine he hopes to make it in ten or twelve hours.

His thirty foot monoplane has fifty square yards of wing area. The chassis, built entirely of steel tubing, will weigh 760 kilos (1,672 pounds), exclusive of Beckman, his assistant, and the gasoline. The machine will have a total lifting power of 2,300 kilos (5,060 pounds).

The chief novelty of the outfit will be a powerful searchlight fitted to the floor of a half decked cabinet forward of the engine. Beckmann may carry also a small wireless installation, run by a miniature dynamo.

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