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LIBERAL VIEWPOINT

The Victoria Times, while often independent in its views, does as a rule hold the Liberal viewpoint on most matters. Here is its view on the public utilities control as brought down by the government at Victoria:

"Under the Public Utilities Bill introduced in the Legislature this week, the regulatory powers of the Public Utilities Commission to be set up in British Columbia will be limited to essential and monopolistic public services. Fears that powers would be sought to regulate all business and industry have proved unfounded. It is proposed only to exercise control over the rates, services and financing of power, local transportation and transmission companies. Publication of the bill is thus reassuring to business in general.

"In creating a Public Utilities Commission, British Columbia is merely following in the footsteps of other governmental bodies across this continent, which have found a control of monopolistic utilities necessary in the public interest. For 20 years or more institution of such a commission in British Columbia has been agitated. Both political parties have been committed to the principle involved, but have postponed giving effect to it. It is probable that the City of Victoria is responsible for the government deciding to bring in the necessary legislation at this time. This city forced the issue during recent months by seeking powers to set up its own municipal public utilities commission in the absence of the long-promised provincial body. Establishment of such a local commission would have been followed by setting up similar bodies in municipalities throughout the province. This would have created a chaotic condition for the utilities. Faced with such a development they no doubt now welcome the comparative security against unreasonable local pressures that will be assured them under the shelter of a provincial commission.

"A good argument can be made for the statement that the utilities themselves would be better off today had they been placed under such a commission 20 years ago. A measure of protection would have been afforded the companies themselves against their own follies during the orgy of over-financing and pyramiding that characterized the years before 1929. It was during these years that eastern financiers stepped into this province and took scores of millions of dollars of quick profits out of our British Columbia utilities companies. They increased the capital overhead on these companies, fixing the burden of carrying it on the consumers in British Columbia. Protection of the operating companies here against any such financial operations in the future cannot be viewed as anything but constructive to British Columbia industry and business in general. Strengthening of the earning power of our utilities through increase in population and the liquidation of early liabilities should inure to the benefit of British Columbia consumers through lower rates and not to eastern financial opportunists."

GRADUAL SETTLING DOWN

Since the crisis at Munich there seems to have been a gradual settling down in Europe, interrupted occasionally by minor eruptions. These interruptions should not be taken too seriously. While at any time there may be another flare-up, the probability seems to be that we shall gradually settle down to a more or less peaceful time for a few years, so far as Europe is concerned. That seems to be the view of internationalists of repute. At the same time the countries are devoting most of their efforts to arming which is not a very good sign.

When we hear of slight disturbances, they may be for the purpose of offsetting some other move. For instance the latest Italian affair may be found to be indirectly related to the anti-Jewish pogrom in Germany.

CANADA IN GERMANY TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Written for The Canadian Press By CAPT. W. W. MURRAY, M. C.)

Active hostilities came to an end on the Western Front on November 11, 1918, with the signing of the Armistice; but the terms of that document contained conditions which imposed further duties on the Allied Armies. One of the most important was the occupation of strategic areas in Western Germany. These were chiefly Rhine-land cities, from Strassbourg...

which, as the principal city of Alsace now was restored to the possession of France to Duesseidorf, on the fringe of the industrial Ruhr district. To the British troops was assigned the northern part of the occupied territory, comprising Duesseidorf, Duisberg, Cologne, and Bonn. The precaution was thus taken that, in the event of hostilities being resumed, the Allies would be in position to traverse the great barrier of the Rhine without difficulty. Bridgeheads were established on the eastern bank of the river.

As a tribute to the Canadian Corps and to the magnificent part soldiers of this Dominion had played in bringing the conflict to a victorious issue, the veteran 1st and 2nd Canadian Divisions were selected to form part of the Army of Occupation.

Not an Easy March

In the third week of November they began their long march. The Armistice had found them in the neighborhood of Mons, and this Belgian city was their starting point. At no time was their route easy. In the early stages they were impeded by the destruction of roads; bridges and crossings had been demolished. The enemy had set "booby-traps" at unsuspected points. For many months a partially-dismantled motor-lorry stood at a street corner in Huy, until it was finally determined whether it was or was not safe to move it. The vehicle, it was said, was loaded with explosive which the slightest motion would have detonated.

On the heels of the retiring Germans, the Canadians saw many sights that reflected the straits to which the enemy had been reduced. In roadside ditches were the bloated bodies of dead horses, with portions of meat gouged from their hanches. The embers of nearby cooking fires indicated that the consumers of the horse-flesh had been the retreating soldiery.

The route of the Canadians took them through the industrialized sections of eastern Belgium, past the historic battlegrounds of Waterloo, Ligny, Fleurus and Charleroi. Turning south at Huy, they plunged into the silent fastness of the Ardennes—a wild thickly-forested area of rocks and ridges. Many times the troops had to begin their march ahead of their rations; and not always were their billets comfortable. But the Corps trudged on.

December 4, 1918, saw them cross the German frontier. This historic event—the entry into the enemy's country—took place at the little village of Poenam, about six miles east of Vielsalm.

At 7:55 a.m. the scouts of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion marched through the little hamlet. They were followed half an hour

later by two companies of the battalion. At 9 a.m. the rest of the unit followed—the first organized body of Canadian troops to set foot on German soil.

The "grande entree" was reserved for 11 a.m. when General Sir Arthur Currie, the Corps Commander, led the three remaining battalions of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade across the frontier.

That night most of the Corps lay on German soil.

VISIT BY OFFICIAL

Local Sons of Norway Received Supreme Lodge Officer—Oscar Sather Re-elected President

With Erling Smedvig of Seattle representing the Supreme Lodge, in attendance as the principal speaker, the local Sons of Norway had an interesting and largely attended meeting Thursday night. The president, Oscar Sather, was in the chair and another feature of the proceedings was the election of officers for the year which resulted as follows:

- President, O. B. Sather. Vice-President, Gunnar Selvig. Financial Secretary, John Storch. Recording Secretary, Mrs. O. Wick. Treasurer, R. Huneide. Judge, Erling Grinstrand. Regent, Hans Pettersef. Inner Guard, Alfred Hanson. Outer Guard, H. Helland. Trustees—John Murvold, J. Martinsen and Claus Aune. Refreshments were served.

Weather Forecast

General synopsis—The storm which caused gales with rain on the lower British Columbia coast is dispersing inland and the weather is clearing in this province. Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate, variable winds, mostly fair and cool. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate wind, shifting to southeast, mostly fair, not much change in temperature.

TIMBER SALE X23540 Sealed tenders will be received by the District Forester, Prince Rupert, not later than noon on the 22nd day of December, 1938, for the purchase of Licence X23540 on Danube Bay, C.R. 4, to cut 1,597,000 feet of Spruce, Cedar, Hemlock and Balsam. Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber. Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C., Ranger J. B. Scott, Prince Rupert, B. C.

DICTION IS HER WORRY

Airway Stewardess Is Concerned When Reporter Misquotes Her Interviews

WINNIPEG, Dec. 2.—(CP)—Trans-Canadian Airlines' first stewardess, Miss Lucille Garnor, told reporters on arrival here her chief worry was not the peril of fog, sleet or high wind, but proper use of English diction.

"Once a reporter wrote something about me and he said that he 'piloted' me. Can you imagine that? It was terrible—the amount of kidding I had to go through before it died down," Miss Garnor said.

She is a registered nurse, graduated from the Royal Victoria hospital in Montreal. Her home is in Regina, but for the last five months she has lived in Vancouver between air mail trips from Vancouver to Seattle.

Miss Garnor, who has been interviewing applicants for T.C.A. stewardess positions, said applicants must be registered nurses, Canadian citizens, less than 66 inches in height, weigh less than 125 pounds, between 21 and 26 years of age and have perfect health and vision.

First and great consideration of a Trans-Canada Airlines hostess is the comfort of the passenger, she said.

"You tell them about their ears and chewing gum—you know, plug your ears with cotton and chew gum to make you feel more comfortable while in flight.

"Then later we'll serve refreshments on the plane on the longer trips. We won't cook anything—it will be put on the plane at the airports as we go along."

Although she signed the necessary pledge stating she is not contemplating matrimony, Miss Garnor observed the most wonderful moon while crossing the Rockies on her trip from Vancouver to Winnipeg.

"Oh, it was wonderful," she sighed.

ORE IS OF HIGH VALUE

Glacier Gulch Property Gets Gratifying Returns From Local Samples

SMITHERS, Dec. 3.—High values are still the feature of ores being shipped to the sampling plant at Prince Rupert from the Smithers district.

In October a shipment of twelve tons of gold ore from the Glacier Gulch property owned by Campbell, Loveless & Banta, ran 2.8 ounces in gold for a value of \$1093.54. The owners made a second and smaller shipment from this property on November 8 and they have just received the gratifying returns of \$694.53 from six tons of ore which averaged 3.7 ounces in gold per ton. This being nearly an ounce of gold per ton better than the first shipment.

The owners a very pleasant surprise and they expect to tie into the hill next year with a view to getting out a much larger tonnage than was shipped this year if the property has not been sold in the meantime.

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Manager of Hazelton Property Well Pleased With Prospects

SMITHERS, Dec. 2.—A. F. Williamson, manager of the Silver Standard mine at New Hazelton, was in Smithers on Tuesday and he is very pleased with the developments and the prospects on his property. He has gotten his mining machinery on to the property and expects to have everything running at the earliest possible date.

The large silver values and the excellent gold values that have already been encountered on the property are far in excess of his best hopes and things look extremely good for a very successful operation.

Mail Schedule

Table with columns for destination (East, Vancouver, Naas River, Queen Charlotte Islands) and days/times of mail service.

Other Meetings Of Army Here

Women's Meeting on Wednesday Afternoon — Officers' Councils Held On Tuesday

One of the features of the visit to the city this week of Commissioner and Mrs. George L. Carpenter of the Salvation Army was a women's meeting in the Citadel on Wednesday afternoon at which Mrs. Robert Cameron presiding, the special speaker was Mrs. Carpenter who dealt with matters of particular interest to women. Mrs. Garfield McKinley sang vocal solos and Miss Clara Pierce presided at the piano. There was a service of dedication for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johansen who was named Alan Howard Johansen. Mrs. J. Wikie proposed a vote of thanks to those who had taken part in the meeting about forty women attended.

On Tuesday there were officers' councils both morning and afternoon. Commissioner and Mrs. Carpenter leading the proceedings which were largely of devotional character. There was an officers' tea following the afternoon meeting.

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