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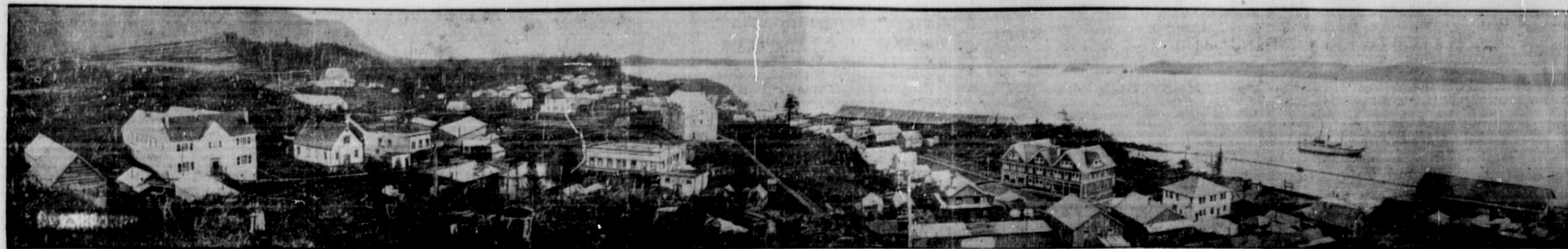
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## G.T.P. MAKES THE GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT AT LAST

### IN SEARCH OF EMPLOYMENT

Member of Industrial Workers of the World Ends Weary Search for Work by Jumping into the Bay at Esquimalt.

Victoria, Feb. 17.—Gus Gustaff of Vancouver, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, is believed to have committed suicide last night. Shortly before 9 o'clock cries were heard as if from a man drowning, near the foot of Wellington street, Esquimalt. Search on shore revealed the clothes of the man, and among the contents of a pocket was a membership card of the I. W. W. On a leaf of this was the name Gus Gustaff, Vancouver.



VIEW OF THE SCENE OF IMMEDIATE G. T. P. ACTIVITY TAKEN FROM THE SITE OF THE NEW G. T. P. MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL. PICK OUT THE G. T. P. INN AND KELLY CARRUTHERS BUILDING NEAR WHICH THE INN IS TO BE MOVED AT ONCE AND THE PRESENT CITY HALL IN CENTER OF THE PICTURE.

## IMMEDIATE ACTIVITY IS ORDERED ON THE NEW TERMINAL, HOTEL AND DRYDOCK

### BRILLIANT SPECTACLE AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

KING GEORGE READS HIS SPEECH FROM THE THRONE OUTLINING LEGISLATION FOR MOST IMPORTANT YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

London, Feb. 14.—With all the pomp and glitter prescribed by ancient custom, King George, accompanied by Queen Mary, today opened the third parliament of his reign. The address from the throne proved to be one of the most momentous to which British legislators have listened to in many years, forecasting as it did some rule for Ireland, separation of church and state in Wales, democratic reforms in franchise laws and other important measures.

King George and his consort left the palace shortly before noon in their state coach, escorted by a sovereign's escort of Life Guards and accompanied by the members of their suite. The King wore the uniform of a field marshal. Both the King and Queen were given a royal reception along the route.

King George, when on the throne, arose and read the speech. Beginning with the customary expression of satisfaction over Great Britain's friendly foreign relations and expressing regret that the Turko-Italian war is still on, the King referred to his recent Durbar trip. He spoke in glowing terms of the warm welcome accorded him and the Queen in India and of his appreciation

of the loyalty of his Indian subjects and of the nature of the administrative and other reforms he announced at Delhi.

Referring to the revolt in China, the King said that Britain non-interference in Chinese affairs and that he hoped the new republic would prove stable.

In relation to England's attitude toward the Turko-Italian war, the King declared that Great Britain is prepared to seize the first opportunity to join with the other powers to mediate the trouble.

Included in legislation outlined in the King's speech is a bill to be introduced to give effect to the unanimous recommendation of the last imperial conference for the amendment and consolidation of the law relating to British nationality and the naturalization of aliens.

#### Leap Year Ball.

A Leap Year ball will be given by the ladies of the Scandinavian Society Valhalla in the K. of P. Hall February 24th at 8 p. m. Good music and refreshments. Admission 75 cents.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

#### PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.

Sunday, 11 a. m., in Presbyterian Hall.

Sunday, 7:30 p. m., in Empress Theatre.

Sunday, 3:15 p. m., special service in Empress Theatre for K. of P. Lodge.

The K. of P. Lodge will hold its annual church parade to the Empress Theatre at 3:15 p. m.

The topic for the evening service is "Christianity as a Religion of Revolution." Rev. F. W. Kerr will preach at all the services.

The William Jolliffe is just in from Masset and reports that the supposed shipwrecked Edenshaw party are all safe and sound.

Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio, has been nominated by President Taft to be ambassador to France, succeeding Robert Bacon, resigned.

### PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

First sod turned for the first fourteen storey hotel in Prince Rupert.

George Tite is letting things go easy at his sale.

Acting Mayor Douglas and his confreres are thinking of consorting with the Red Devil for a time.

The Trombone says: "L. Crippen is in the city at present."

That handstand sidewalk is to be continued to McBride—N.H.

General Supt. Mehan Today Gives City Hall, Post Office, and All Buildings on the Reserve Marching Orders to Make Way for Advancing Army of Laborers

### G. T. P. INN TO BE MOVED AT ONCE

City Hall and Post Office Must be Vacated in Fifteen Days to Enable Inn to be Moved to New Site. Grounds of New Hotel to be Cleared Along With Depot Site—Engineers Now at Work—Contract for Grading Only Awaits Signature—Rush Work Reported Now Up River

"I am prepared to tell you this morning that I have instructions to go ahead with the excavations for the terminals, also the filling for the dry dock. I have served notice on all parties having buildings on our lands between First avenue and the waterfront to have the buildings removed within the next thirty days to permit us to go ahead with this work."

"We are also starting in at once preparing to remove the G. T. P. Inn building from its present site by Centre street to a site next to the old Kelly-Carruthers store."

"There is no doubt that the new hotel scheme will be carried on at the same time as the other works starting. Engineers are at present busy upon the details regarding excavations to be done on the site, etc."

"The city hall and post office must move at once in order to enable us to move the G. T. P. Inn, as we desire to keep the hotel on as a going concern until the new hotel is ready. We feel that the business of the city demands the accommodation of the G. T. P. Inn during this year."

"I may say that the contract for the excavation, etc., in connection with the development now starting is practically let, there being only certain business details to complete before it is signed up. I am not prepared to give out the name of the contractor yet, however."

With the above words General Superintendent Mehan this morning quite quietly announced the biggest news that has been sprung on Prince Rupert for some little time—the news for which the citizens have been eagerly waiting. Commenting on the details after having made his official statement, Mr. Mehan remarked:

"There will be something doing around here in the next few weeks; a large force of men will be at work, for the development work is to be pushed on rapidly to completion, and the contractor will be expected to carry on the work with the utmost activity."

The announcement, of course, follows the information definitely received by headquarters of the G. T. P. that the ratification of the assessment agreement has now been effectively sealed by the Legislature, and the G. T. P. now comes forward to implement its part of the agreement.

General Superintendent Mehan mentioned incidentally that progress with the laying of steel up river is now growing more and more rapid under increasingly favorable weather conditions. The gangs are now at Mile 128 and making several miles a day. Hard snow has hitherto delayed them somewhat.

The Canadian Bridge Company's men are also pressing on very fast with their work of converting timber trestle bridges to steel all the way on the first 100 miles of railway. The bridge builders are now at Kitsumkalum bridge, Mile 90. Cement abutments have been prepared for the steel structure of the five bridges to be converted and the company is ready to do some rapid work on this section.

As soon as the rails reach Skeena Crossing at Mile 164 the steel for the bridge there will be moved from the yards at Prince Rupert, and gangs will start the erection of the bridge.

#### To Alter Amur.

The G. P. R. steamer Amur is to be altered and converted into an oil burner with powerful towing engine. The Amur will carry ore between Howe Sound and Tacoma. Formerly on the Queen Charlotte run here, the Amur is a famous sea boat.

### BEAUTIFUL MARINE DEPOT NOW NEARING COMPLETION

IMMENSE DOCK OF REINFORCED CONCRETE WILL BE READY TO RECEIVE STEAMERS FIRST OF NEXT MONTH—LARGEST DEPOT IN DOMINION.

Early in March the magnificent reinforced concrete dock at the marine depot on Digby Island will be completed and by that time all the rest of the great contract will be practically finished and the finest marine depot in the Dominion will be in actual operation.

The cost has been something like \$160,000, and its object is as a base of supplies for light-houses, for the repair of buoys and other aids to navigation, and also for the repair and as a base of supplies for the vessels in the employ of the federal government on this northern part of the coast.

#### Repair Shed and Huge Crane.

The dock is four hundred feet long by forty feet wide, with a depth of water along its frontage sufficient for the largest vessel afloat to tie alongside. The first of the buildings to attract attention is the enormous lofty barn for the housing of buoys. The buoys themselves are much larger than one would think. As you pass one on a steamer it looks like a big float on a boy's fishing line, but they are, in fact, something like floating icebergs, their greater part being under water. They measure sixty feet long, so you can see that a large shop

### PIRATES BEAT QUILL DRIVERS

Fast Ball Played in the Auditorium Last Night—Lively Crowd of Rooters—Teams Made Good Showing.

By 30 to 21 the Pirate beat the Quill Drivers in the Auditorium at indoor baseball last night. The game throughout was a good one, and the crowd of rooters and fans had a great good time of it. Most of the scoring was done in the first six innings, the last three being very keenly fought. Charlie Embleton captained the Pirates and W. D. Vance the Quills.

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

#### Lantern for Langara Light.

In the great shed when this visit was made were some fifteen to twenty big packing cases, so large that it must have taken much muscle and ingenuity to land and haul them to their present position with only the temporary facilities then in operation. Later there will be railway tracks laid from the dock right into the shed and repair shops. These packing cases contain the lantern and optical apparatus for the light to be placed at Langara, off the coast of Graham Island. An idea of the size of the shipment can be gathered from the estimated cost, which is \$40,000. The assembling and installation of the light will be one of the first large jobs undertaken at the new marine depot.

The Langara lighthouse is now being built, in charge of H. Killen, the Dominion superintendent.

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## DOUBLE POISONING TRAGEDY JUST AVERTED

Two Baby Children of Lucy Island Lighthouse Keeper Narrowly Escape Death From Large Doses of Patent Medicine Given by Eldest Child Playing "Doctor"

While Light Keeper Elstermann of Lawyer Island light has been relieved of what he believed to be a great sorrow, one of his fellows in the solitude of watching the lights that guard the approaches to Prince Rupert has been having his troubles, too—fully more serious than that of Keeper Elstermann, though, fortunately, also of happy termination. His two youngest children have just escaped death by poisoning.

Lighthouse Keeper Oulette, who has been stationed for about two years on the Lucy Island light with his wife and three little children, figures in the incident. The light keeper and his wife, with Father Wolfe, who has been spending a month on the island, had a most anxious time of it the day before yesterday. While the three older persons were out

about the small island attending to certain improvements in the way of a chicken run and garden which Oulette has been making, the children got into what might have been fatal mischief.

They were rummaging around the light house residence when one of the little ones found a large bottle of a powerful patent medicine kept on hand with other drugs in case of emergency. The child was playing with the bottle, which was tightly corked, when the other youngsters came along, and began to handle the bottle, too. It occurred to the eldest child to play "doctor." She got the other two to play "sick" and then proceeded to dose them thoroughly with big draughts from the bottle.

In a very few minutes the juvenile doctor found that she had real sick children on hand to cure, and that every dose of

the medicine she was administering was making them worse instead of better. The distracted little "doctor" was trying to "wake up" her already half-comatose patients when the parents and pastor came in. The two youngsters were in the throes of poisoning and in danger of their lives.

With the valuable help of Father Wolfe, who has some knowledge of first aid, the mother and father after a long struggle managed to revive the little ones and save their lives. They were getting better rapidly when Captain Norman Broadhurst reached the island yesterday in the Rover with mail and supplies. Father Wolfe left the island in the Rover yesterday. Owing to heavy weather outside an intended visit to Lawyer Island had to be abandoned.

#### HOMELESS CITY FATHERS

Where Will City Hall Staff and Council Roost Now?

News that the present city hall premises on the reserve must be vacated within fifteen days, which reached the City Clerk and Acting Mayor Douglas through the Bank of Commerce, owners of the building, caused mild consternation amongst the city fathers today. To the question "Where are you to go?" both the City Clerk and the Acting Mayor replied vaguely that they did not know, but the new fire hall was mentioned, and there is a prospect of rush work on the new city hall. "The City Engineer will report on the position at Monday's council," was the official information given out by Acting Mayor Douglas this morning.

#### NOTICE.

A general meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in the K. of P. Hall on Thursday eve, Feb. 22nd, at 8 p. m. An invitation is extended to all Liberals to be present.

P. W. ANDERSON, Secretary.

## MORSE CREEK MAKES GOOD

Special Test of Fire Protection Pressure Made Yesterday with Excellent Results—New Pumping Station Protects City.

Four lines of two and a half inch hose, through which were driven under fullest pressure streams of water rising to 100 and 150 feet high, showed yesterday afternoon that the new fire protection system established by the Morse Creek pumping station is fully capable of protecting the whole business section. The test was made by Fire Chief MacDonald and the City Engineer. Not a drop of the city's supply of drinking water was used, the whole fire protection supply being drawn from Morse Creek. The pressure at the pumping station never fell a pound all the time the test was in progress, and City Engineer Davis is confident that not only four but six strong streams of water can be maintained from Morse Creek plant unaugmented by the mountain pressure. There are ten million gallons of water in reserve behind Morse Creek dam now, and it is intended to use Morse Creek water only in time of fire or urgent need otherwise.

"New Lot of Ladies' " neckwear. Wallace's.