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## CITIZENS DEMAND COMPLETION OF GOVT. WHARF

### BIG TORNADO IN LOUISIANA

Eight People Known to Have Been Killed and Hundred Thousand Dollars' Damage Done to Property Around Shreveport.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Shreveport, La., Feb. 21.—Eight persons are known to have been killed, several others to have met a fate and property valued at approximately \$100,000 was demolished by a tornado that swept the western outskirts of Shreveport last night.

### CAMOSUN'S NEXT TRIP

Will Leave for South at 9 o'Clock Sunday Morning This Time.

J. H. Rogers, agent for the Union Steamship Company, has been notified that the Camosun will not call at Ocean Falls on her next journey here and that she will arrive about midnight Friday. She will leave for the south at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning. The Chelohsin, the new steamer of the company, is to sail from Vancouver for this port on February 24th.

### QUILLS PLUME THEMSELVES

They Beat Crescents Last Night by 45-30 at the Auditorium Indoor Baseball Match.

Another rapid match was played last night between the Quills Drivers and the Crescents at the Auditorium. The game resulted in a win for the Quills. Scoring was very hard throughout the whole of the play, and excitement was keen. The two teams, evenly enough matched, pulled it off in hot style, and great enthusiasm reigned among the rooters.

Potatoes are so expensive in the east that some of the leading hotels are serving them for dessert.

### PORT ESSINGTON SOCIETY GROWING TO BE HIGH TONED

HAS THE AMBITION TO HOLD A DICKENS CENTENARY ALL THE SAME AS THE LARGER CITIES AND MAKE A SUCCESS OF IT.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments ever promoted in the annals of Port Essington, B. C., was that which was given in the Cunningham Hall last Wednesday evening when local talent presented that well known play, "Bardell versus Pickwick," by Charles Dickens. A large audience gathered together to witness the merits of the different members of the company, and their presence was amply rewarded as each individual part was done in perfect style and reflected great credit on the "locals." Special mention might be made of Miss Morison, who captured the hearts of the audience by her charming display in the role of the young widow and clearly demonstrated her well known abilities in the front rank of amateurs.

### HAS NEW RECTOR

Rev. H. Edwards Returns After Twenty Years' Absence.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Feb. 21.—Rev. Henry Edwards has accepted the rectorship of St. James Church in succession to the late Rev. Fynes Clinton. The new rector is from Truro, England, and worked in British Columbia twenty-eight years ago.

### MIRACLE OF MODERN DAY

New York Woman Had Been Totally Blind for Two Years—Cry of "She's Dead!" Restores Her Sight.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
New York, Feb. 20.—"She's dead," cried some one as Mrs. Anna Churchill, 57 years old, totally blind for and partially paralyzed for two years, was about to be taken from a wagon where she lay prone into the family's new home in Brooklyn today. The shock the words gave her roused the woman to a protesting effort, and in a twinkling she had regained her sight.  
"Jim, Jim," she cried to her husband. "I can see." Her loss of vision was caused by paralysis and the shock she sustained on being taken for a corpse today is believed to have restored her sight.

### OPPOSED TO PENSIONS

Sir Richard Thinks Them Pauperizing and Degrading.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Sir Richard Cartwright in the Senate said the worst enemies of the working classes were those who seek to pauperize or degrade them into being recipients of pensions they had not earned, and further that Canada should not make preparations to relieve the submerged tenth, but to see that no submerged tenth exists in Canada. Senator Loughheed thought old age pensions were a long way off in Canada.

The steamer Vadso came in during the night and is discharging coal.

The steamer Celtic arrived this morning with a cargo of coal.

For row boats and launches telephone 326 green. Davis boat house.

### ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Feb. 21.—Word is being sent out from the Conservative headquarters that provincial elections are certain before the end of March.

### Harry Rochester Returns.

After an absence of two months Harry Rochester returned on the Prince Rupert this morning. During his vacation he visited Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and other large cities.

The Princess Beatrix arrived from the south at 7 o'clock this morning.

### BIG COAL STRIKE

British Cabinet Endeavoring to Prevent National Catastrophe.

(Special to Daily News.)  
London, Feb. 21.—The British Cabinet last night decided to take a hand in the endeavor to prevent the threatened national coal strike. Following the cabinet meeting Premier Asquith issued an invitation to the leading mine operators and miners for a conference tomorrow. Eight hundred thousand miners are affected.

### AN ALL-STAR HOCKEY TEAM

May Be Some Changes as Selection of Players Does Not Exactly Suit the Fans of Victoria.

Victoria, Feb. 16.—Jimmy Hewitt of the Vancouver Province has selected what he considers to be the all-star hockey team of the Pacific coast. Here it is:

- Goal—Hugh Lehman, Westminster.
- Point—Frank Patrick, Victoria.
- Goverpoint—Ernie Johnson, Westminster.
- Rover—Lester Patrick, Victoria.
- Centre—Eddie Lalonde, Vancouver.
- Right Wing—Harry Hyland, Westminster.
- Left Wing—Jimmy Gardner, Westminster.

From a Vancouver man's point of view that selection is perfect, but it would hardly suit Victorians.

### INVITED TO NELSON

What is Prince Rupert's Canadian Club Doing?

Nelson, Feb. 16.—The Nelson Canadian Club has sent a cordial invitation to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to visit Nelson as the guest of the club. If the Governor General accepts he will be asked to formally open Nelson's new \$30,000 rifle range, just completed.

For sale—Soda fountain and all appurtenances. C. H. Orme, tf

## MANSON AND THE GOVT. WHARF

Property Owners Still Anxiously Awaiting Reply to Their Petition Urging Speedy Completion of Work

### DAILY NEWS TELEGRAM AND THE REPLY

Our Member States That He Made Answer to the Petitioners on the Sixteenth—He Probably Dispatched This Answer by Slow Freight to Arrive on Completion of the Wharf Itself

**TELEGRAM No. 1.**  
Feb. 12th, 1912.  
To Wm. Manson, M. L. A.,  
Victoria, B. C.  
Property owner's meeting assembled urge you to make emphatic request for early completion government wharf. When here Deputy Commissioner expected completion last December.  
Signed: David H. Hays and Committee.

**TELEGRAM No. 2.**  
Feb. 20th, 1912.  
To Wm. Manson, M. P. P.,  
Victoria.  
When can merchants petitioning you completion wharf expect reply? Answer prepaid. DAILY NEWS.  
Above was sent by The News yesterday on first publication of telegram No. 1, no answer to which had been received to date.

**TELEGRAM No. 3.**  
Feb. 20th, 1912.  
To Daily News,  
Prince Rupert, B. C.  
Replied to Committee's telegram on the sixteenth inst. WM. MANSON.  
"I have had no reply yet from Mr. Manson, and know nothing further about the matter. The reply I should judge would come addressed to me as chairman of the committee."—David H. Hays

Littered with lumber, cement, gravel, derrick framing, iron bolts, spikes, etc., the Provincial Government wharf looks this morning about as far off the finished state as it did over three months ago. This wharf has been under construction for years.

There has been a conspicuous absence of frost recently, but the gang of men employed laying concrete pavement has succeeded in getting down only a few square yards. Work on the Manson Way, the angular access to the wharf, which was started months and months ago, is jogging along with gradual, almost imperceptible growth. The iron bollards which arrived last fall for the wharf are mostly in position, but are not all bolted down.

One noticeable feature appears to be complete. That is the long row of spring buffers faced with heavy lumber booms which are intended to relieve the concrete structure of the wharf from jarring impact when large steamships come alongside.

#### The First Pile.

All the reinforced concrete piles really are in place. This seems too good to be true, but it is so. Way back in the spring time last year the first pile was in place. It was the first sign of progress that had been seen about the wharf for many a weary

month. Old timers hailed it with admiration and passed the news along from one to another with jubilation. Then there was a long pause. The effort of getting that first pile in place seemed almost too much for the Provincial Government, and a spell of rest was proclaimed while engineers and experts bandied words about how the job was to be carried out.

#### Time and Tide.

For months before this first pile appeared the work of building a sea wall to retain the material blasted out of the railway cut at the wharf site had proceeded with the speed of the crystal growing in the rock. At that time it was stated that the work was slow because it had to be done between tides and that when low tide happened at an unearthly hour of the morning the men could not do any sort of useful work on the job. Apparently low tide in those days (the summer before last) had a perfect habit of happening in the small hours of the morning, for the sea wall was not completed until after the first pile was in position, many a month later.

#### The Second Pile.

Before the second pile was placed weary weeks elapsed. Then it was discovered that one of the piles was too long, and the tough

ferro concrete had to be sawed, chipped and fled through laboriously. This happened with several of the first few piles placed. All the while the struggle of the construction gangs was to place the piles each in its appointed place by the method approved by government, which was a patent process supposed to do away with the need for ramming down the piles. It turned out that owing to the amount of rock blasted into the water at this point the bottom was unsuitable for this process to work effectively, and not until it was abandoned and the older method of fitting steel shoes to the piles and driving them was instituted, was there any rapid progress shown in the pile placing.

#### Timbering Done.

The timbering of the structure after the piles were placed went along pretty fast, and then it seemed the wharf took another easy spell, during which time between last fall and the present day, the patent spring buffer equipment was put in, a little concrete work was done and the Manson Way was advanced a plank or two and a stairway. The cast iron bollards also arrived and were teamed into place and partly fixed down.

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### WICKEDNESS OF SEATTLE

Instance of How Numerically Strong is the Underworld of Vice as Compared with Decent Citizenship in Seattle.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Seattle, Feb. 21.—Hiram Gill, ex-mayor of this city, who was recalled from that office less than two years ago, last night practically secured his election, the nominating primary giving him 23,000 votes to his nearest opponent's 13,000. Three other candidates were away behind.

### DEBATE TONIGHT.

That Municipal Ownership is, After All, a Failure.

In the Presbyterian Hall tonight representatives of the three churches engaging in debates in Rupert will take part in another interesting discussion, the subject being "That Municipal Ownership Has Turned Out a Failure." The debate will be in the hands of capable leaders and should prove an intensely interesting one.

Mr. Joseph Martin's only objection to the Right Hon. Mr. Asquith as premier is that he does not consult Mr. Martin on all state and party questions.

### ANOTHER FLYER IS BADLY HURT

Started on Flight Over Frozen Lake Erie, but Found Severely Injured on the American Shore.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Erie, Pa., Feb. 21.—Earl Sandt, 23 years old, started on an aeroplane flight from Erie to Port Rowan, Canada, last night over the frozen Lake Erie. He went up at 5:50 p. m., but up to midnight had not arrived. A late report states that he was found this morning near here on the American shore of Lake Erie, severely injured.

### NEW GASOLINE LAUNCH IS ADDED TO OUR HARBOR FLEET

NEW CRAFT IS FLAT BOTTOMED AND OF LIGHT DRAUGHT SUITABLE FOR WORK IN TIDAL WATERS AND FOR RIVER DUTY.

Yet another gasoline launch has been added to the ever growing fleet of Prince Rupert power boats. The latest addition is a stout little launch as yet unnamed, which was built by Captain Kohrt over at Wolf Island and launched the other day. The boat now lies at the Rupert Marine wharf being engined.

In several respects this new boat is an interesting departure. She is flat bottomed and therefore of very light draught, making her eminently suited to work in the tidal waters around the harbor or for river duty. She is broad in the beam and very roomy inside. Her pilot house and engine room are forward, after the design found by far the most suitable for these waters, and she is strongly decked and roofed over houses.

Somewhat bluff in the bow the new boat has a smooth, easy glide over the water and is likely to make a very good speed. She is being fitted with an eight horse power Palmer engine. As yet the interior fittings of the launch are all to build. Her framing and strong crooks of natural yellow cedar are plainly visible at present, and the substantial quality of the workmanship put into her over the winter by her owner is seen. On trial trips to test engines she has behaved very well indeed.

### RECIPROCITY BOBS UP.

Senate Committee to Report What Canada Lost.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—A commission of thirteen members of the Canadian Senate will determine exactly what the Dominion loses by the rejection of reciprocity with the United States. The commission was appointed on a motion made by Senator Edwards, a Liberal from Ontario. At the suggestion of one of the western members it also was asked to report what Canada gained in defeating this proposed trade pact.

Panorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

### THE WEATHER.

Twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., February 21, 1912: Bar., 29.914; max. temp., 43.0; min. temp., 37.0; precipitation, .44.

### 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.

### PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Jack Beatty is trying hard to look busy.  
C. C. Westenhaver boasts that he alone saw our missing mayor.  
Acting Mayor Douglas considers sending out that tracer.  
Harry Rochester says there's no place like home when home is Prince Rupert.  
Property owners still await Mr. Manson's delayed reply.  
Government wharf still setting the pace.