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GERMAN OPINION ON CHURCHILL'S PROPOSITION

CHURCHILL TRIED TO GOLDBRICK GERMANY

Comments on Leading German Newspapers on Churchill's Bluff to Induce Germany to Abandon Increase in Naval Strength

(Special to Daily News.)
Berlin, March 20.—If Winston Churchill hoped by his speech in the British House of Commons to induce Germany to abandon the proposed strengthening of her navy, he will be disappointed by the comment of the German morning papers. Not a single newspaper considers this alternative. A few ultra-patriotic organs have indulged in the usual abusive replies, but the comment generally is restrained though firm.

The 60 per cent. standard, constituting the Britain ratio of new construction above that of Germany, as proposed by Mr. Churchill, has a surprisingly wide acceptance, but it is repeatedly pointed out that Mr. Churchill's figures are deceptive and would work out in reality not less than two to one.

The Berliner Post referring to this point says: "Churchill is undoubtedly attempting to gold brick Germany."

J. G. McNabb, general agent of the C. P. R., arrived this morning.

O. B. Smith of the Hidden Creek Copper Co., Goose Bay, is in the city.

MEETING A FROST

Bella Coola Fails to Rally to Conservative Standard.

(Special to The News.)

Bella Coola, March 19.—Conservative meeting here called by Halsey poorly attended; principally by Liberals and non-voters. Dr. Cavanaugh, a non-voter, presided.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL SEVERELY CRITICIZED

Bonar Law Says the Remedy is Worse Than the Disease, But the Bill Has the Strenuous Support of the Labor Members

(Special to Daily News.)
London, March 20.—The government's minimum wage bill passed its first reading last night. It was rather severely criticized and it is predicted that it will not have an easy passage through the commons. Bonar Law said the

remedy proposed seemed worse than the disease, but he would wait for the printed text before committing the opposition to any attitude on the measure. Lloyd George declared there was nothing revolutionary in the bill.

The House of Lords have a special sitting on Saturday to rush the measure through so that the men can resume work on Monday.

The bill has the support of the labor members. Fenwick, Liberal, who is a working collier,

thinks it necessary to take a ballot of the men on the bill before work is resumed and that it will be impossible to open the mines on Monday.

W. L. Barker, who has been visiting in southern cities, returned on the George.

Miss Du Vernet returned by the Prince George.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

BIG CROWD HEARS ARGUMENT ON ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN

Dr. Kergin, Ald. Montgomery and Thomas Dunn Get in Some Hot Ones Anent the Uselessness of William Manson

ALEX. MANSON MAKES BRILLIANT SPEECH

Demands a Business Government and That Money Voted for Roads and Bridges Shall be Expended in a Business and not a Political Way—Would Take the Liquor Trade Out of Politics and Also Civil Service—Local Conservatives Have by no Means Buried the Hatchet

The first political meeting of the campaign was held in the Empress Theatre last night. It was an open-to-all meeting and the great crowd the announcement gathered, not nearly all of which could crush into the building, was an evidence of the deep interest taken in the issues of the day. On the platform were Dr. Kergin, who presided; W. H. Montgomery, the Socialist candidate; Thomas Dunn, Thomas McClymont and the Liberal candidate, Alex. M. Manson. Both candidates were cheered as they took their seats. Dr. Kergin invited any supporters of William Manson to take seats on the platform and there was no response.

In the course of an able and lengthy introductory speech the chairman referred to the statement running in the Journal to the effect that a vote for a Liberal candidate was a vote thrown away, and that to obtain anything from the provincial government we must have a friend at court. Nothing could be more misleading. To prove this he quoted the appropriations for this district published in The News yesterday and showed that the increase in these appropriations had not kept pace with the growth of the district, because Skeena had recently grown more rapidly than any other riding in the province; had increased enough to have the vote of three ridings. As far as his experience in the legislature went the government was willing to listen to opponents as well as supporters, but the morning paper insisted that the McBride government would not give opponents fair treatment. If that was the case we had advanced little more than Russia in representative government. (Cheers.)

W. H. Montgomery was the first speaker. He spoke at great

SILENT WILLIAM HIKES

Takes to His Heels When Challenged to Meet Clayton at Hazelton.

William Joliffe Manson (Silent Bill) was afraid to meet Clayton at Hazelton when the latter announced a public meeting, to which the gentle purring ex-member was publicly invited. Silent Bill immediately upon hearing of the Clayton meeting cancelled a meeting of his own, which he had previously arranged for, and departed post haste for Aldermer. Clayton, undaunted, followed in his wake, determined to make Manson face the music.

It shows that William has a yellow streak and is afraid to face the people on his shiftless record as a representative of Skeena. The people of upper Skeena are thoroughly disgusted with him and he and his followers know it. They are solidly against William Manson. None have suffered more than they through the unfairness of the Two-Man government.

William is doomed in the Hazelton district just as surely as he is doomed in Rupert.

length and with ability, clearly defining the issues from a Socialist and labor point of view. He pictured the hardships settlers and pre-emptors had to suffer, and on the railway policy said the dominant idea of the government

HARD BOILED COUNCIL

Deeds of City Fathers Dealt with in Paragraph for Lack of Space.

Night before last the purchasing agent bylaw was passed and yesterday Purchasing Agent Brooksbank took his official position at the city hall. Tradesmen in the city are hereby warned solemnly that they accept orders from the city without the purchasing agent's signature at their own risk.

The billiard saloon bylaw was not officially dealt with as its father, Alderman Clayton, was absent, but Ted. Morrison and another billiard saloon proprietor were heard. The early closing bylaw passed its second reading and also the public weigh scales bylaw.

C. E. Dewey, general freight agent, Winnipeg, and L. C. Druce, commercial agent, Vancouver, accompanied by A. E. McMaster, general agent, Prince Rupert, of the Grand Trunk, arrived on the George. Mr. Dewey and Mr. Druce are on a trip of inspection and will remain in town for a week or so.

PROUD OLD INDIAN CHIEF AND STEAMBOAT OF THE BUSH

HOW THE PATRIARCH OF THE KITWANGA INDIANS RESIGNED HIS CHIEFTAINSHIP TO THE LOCOMOTIVE AND HOW PAT PHILLIPSON PERSUADED HIM BACK.

"I am no longer chief! The steamboat of the bush has come and he is the chief now. I will go away and make place for him."

With these words the fine old chief of the Kitwanga Indians, by whose territory now the G. T. P. steel is passing, wrapped his blanket about him and departed far into the bush away from the gleaming steel and snorting locomotives.

With the utmost difficulty the old chief was persuaded to return to his people, who are welcoming the coming of the railway as a great advance for their country. Sergeant "Pat" Phillipson had to go himself into the far retreat in the bush where the old chief had secluded himself, and with much exercise of persuasive Irish eloquence, not to say blarney, managed at last to induce the chief to return.

The sergeant showed the fine old Indian that the railway would bring advantages with it to the chief and his people, and that the marvelous "steamboat of the

HE HAD A FRIEND AT COURT TODAY

Two Young Men Fined Twelve Dollars Each for a Frolic—One Did Not Appear, but His Friend Paid.

Twelve dollars or fifteen days was the penalty inflicted this morning by Magistrate Carss on two young men named Harvey and Goodman, who had wandered drunk into the segregated district and there created a disturbance, breaking a door and a lantern. Harvey appeared and paid his fine. Goodman, who had put up a gold watch as bail and left a five spot to meet his fine, did not appear, but a friend settled for him and recovered the watch deposited. Both men came into town by a recent boat.

Canada has a greater railway mileage than Australia and New Zealand, or Italy and pain combined, and more than all South American countries.

W. B. DOUGHTY ARRIVED TODAY

He is Attending to the Development of the Extensive Fishing Industry to Be Created Here by Sir George Doughty.

Mr. W. B. Doughty was a passenger by the Prince George this morning. He has come to look after the establishment of Sir George Doughty's large fishing enterprise on the Queen Charlotte Islands and at Prince Rupert. Prosecution of this great industry will be in full swing by the time the G. T. P. gets through, the enterprise to include the establishment of a fleet of trawlers, with a special steamer serving the fleet taking the fish to Prince Rupert for shipment. The cannery at Queen Charlotte Islands is the first of Sir George Doughty's fishing concerns on this coast to take actual industrial shape. It will be shipping this year.

Choice liquors and cigars—Savoy.

BETHANY GIRLS TONIGHT

Concert and Japanese Tea at Presbyterian Club.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Jack Chisholm a concert is to be given tonight in the Presbyterian Hall by the Bethany Girls. It is sure to be one of the excellent events of the season, and arrangements will be made to seat the full capacity of the hall. The concert will be followed by a Japanese tea and other social features. An admission of 50 cents will be charged for the concert and tea.

CAMOSUN SCHEDULE

Old Reliable Will Arrive and Leave as She Used To.

Word has been received by wire that the steamer Camosun has returned to her old schedule, leaving Vancouver at 9 o'clock tonight instead of last night, arriving here Friday evening, en route to Stewart, and leaving this city for the south Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

For row boats and launches telephone 320 green. Davis boat house.

MCDONALD NEVER WAS MADE DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER

THEREFORE NEVER COULD BE DISCHARGED AS SUCH—FULL STATEMENT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES MADE BY RETURNING OFFICER CLARKE.

Ed. Clarke, returning officer, was rightfully aggrieved at the statement in The News yesterday that J. F. McDonald, his deputy returning officer for Hazelton, had been discharged because he had told Dr. Clayton that he was pledged to vote for William Manson. Mr. Clarke says that he received no wire from Dr. Clayton on that or any other subject; that as returning officer Socialists, Liberals, Independent Conservatives and old line Conservatives all look alike to him; that he is endeavoring to be strictly impartial as it is his sworn duty to be. The facts in the case he states as follows:

"I had to send stationery, locks, forms and all that goes with ballot boxes except the boxes themselves, which were ordered in Hazelton, up the river. I was going to send one man with them. I tried to get a pass for him on a work train from Van Arsdol to the end of steel, but Mr. Mehan told me he did not think any train would be running. It would therefore take

two men to pack the stuff from Van Arsdol to Skeena Crossing, so I sent two, J. F. Joice and J. F. McDonald, the former taking the papers from this office and everything except the instructions which Mr. McDonald was to call for. He never did call for them and they are here now.

"I had to wire these instructions to Mr. Allison, the government agent at Hazelton. Joice wired me that he had arrived there, but I heard nothing of or from McDonald. I then wired the government agent at Hazelton to make all arrangements with Joice for the distribution of the ballot boxes to interior points. I also wired to Joice to take full charge of this work and wired to McDonald that when he reached Hazelton the government agent would settle with him for his services to date.

"The deputy returning officer at Hazelton is Barrister Hovell. I never heard from McDonald since he left here and the instructions prepared for him are still in this office."

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Overheard on Fourth street: "J. F. McDonald in bed with Joe Merryfield is a little truth about a large lie." Big deal in unreal estate: Progressives and Empire both bought by McBride-Bowser bunch. City's hotel accommodation reported taxed to the utmost capacity. That rod in pickle for the captain of the Falcon is getting prime. Pat Scott and his training Salt have just dropped into The News office. "Buddy" has just put up a bet of \$50 that the boxing contest goes over ten rounds.

Splendid Entertainment.

A capital program is arranged for the social to be held this evening at 8:15 in the Presbyterian Hall under the auspices of the Young People's Club. The Bethany Girls have sole charge and an excellent time is assured. In addition to a little sketch which these capable amateurs will present, refreshments will be served "Japanese a la Kimono." Admission 50c.

C. W. Peck, who was reported away on a matrimonial expedition, returned today single handed. He visited Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle and Scenic Hot Springs in the Cascade Mountains, Washington. He says George Morrow is doing a land office business in Vancouver.

ANOTHER VICTORY

Our Curlers Are Doing Some Good Advertising.

(Special to The News.)

Vancouver, March 20.—The Prince Rupert curling team, in the second game of the bonspiel last night, won a second victory, defeating the crack Vancouver team by 8 to 4.

The above jubilant despatch comes to The News this morning signed "McMordie, Mobley, Broderick, Benson Company."

General Freight Agent Here.

General Freight Agent Dewey of the G. T. P., arrived this morning by the Prince George and is the increased business coming to the G. T. P.'s various transportation concerns on this coast and up river.

Grand hard times ball given under the auspices of the Cooks' and Waiters' Local 825, A. F. of L., McIntyre Hall, Wednesday evening, March 20th.

Experienced cleaner and presser wanted immediately. Sweder Bros., Helgerson Block.

George Frizzell, who came in on the George, reports a new automobile delivery service to be inaugurated by his firm.

LIBERAL HEADQUARTERS...

The Alex. M. Manson Campaign Committee have leased the Old Optimist Building on Second Ave., for the campaign. All friends of Good Government cordially invited