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## KAISER CALLS GERMAN SOLDIERS FROM CANADA

### BALFOUR'S RETURN AS LEADER GREAT SURPRISE TO COMMONS

Now Leading Unionists But May Again Lead Whole Opposition---  
Minimum Wage Bill May Pass Second Reading But Will be  
Opposed in Committee---Kaiser Calling Soldiers  
Home in Expectation of War With England

(Special to Daily News.)  
London, March 21.—The fate of the minimum wage bill hangs trembling in the balance. A. J. Balfour will move the rejection of the bill in the Commons this afternoon.

The dramatic re-appearance of Balfour in the role of leader of the opposition comes as a great surprise, the decision on this course being taken at a meeting of prominent Unionists. Whether this development heralds the return of Balfour to active leadership of the opposition remains to be seen. If, as the Unionists assert, the government is riding for a fall, it may come over the minimum wage bill. But there is little doubt that the government can carry the second reading of the bill, as the Labor party and the Nationalists have decided to give it their support to that end.

Difficulties will arise in the committee stage when the Laborites will move an amendment with the idea of having inserted the schedule of minimum rates as fixed by the Miners' Federation. It appears, however, that the federation only

carried the resolution in favor of this procedure by a majority of 12 in 160 votes. Evidently therefore, a large section of the federation is in favor of a less extreme procedure, and possibly when the committee stage arrives more reasonable counsels may prevail.

A cabinet council will be held today to consider the situation. The probability is that the parliamentary discussion of the bill will extend to late next week and there can be no resumption of work until the bill is passed.

#### SOLDIERS CALLED HOME

Exodus of German-Canadians in Expectation of War.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Montreal, March 21.—There is a great exodus of German-Canadians, who are said to be army reservists, to the Fatherland now going on, places on the steamers being booked ahead for all summer. The report has gained headway here that the Kaiser has recalled these men in expectation of an Anglo-German war, but that has been denied by the German consul here.

### ROBBERS WHO SHOT CONSTABLE ONCE MORE UNDER ARREST

CONSTABLE ASHTON IN DYING CONDITION—ROBBERS HELD  
PENDING THE OUTCOME—COOLLY EAT DINNER ON  
STEAMBOAT AFTER SHOOTING.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Victoria, March 21.—Telegraphic advices to Superintendent Campbell last night announce the re-capture of Wilson and James, who escaped from custody at Peachland after shooting Constable Ashton, in whose charge they were being taken to Vernon for trial for the burglary of a store there.

The shot was fired in the stateroom of the lake steamer and passed unnoted by those aboard. The prisoners calmly partook of dinner soon afterward and left the steamer at the first stop.

Constable Ashton was subsequently discovered to be so seriously wounded that his death is hourly expected. The prisoners are being held pending the outcome of the constable's injuries.

#### TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

(Special to Daily News.)  
McCurran, Okla., March 21.—One hundred and five men lost their lives yesterday when an explosion occurred on the ninth level of the mine of the Sans Bala Coal Company. One hundred and sixteen miners were underground at the time, and of these only eleven came out of the wrecked mine alive. All hope of rescuing the others has been abandoned.

#### PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Finance Minister inflated by last night's applause, is walking on air this afternoon.  
Ex-chairman of Board of Works and present chairman having a big row. They may appear in the preliminaries at the opera house this evening.  
Mayor Newton is seen sunning his new "principles."  
Wireless from Wm. Manson that Bella Coola political frost has spread to Bulkley and Skeena valleys.  
The waving of Montgomery's red flag scared the Mayor's bulls at the smoker.  
Halsey going past. Walks very proudly since commanding federal cruiser.

#### W. MANSON UP RIVER

Bella Coola Frost Seems to Have Hit in the Skeena.

H. M. Clarke this morning received the following telegram from Dr. Clayton at Hazelton:

"Captured Manson's meeting at Telkwa and Aldermere and at Hazelton last night. Audience insisted on hearing me and compelled an extension of time to me."

#### Bayley-Scott Contest.

There will be a number of one dollar seats to the Bayley-Scott boxing bout sold at the door of the Westholme tonight. 1t

Alex. Wallace, well known commercial traveler, is in town.

#### Indoor Baseball

Quill Drivers v. Pirates at the Auditorium, Friday, March 22. Game called 8.15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skating after the game. 2t

Warm, clean rooms at Savoy.

## BULLDOZING ATTEMPTED AT BELLA COOLA

Voters Distinctly Notified by President of Conservative Association That if They DARE to Support an Opposition Candidate They May Say Goodbye

It will have been noticed that Charles H. Halsey, the special ambassador to Bella Coola of Ring King Manson, for whose special use the federal cruiser Falcon was commandeered, in his report of the result of his mission to the government organ made no mention of the "tremendous enthusiasm" with which the name of his chief was received at the Conservative meeting there. The News published an item yesterday that the meeting was a frost. There was a reason for this, and a good one. There they feel and are as indignant about the tyranny of ring rule as are the people of Prince Rupert.

Herbert L. Harris, one of the leading old timers of Bella Coola, writes to the Victoria Times over his own signature denouncing the fact a provincial election is "thrust upon the electorate at such short notice as to absolutely prohibit outlying districts, such as Bella Coola, from having any voice in the nomination of a candidate even by proxy."

Mr. Harris in his letter goes on to state:

"The people of British Columbia have now had all the time required to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the true terms of

the contract between the McBride government and the Canadian Northern Railway Co., and recognizing this and fearing that on the present occasion something more than rash statements will be required by the electors, intimidation is evidently going to be given a trial.

"A statement was made to two voters in Bella Coola, of whom I was one, to the effect that 'if the people of Bella Coola dared to support an opposition candidate, then goodbye to their chances of any further progress in that valley, as they would certainly not be given another decent appropriation for the building of roads, bridges, etc.'"

"Now, I want it understood that this statement was made by a person who, besides being president of the Conservative party in Bella Coola, is also drawing a salary from the provincial government, which, to all who understand how the government uses its various officials prior to an election is strong evidence that perhaps he knew something when he made that scandalous statement. Can this be true?"

"We, who have lived in Bella Coola and understand conditions existing before the gentleman's arrival in Canada, which, by the way, only occurred about a year ago, think not."

### MAYOR MAKES APOLOGIES FOR SUPPORTING WM. MANSON

Chairman and Speakers at Conservative Spiritless Smoker Apologetically Admit Defects in McBride Government and That Their Candidate Needs Backbone---But "I Might State" Says He Will Starch Some Stiffening Into Him

Instead of an atmosphere of strong spirits at the Conservative smoker held in the Empress Theatre last night, there was an atmosphere of apology. Apology most pronounced for William Manson and the McBride government, and less outspoken but still noticeable for the absence of

the convivial cup which recently brewed such a tempest for the temperance candidate. With cigar smoke and hot air an effort was made to do without the fluid refreshment.

#### Gives the Devil His Dues.

An apologetic defense of the McBride government by the chairman, R. A. White, led off the meeting. Mr. White thought no government ever gave entire satisfaction, but McBride's had done quite a lot for Prince Rupert. He did not understand why the government lots had not been sold, nor why a decent court house had not been built before this. He mentioned the government wharf. There burst out a gust of laughter. Well never mind, he said, it was going to be quite a wharf, the only one of its kind in B. C., he thought. Some people might knock the McBride government, "still," said Mr. White, "I believe in giving the devil his due." (Cheers.)

Finance Minister Talks Finance.

Alderman Douglas, who next spoke, was the feature of the evening. "I might state," he began (great applause), "that I am supporting William Manson. (Ap-

plause ceased.) I want to get hold of some of that eight million dollars of B. C. appropriations." (Immense cheering and cries of "Get it. You need the money," and "How much have you now?") "You all know Mr. William Manson," went on the redoubtable one. ("We sure do," shouted some one at the back.) And the Finance Minister of the city proceeded to explain that he intended to see that Mr. William Manson should do all he could for the interest of Prince Rupert, and of every working man in the country. (Ironical applause.) Mr. Manson was not much of it in the House as a speaker perhaps, but many a man who can't make a public speech can do useful work on committees. On the principle that McBride's government does mostly everything in committees, he argued that Mr. Manson might be most useful there.

Invertebrate "Will Force."  
"We have got a great and glorious country," announced Alderman Douglas. The audience agreed while the speaker went on in an all-embracing sentence to

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### D. G. S. FALCON RETURNS WITH WM. MANSON'S ELECTIONEER

SIR WILFRID LAURIER QUESTIONS MINISTER OF MARINE ON  
MATTER AND IS TOLD NO ONE WAS AUTHORIZED TO USE  
GOVERNMENT STEAMERS FOR ELECTIONEERING.

Bringing back with her the William Manson electioneering lieutenant, Mr. Charles Halsey, from Bella Coola, the Dominion government fisheries steamer Falcon arrived in Rupert yesterday afternoon and berthed at the Rupert Marine wharf.

Captain Copp was handed a telegram from Ottawa which may or may not have had to do with the commandeering of the steamer for electioneering purposes, but of course the hardy captain and his men have nothing to say on the subject. It is understood, however, from statements made by the captain casually that he had some definite authority given him to start on the electioneering trip, the responsibility for which rests elsewhere. That the department at Victoria had no authority to allow the use of the Falcon or Joliffe for electioneering purposes is shown by the following despatch from Ottawa:

Ottawa, March 18.—The Commons held the first morning sitting today, beginning the final spurt to reach prorogation by the end of next week. Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked the Minister of Marine if the government was aware that complaints had been made that the government vessels William Joliffe and Falcon were being used by the Conserva-

tive candidate for political purposes in Northern British Columbia during the present election campaign there. Hon. Mr. Hazen replied that complaints to that effect had been made but no one had been authorized to allow the vessels to be used for such purposes. The marine and fisheries agent at Victoria had been so informed and instructions to all government employees were that they should take no part in politics.

#### GROUNDHOG ROAD

Subsidy for Railway from Yellowhead Pass to Vancouver.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Ottawa, March 20.—Railway subsidies were brought down in the House last night. Among them is one for the Naas and Skeena River Railway Co., from Nasoga Gulf to Groundhog Mountain, a hundred miles.

The Canadian Northern Pacific gets \$12,000 a mile for 525 miles from Yellowhead Pass to Vancouver.

Don't forget the Sons of Norway dance at the K. of P. Hall Saturday, March 23rd, at 8 p. m. sharp. Good music and refreshments. All are invited. 4t

#### 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

### HOLD BOXING BOUT TONIGHT

Great Deal of Interest Aroused in What Promises to Be the Best Boxing Event Ever Pulled Off in Rupert.

For the lightweight championship of the Northwest, Pat Scott will meet Joe Bayley at the Westholme Theatre tonight. Immediately upon the conclusion of the regular performance last night workmen commenced construction of the ring in the theatre auditorium, and by this afternoon all will be in readiness for the fray. A number of fans from southern cities, as well as up river, have arrived in the city to witness the contest, and that it will be one of the liveliest contests ever seen in Rupert is agreed by all who have seen the two men. Bayley has been a strong favorite with local fans, but the Seattle lad is gaining friends every hour and the chances are that by the time the going sounds the sentiment will be about even. T. Nelson Dunn, Prince Rupert's favorite referee, will officiate in that capacity tonight.

Wanted, experienced boat builder. Apply O. M. Helgeson, Ltd.

#### HURRAH FOR RUPERT

Our Curlers Win Five Times Without a Break.

Another jubilant telegram from Vancouver, signed by "McMordie, Mobley, Broderick, Benson Co.," was received this morning. It states that the Prince Rupert rink defeated three of Vancouver's crack rinks one after the other. The score of the first game was: Prince Rupert 7, Vancouver 6; second game 8 to 5, and third game 8 to 7. This makes five games straight our rink has won, which is going some.

#### MONTGOMERY'S PREFERENCE

Rather Be Called a Sandbagger Than Road Superintendent.

Bound for Stewart, both on electioneering bent but for different causes, W. H. Montgomery, Socialist candidate, and Road Superintendent Gillingham traveled on the same boat.

Montgomery eyed his rival campaigner. "Huh!" he remarked. "When I'm through with this I guess I'd rather be called a sandbagger than a road superintendent!" To the huge delight of various non-supporters of the McBride method of electioneering and the Manson way.

### COMPLETION OF THE WHARF

Mayor Newton Says It Should Have Been Completed a Year Ago, and Yet He Is Now Out in Support of Manson.

The Mayor said last night that the wharf should have been finished a year ago and everybody agreed with him.

Mr. Thomas Dunn said some interesting things about the wharf in his speech on behalf of Dr. Clayton in the Empress Theatre on Tuesday evening. He said that the wharf had been under construction over two years and was not near completed. Unless slips were put in the wharf was no good, and the plans for these slips had not even arrived yet.

The wharf was calculated to bear a pressure of 120 tons to the square inch. There was nothing extraordinary about that. Why, the Grand Trunk Pacific wharf, which cost much less, would stand 225 tons to the square foot. The wharf had now cost about \$70,000, and to put in the slips would cost about \$30,000. Someone asked the date for the completion of the wharf, to which Mr. Dunn replied: "God only knows; I don't."

Best room in town at the Savoy.