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AUSTRIANS LOST HEAVILY IN CARPATHIAN BATTLE--FRENCH HAVE HAD BRILLIANT SUCCESS

FRENCH TRIUMPH NEAR VERDUN--ATTEMPTS OF GERMANS FAILED

OPERATION FOR ALLIES LOOKING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL--FRENCH ARE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF PLAINS OF WOEVRE.

(Special to The Daily News.) Germans holding St. Mihiel, while the southern flank is threatened by the French advance from Pont-a-Mousson and the Meuse. The Germans are desperately trying to hold the line. They made fifteen assaults at one place but were defeated.

ELECTION GAVE MAJORITY TO NEWTON

The bye-election held yesterday in this city ex-Mayor Newton was re-elected by a majority over ex-Alderman McClymont. Alderman Dybhavn was elected instead of Alderman Morrissey by a majority of 38 over other candidates. Little interest was taken in the election until the last day, the friends of the respective candidates showed a little activity. Mayor and ex-Alderman Morrissey had been disqualified, apparently, over a technicality, done business with the file holding office. The vote was as follows:

NEW SPECIES CRAB.

Mr. Blaauw, janitor of the Boarding School, is using his Easter vacation in a profitable way. He and others go prospecting to the deep, and this time he has discovered a species of crabs that he valued in the old country which he did not know existed here. It is known as the "Tom Fiddler" crab, or "Tom Fiddler," and is prized as a luxury where known, as it is much more than the ordinary crab. It is plentiful here. One of the crabs is on exhibition at this time. Mr. Blaauw is a fisherman of considerable experience.

ROWING CLUB DANCE.

The P. R. Rowing and Yacht Club held their annual ball last night in McIntyre Hall, which was decorated for the occasion. Evidence of aquatic sports was in prominence. About seventy-five couples attended and one of the most successful and popular balls of the season was enjoyed. The music was furnished by the Westholme orchestra and favorable comments were made about its excellence. Delicious refreshments were also served during the evening.

BARNES-ROOSEVELT SUIT SET FOR TRIAL

Counsel Agree on April 19 for Hearing on Libel Action for \$50,000.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 10.—By agreement of counsel for both sides, the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes, of Albany, against former President Theodore Roosevelt has been set down for April 19. The action will have preference over all other cases on the calendar. The name of the justice who will preside has not been announced.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

The Ladies' Aid of Smithers Methodist Church held a very successful concert and play at the Prince Theatre on Tuesday evening, April 6. The program was as follows: Tosti's "Good Bye," by Miss Martin, of Hazelton, Mrs. F. D. Eason ably accompanying same, and responded with "The Minstrel Boy," both numbers being well received by the audience. This was followed by a recitation by Mrs. A. C. Campbell, formerly of Prince Rupert, but now of Aldermere, "An Incident of the Crimea," which was received with great applause, Mrs. Campbell responding with a humorous recitation entitled "A Schoolboy's Dilemma." Mr. Wiggs followed with a humorous rendering of "Come Back to Aaron" in the Hebrew dialect, responding with "The Automobile Crank," both of which were much enjoyed. The event of the evening was then staged, entitled, "An Old-Time Ladies' Aid Business Meeting at Mohawk Crossroads," the following ladies taking part: Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. S. Johnston, Mrs. Fred Watson, Mrs. Wm. Howes, Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Robert Barker, Mrs. Wm. Wheatley, Miss Miller, Mrs. R. E. Williams, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. A. J. French, Mrs. Downey, Mrs. McKilligan, Miss Connor, Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. J. Greer.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning worship, 11 a. m.; subject, "The Ministry of Affliction." Evening worship, 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Blind Eye and Deaf Ear." Sunday School meets at 2:30. The Girls' Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will hold a dance on Friday, April 16, in St. Andrew's Hall. The funds raised will be used for patriotic purposes. 79-80 Situation wanted by young man. Experienced salesman and business education. High class references. Apply Box 133, Daily News. 7f.



GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED AT NEUVE CHAPPELLE. Some of the hundreds of Germans captured by the British in the fighting at Neuve Chapelle, France, "marooned" on barges in the River Lys awaiting their removal to internment camps.

FRANCIS JOSEPH SUES FOR PEACE--OPENS NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA

Fear of Irreparable Damage to His Country Has Driven Emperor to This Act--Russia Will Demand All of Province of Galicia.

Petrograd, April 10.—The most important occurrence since the beginning of the war took place today, when Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, opened negotiations with Russia to secure an honorable peace. The recent successes of the Russians has prompted this, as it was evident that the onrush of the Russians could not be checked and that it would do irreparable damage to the country.

SHIP TORPEDOED.

(Special to The Daily News) Paris, April 10.—The French sailing ship Chateaubriand, on a voyage from London to New York with chalk, was torpedoed off Barfleur. The crew was saved.

GRAVE ADMISSION

Ald. Maitland, also, has declared that he did not attend the special meeting of the Council to consider the resignation of ex-Ald. McClymont because he did not want it to go through. In other words, he is a party to the machine methods that prevented a quorum being present. It apparently doesn't matter to Ald. Maitland that a hundred dollars of the city's money are lost on account of his action through the city having to call another election. What hope is there for a city that will elect aldermen who refuse to do their duty and who then boast about it? Ald. Maitland and his accomplices should be made to pay this cost. Indeed, this declaration on their part makes them guilty of conspiracy.

German border, it is expected that German will protest, as this would considerably menace Prussia. The Emperor has also appealed to the Vatican to aid in the securing of peace. Hungary in Danger. At the present time the Russians practically control the passes of the Carpathians and with the fortress of Permyl in their control there is nothing to prevent them overrunning Hungary, with disastrous results to the Dual Monarchy.

PRINCESS PAT PRIVATE DECORATED BY BRITAIN

London, April 10.—A distinguished conduct medal was gazetted yesterday to Private C. B. Nourse, Princess Pats, for conspicuous gallantry at St. Eloi on February 28, when he was one of the first to enter the German trenches in an attack, ascended the barrier, and continued to fight on the far side until he had fired 130 rounds of ammunition.

WANTS FISH BUSINESS HELD FOR AMERICANS

Senator Tanner Introduces a Memorial to Congress Directed Against Rupert's Move. Juneau, Alaska, April 7.—Senator Tanner introduced yesterday in the Legislature a memorial to Congress asking the government to take immediate steps to checkmate the attempt of Prince Rupert to steal the halibut business from American ports. The memorial is directed against the action taken by the Canadian order-in-coun on March 12 permitting American fishermen to sell fish to British Columbia buyers for shipment in bond to American ports. Safety First—Use New Wellington Coal. Phone 116. 67f.

ALASKA'S PROHIBITION VOTE TO BE NOV. 4, 1916

Juneau, Alaska, April 10.—By a vote of 14 to 2 the House passed the prohibition bill, designating November 4, 1916, as the date of the election on the liquor question and providing for the closing of saloons and breweries on January 1, 1918, if a majority of the people vote dry at the election.

THE WEATHER.

By F. W. Dowling, Observer. (5 a. m., April 10, 1915.) Barometer 29.804 Max. temp. 50.0 Min. temp. 44.0 Rainfall13

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RUSSIANS WIN IN CARPATHIANS--ABANDON ATTACK ON SERBIA

GENERAL STAFF ADMITS LOSS OF MANY MEN AND CONSIDERABLE EQUIPMENT--AUSTRIAN TROOPS ARE DISHEARTENED.

(Special to The Daily News) Geneva, April 10.—The Russians were completely successful in the battle in the Carpathians on the front between Dukla and Epries. The General Staff of the Austrian army admits the loss of

26,000 men, two batteries of 12 inch mortars, 20 quickfiring and four miscellaneous batteries. The Austrian troops are altogether disheartened. The Austrian movement against Serbia has been completely abandoned.

ALASKA RAILWAY POLICY TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Washington, April 10.—From the White House and from Secretary Lane it was learned yesterday that an announcement may be expected soon, possibly within a few days, of precisely what is to be done in regard to the Alaska railroad. The announcement will cover routes and terminals. Secretary Lane said that he expected to make his journey to Alaska in July.

"What part of Alaska will you visit?" was asked. The secretary, fearful of giving some hint of where the railroad operations will be started, said he could not say.

From Panama comes the information that the Alaskan Engineering Commission, among other things it is asking of the Panama Canal Commission, wants a French ladder dredge and tugs and barges to serve it, also four locomotive cranes. These the Panama people cannot spare for some time, although it can supply sixty dump cars, two steam shovels and two pile drivers. The request for a dredge and equipment seems to indicate activity at Ship Creek, as neither Seward nor Cordova Harbors need dredging.

DANDY SHOW AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

The Majestic Theatre has a specially fine program tonight. The chief feature is a three-reel Lubin entitled "The Spy's Fate." This piece is beautifully staged and depicts an intensely interesting battle of wits between rival secret service agents. "The Millionaire Cabby" and "The Victor" are comedies away above the average. In "The Victor" Mr. Newlywed takes drastic means of contracting too much mother-in-law, with most laughable results.

CONCRETE FAILED.

London, April 9.—A Saloniki dispatch to The Mail says refugees from Constantinople confirm the report that the cruiser Goeben was badly damaged by a mine in the Bosphorus and returned to her dock with a seventeen-foot hole, which the German workmen have not been able to repair properly on account of a lack of steel plates. They filled the hole with 250 tons of concrete, but this cracked on the first trial. Refugees deny the story that the Goeben's guns have been dismantled. Quality, satisfaction and economy. New Wellington Coal. Phone 116. 63f.

WHAT SEATTLE SAID OF RUPERT SIX YEARS AGO

The following article appeared in the Prince Rupert Optimist (now The Daily News) on October 29, 1909, and is interesting in view of later developments:

"Of a late issue of the Seattle Times, Judge Royer S. Green, chairman of the committee of river and harbor improvements of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, issues a statement that is most important to the people of Prince Rupert. In a long article of nearly two columns, he says in part:

"But Seattle has now reached the stage where she is one of the important maritime cities of the nation. But just where we are, the hour is critical. We need to remember that there are rival harbors to the north of us, closer to the ocean, and to Asia, every whit as good and commodious for shipping as anything that Puget Sound at present can offer, and far better than Seattle herself can ever supply, until improved by uniting her fresh water lakes with the sea.

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"There has never yet arisen in Seattle's strenuous past, an emergency more grave or pressing. Our citizens need move as never before, to stand together solid in true Seattle spirit, so as to shape and guide matters that this port can give ships to all nations, a cheaper entrance and exit of cargo. "But Canada to the north, as I have pointed out, menaces the commerce of Puget Sound. "Generally speaking, most of (Continued on Page Four.)

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EDITORIALS

Yesterday's election illustrates a well known old truth, that to make a martyr of a man is to restore him to popular favor. Nobody had charged Mayor Newton with dishonesty in connection with his disqualification and the blunder made in the Montreal trip was completely overshadowed by the popular sympathy for the man who is down. The same thing happened in Vancouver in connection with Mayor Taylor, for the oftener they unseat him, apparently, the larger his majority grows. With ex-Alderman Morrissey it was different for, while he contended that he was innocent, the facts showed that the city's account was made out in his own handwriting.

In today's issue will be seen a little more of the terrible graft that has been carried on in militia affairs under the Borden government. It was bad enough to find that rotten boots were sent to the Canadian soldiers at the front in order that a few party manufacturers should be enabled to rake off an exorbitant profit. But on top of that came the evidence that in nearly all the orders for supplies for the war government middlemen were allowed to slip in, one drug clerk securing as much as \$9,000 profit on the drugs and dressings required for the wounded soldiers while many of the poor boys in the trenches were suffering for the want of comforts which this sum would have supplied.

party men were employed to purchase horses for the army in Canada and that not only were exorbitant prices allowed, but many of the horses were too old for service, while 400 of them never appeared "in the flesh" at all, although cheques were issued to pay for them. The government cannot be excused by pushing the blame off on somebody else. It was their duty to see that honest and competent men were secured for that purpose and if they didn't do this they are themselves to blame. It would not be so bad if they did not try to shield the culprits as they are trying to do. Such crimes deserve the greatest punishment, and the country will demand that they be brought to trial.

One of the hopes for the future is that several of the papers which have strongly supported the Borden government in the past have come out in strong condemnation of this graft. The Ottawa Citizen and several other Eastern Conservative papers have expressed themselves in no uncertain way so that the facts of the case are beyond dispute. In Britain this conduct would be considered treasonous and it is time that a similar sentiment was created in Canada. When a man will stoop so low as to rob his country in the hour of her peril he has put himself beyond the protection of her laws and should receive the severest penalty that can be meted out. The government, too, that allows it should come in for similar treatment.

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WHY HONEST CONSERVATIVES ATTACKED BORDEN GOVERNMENT

TERRIBLE GRAFT CARRIED ON IN CONNECTION WITH BUYING OF MILITARY HORSES—400 HORSES NEVER SEEN, BUT CHEQUES WERE ISSUED FOR THEM

(BY H. F. GADSBY.)

Every day is wash day in the Public Accounts Committee. At the present writing, for example it's horses and spades that are being cleaned up—particularly horses.

Sombody has said that all's fair in love and horse trades. Even parsons have been known to go wrong when it was a horse that was in question, so what wonder if the government's transactions demand a little investigation. Frank Carvell is handling the job as chief inquisitor and there are never less than three nervous cabinet ministers on the spot to see that he doesn't stumble into a mare's nest.

Briefly stated the horse story is this. With the first Canadian contingent there were available to be sent 8,486 horses, of which 7,818 were newly purchased and 665 belonged to the Permanent Force. Of the 7,818 purchased 341 were accompanied by the proper vouchers and were accepted, so to speak, on faith.

The horses from the west were bought at an average price of \$150, but those from the mysterious east—which grows more mysterious about its horse trades the further east you get—brought an average figure of \$173. Not that the horses were any better, perhaps, but that the vendors were keener and the buyers more eager.

Of the 8,486 horses available to be sent only 7,620 crossed the ocean. Of the 866 left behind 466 were sold at Quebec for an average price of \$54 and 400 have never been heard of since. Rumor disposes of the missing 400 in various ways. Some died of advanced age at Valcartier, while others who had the hiccups fit to cough their head off, found the road to the glue factory, or are now figuring in muckilage, canned chicken and calves foot jelly. All these are useful articles of commerce, but inglorious. On the whole it was a sad ending for four hundred horses that set out to seek the battle reputation at the cannon's mouth.

Although horses prices ranged from \$125 to \$225 in various parts of Canada, the average price for the Dominion over was \$173. So that Canada was out of pocket on the 466 old crocks sold at Quebec for \$54 each—something like \$56,000, and on the vanishing 400, who made no return whatever to the Dominion treasury, another \$69,000—a total discrepancy of \$125,000 on the first batch of horses purchased. This does not represent the total loss, because the prices quoted are f. o. b. at the point of purchase, and do not include any freight and fodder. One witness testified that there was a fine business done in slaughtering horses at Valcartier, and that he saw as many as eleven shot and handed over to the knackers in a single morning. Cartage to the glue factory must have cost something.

If the glue factory explained everything the committee could rest easy, but legend continues to gather in most embarrassing fashion around the vanishing four hundred. Some say that they were on the list, but never existed in the flesh—being mere ghosts of horses, astral bodies of chargers that remained at home, where the cheques were paid, and were present at Valcartier only in spirit. Some say they were pallid substitutes for horses that missed the train to Valcartier, and that they died sooner than face the Auditor General. Some say—but what's the use of piling up conjectures. The fact remains that nobody knows what became of them any more than you or I know where Moses is buried. The horses are gone, and the vouchers, descriptions, labels and other marks of identity are gone with them.

Without going further in pursuit of these wild, weird horses, the committee gets down to brass tacks in the shape of Mr. Arthur De Witt Foster, M. P., who spent \$72,000 for 428 horses in Kings, Hants and Annapolis counties, in Nova Scotia. When I say spent I mean that \$72,000 was placed to Mr. Foster's credit in the Bank of Montreal and the young M. P. issued cheques against this account to three men who did the actual buying—F. B. Keever, a personal friend, T. C. Woodworth, of Halifax, and W. P. Mackay, secretary to John Stanfield, the chief government whip.

Arthur De Witt Foster, M. P., Kings County, N. S.—no relation to Sir George—is the youngest member in the House of Commons. Four years ago next September, fortune marked him for her own and seizing him gently by his football hair shifted him to Ottawa, where he made a great hit with her cherub face and rah-rah manners. Arthur was a college boy and he looked the part. He was elected on a temperance and social purity platform, and was a great favorite with the Dorcas Society. In time he became a real cute little politician and banged his desk, and shouted "hear, hear," and laughed savagely at the opposition on the slightest provocation. He developed along other lines, too—smoked a cigar with the corner of his mouth and wore his hat at an angle of 60 degrees counting from the side of his head. Ottawa is the forcing bed of genius and presently Arthur was a broker, selling black fox stock and things like that at his office in Sparks Street. It was there he became a financier—you can learn a lot from foxes, black or otherwise—and by the time the war broke out he knew his way round pretty well. He knew it so well, in fact, that somebody high up said: "We want horses, Ar—"

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GERMAN DIPLOMACY MAY PREVENT ITALY FROM STRIKING BLOW

Rome, April 6.—The day set by rumors for the entrance of Italy into the European war on the side of the Allies has passed without results. The situation is as completely unsettled now, however, as it was at the outbreak of hostilities.

Italy has not definitely decided to enter the war. She has her military house in order to meet any emergency, it is true, by summoning thousands of reservists to their home country and taking other preparatory measures.

No Dishonorable Action. Statements from Italian officials cannot be obtained, but Italy undoubtedly intends to take advantage of the present delicate situation to recover northern territory along the Adriatic, which she considers rightfully hers.

Italy will avoid any startling activities without first repudiating the Triple Alliance, binding her with Germany and Austria, thereby paving the way for the development of a casus belli.

The fact that Italy has not taken the step to date is one indication that she does not intend to enter the war suddenly. Another evidence that Italy may not be expected to plunge into the European maelstrom quickly is the report that Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, has engaged a summer villa at Vallambrosa.

The ambassador would hardly arrange for a residence of such a permanent nature were there indications that the present situation might suddenly reach a crisis.

Italy is pleased with Germany's generosity in the recent overtures of Austria regarding the ceding of territory to the Roman government. And the government is equally displeased with the disinclination of France and England to ratify the cession of the Sporades Islands, formerly owned by Turkey.

Italy has adopted a "watchful waiting" policy. The situation is so delicately balanced that a single event, like the entrance of Bulgaria or Greece into the war, might force Italy to throw aside her cloak of neutrality and plunge into the conflict.

Unless something of this nature occurs, however, Italy's entrance into the war may be indefinitely postponed. If diplomacy can accomplish the necessary ends, war may even be entirely avoided.

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WHY HONEST CONSERVATIVES ATTACKED THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT. (Continued From Page Two.) Here's \$72,000. Go out and do the best you can." Which Arthur did. It is at this point that the Public Accounts Committee comes in. It is only fair to say that they have nothing on Arthur—he did his work well.

WHY HONEST CONSERVATIVES ATTACKED THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT

As it is not etiquette to summon M. P.'s before the Public Accounts Committee, the inquiry centres around W. P. Mackay, who had desk room along with Messrs. Keever and Woodworth in Mr. Foster's office in Sparks Street.

These four young musketeers were all in the same business—black foxes—but according to Mackay's evidence they really knew as little of each other as my right hand knows of what my left hand is doing.

That at any rate, we have Mackay's evidence that they did not exchange words more than once in two months and recognized each other by sight more than anything else. No doubt this silence was due to the savage competition in black fox stock at a period when the market for black fox was tobogganing.

However, the war did one good thing. It brought these four almost total strangers in the same office together and presently Mr. Foster was acting as a fairy godfather to the party and signing cheques, while Keever was acting as director general and Mackay and Woodworth were buying the horses under proper veterinary advice in Nova Scotia.

They bought \$72,000 worth, mostly using blanket cheques for the day's purchases, drawing the money themselves and distributing the cash personally to the lucky sellers. They took receipts, of course, and fixed each card up with the name of the vendor, the price paid and the description of the animal, but all these records they handed over to Keever, who is not within summoning distance. Keever's whereabouts are unknown. He has most unfortunately left the country, taking the black-and-white evidence with him.

Woodworth is also absent in the body and as Mackay's memory is poor the committee cannot go much farther in that direction. Mr. Keever has vanished even more completely than the 400 horses which are supposed to have wound up in the glue factory.

However, spades turned up trump. Enter Colonel Stoneman, late of the Thirteenth Battalion, Hamilton, Ont., 45 years a soldier, a gentleman of the old school, face like the sunset, a thoroughbred. Although retired for some years, the colonel still takes a keen interest in military matters. He gives a little monologue on war as she was fifty years ago and war as she is now.

"An entirely different matter, gentlemen," says the colonel, twisting his gray moustache. "A thing of spades and trenches." The word spades recalls the colonel from his excursus on military tactics to which the other colonels on the committee have listened with becoming patience. He produces letters, a dozen of them, soft, official letters from the President of France, the President of the United States (both per secretary), the British War Office, Lord Roberts and others, stating that they will look into his idea of an armored spade.

Another of these letters is to Col. W. S. Morrison, of the headquarters Staff at Ottawa, written some six years ago, and another to Major General Hughes, written since the war broke out. The colonel has answers to all these letters except the one to Major General Hughes. He values most the letter from Lord Roberts. "Be sure to give that back to me. I would not lose it for a thousand dollars."

"I got the idea," says the Colonel, "from an ace of spades. I always carry an ace of spades with me for luck. Sometimes I carry a whole deck, but the ace is my favorite card. The idea came to me six years ago and I at once communicated it to Colonel Morrison, who is a protege of mine. He has since become an artillery officer, but he learned his rudiments under me in the Thirteenth.

"The idea," here the colonel produces blue prints, "was much improved by the draftsman to whom I submitted it. My notion was a trenching tool which could be used as a breastplate held in place by a bandoleer, in action or on the march, as a digging instrument when throwing up earthworks, and as an armour shield to crown the parapet once it was built up. The draftsman suggested making a hole in the middle and shooting through it. A happy thought—I incorporated it."

"That was six years ago?" this from Mr. Carvell. "And you wrote about it to Major General Hughes since the war broke out?" "Exactly. Doubtless the general has a lot to worry him. At all events he didn't answer my letter."

Did it ever occur to you to patent your invention and make money out of it?" "Make money out of my country's need?" The colonel's eyes blazed. "Bless your heart, no. The shield-spade idea is as old as the Crusades. The only new thing about my little spade is the hole in the middle, and you could not patent a hole, could you?"

Whereat the committee laughed and the colonel retired, wreathed in smiles. Just the same, somebody values the colonel's idea more than he does himself, for the shield-spade, hole and all, has been filed at Ottawa, and Miss Ina Macadams, stenographer-in-chief to Major General Hughes, holds the patent. Moreover, an order for 25,000 shield-spades at \$1.35 per spade is now being filled by the Midvale Steel Company of Pennsylvania.

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Captain Charles August Pollock, commander of the vessel, testified that when he took charge of her two years ago he received a sealed envelope from the former captain with instructions not to open it until he received a message signed "Siegfried," and purporting to say that somebody was sick. The message, he testified, was received at 10 o'clock on the night of July 31, when the ship was within 1,070 miles of Plymouth, and read as follows: "Eberhart has suffered an attack of catarrh of the bladder.—Siegfried."

On opening the sealed envelope, he said, he found a code for the words in the message. According to the code the message read: "War has broken out with Britain, France and Russia; turn back." Siegfried was the code signature of the managing director of the North German Lloyd Line.

Captain Pollock said the reason he did not return to New York or Boston was that he had intercepted messages from the British cruiser Essex to Halifax on his way back, and feared that the big ports would be watched, so he altered his course, putting into Bar Harbor.

The suit is in the United States Admiralty Court and involves claims aggregating \$1,500,000.

and the question of higher powered guns and armament."

Mr. Pardee asked if the Niobe and Rainbow carried the same guns with which they were equipped before 1914, or whether the government had considered it advisable to equip them with other and more powerful guns.

"The cruisers are now subject to the Admiralty's orders," replied the minister, "and we do not interfere. If the Admiralty represented to us that improved guns or armament were needed we would be prepared to carry out its suggestions."

"And no such suggestion has been made?" asked Mr. Pardee.

"No," replied Mr. Hazen. He thought the Canadian cruisers were proving satisfactory and the two submarines were both now in the best possible condition, although one of them had been taken to drydock for a short time for repairs, having struck the bottom on one occasion when submerged.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the Niobe had the same equipment as the Ariadne, which made such a brilliant showing in the fight off Heligoland Bight.

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IS ELECTION OFF?

The Victoria Colonist says that the feeling is general there that the Provincial election will not be held before fall or perhaps next spring.

Mr. Tobey, G. T. P. engineer, left for the Interior today.

I. A. Mahon, of the Canadian Bridge Company, left this morning for his old home in Ottawa.

A. L. Ford, government engineer, left this morning for Edmonton in connection with his duties.

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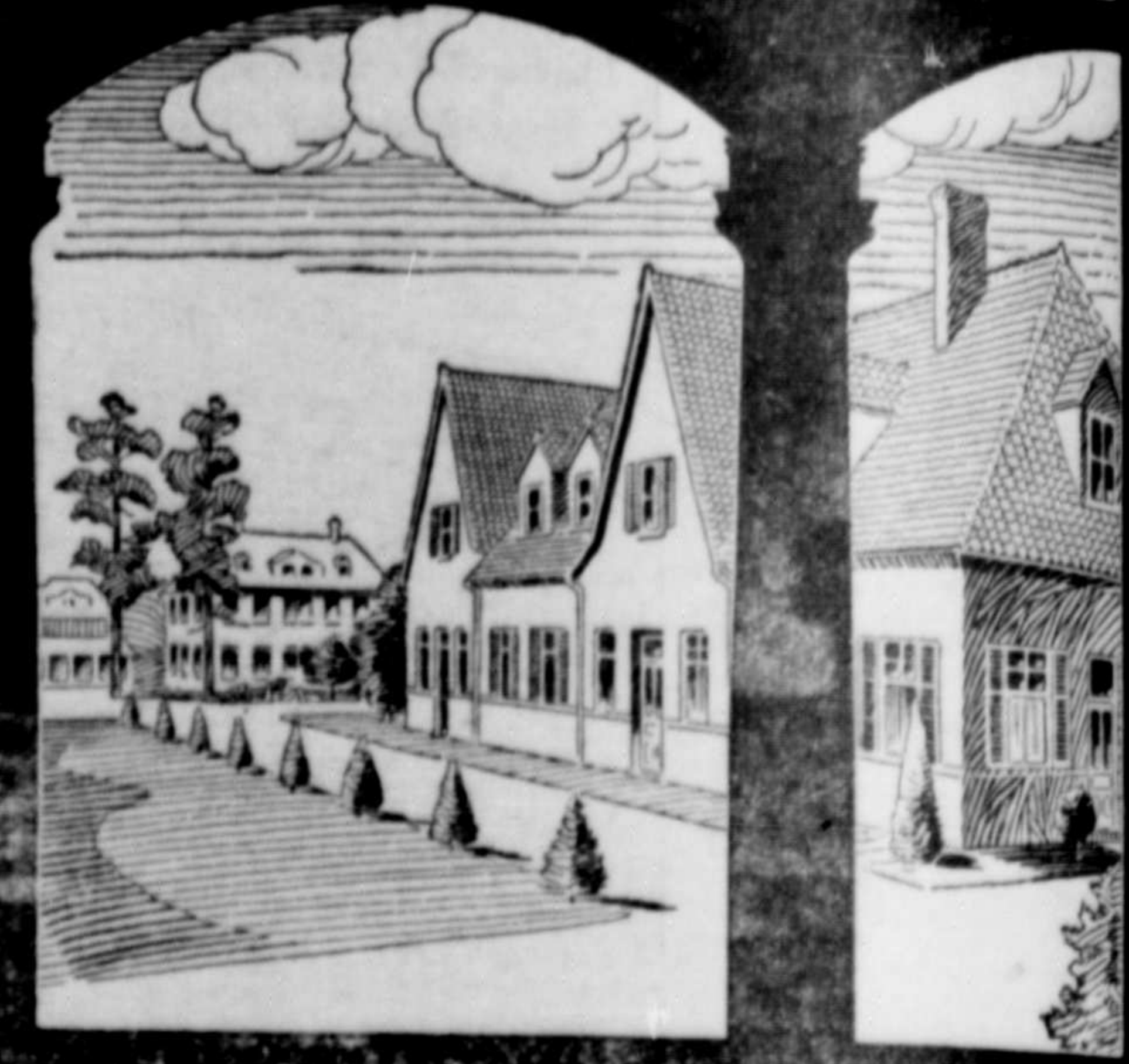
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our local advantages she can duplicate, or better than duplicate. This means that unless climate holds her back, or superior facilities the States can offer, our British cousins are going to capture a large part and perhaps the best part of the commerce of the Pacific, import our Oriental merchandise for us, and make us collect a great part, perhaps most of our duties on imported Asiatic goods. Well may Seattle and other Coast cities commence to worry, as Prince Rupert, by its geographical situation, will surely be the principle city on the Pacific coast, and in a short ten years huge steamers will plow a new course to Asia.

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