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The Herald has several times called attention to the condition of the approach to the wharf of the Canadian Pacific Company. Surely if the matter was brought to the notice of the proper company officials they would waste no time in attending to it. The approach today is simply a scandal. It is filthy dirty, and it is a shame that passengers should be obliged to use it. There is no necessity for it ever reaching such a condition, and no excuse for its remaining as it is. It could be cleaned up with a few hours work and could very easily be kept clean. As things are passengers have not only to wade through the mud and filth, but have to dodge express wagons and other vehicles as they splash up and down the approach. There ought to be a footwalk for pedestrians, but if this is asking too much just at present surely the company will clean up the approach.

THE FERNIE ACCIDENT.

A despatch from Fernie, describing the accident in B. north mine, in which Inspector Evans lost his life, makes the whole affair more mysterious than ever. It states that Inspector Evans and his party had only proceeded about 100 yards into the tunnel when mine officials "noticed" that they were in difficulties. These officials rushed in, and managed to get the investigating party outside. The point is not clearly established that Inspector Evans and his party had donned their Draeger helmets. If they had, then how comes it that they were overpowered, and that men without the apparatus, were able to bring them out? No doubt the whole thing will be made clear later. It is important that it should. All the coal mines in the province are equipped with Draeger rescue stations. A large number of miners have been trained to the use of the apparatus, and believe implicitly in its safety and security. It may never have been used at Fernie, but if it was and failed, it is imperative that the cause of the failure should be found, and explained. Chief Inspector Graham, who is now at the scene of the accident, will, no doubt, make this one of his first enquiries.

EXPERT FIGURES

The various military experts who are discussing the progress of the war in the press of the world, for the most part, show an evitable freedom in quoting the numbers of the rival armies. From one of them we learn that Germany has two to two and a half millions of men on the western frontier. Against Russia she has the better part of from three to four millions while she has in reserve other two millions ready for use on either field. The expert gives no other authority than his own for these figures, and he does not say how he arrives at them. In the same way, he asserts that as yet the Russians have no more than 2,000,000 men in the field against Germany and Austria, so that they are outnumbered by nearly two to one. Should this be true then the Grand Duke Nicholas has really performed wonders. The truth probably is that the military experts are guessing just as wildly as their lay brethren of the pencil who make no claim at all to special knowledge.

WAS IT A SUBMARINE?

At the time of writing the British Admiralty has made no statement as to the means by which the Formidable was sunk. Berlin has, however, published a message in which it claims that the battleship was sunk by one of its submarines of Plymouth. The message adds that, though the submarine was pursued by torpedo boats, it succeeded in escaping. If this statement is correct then the sinking of the Formidable is the most important submarine achievement of the war. Plymouth is in the county of Devonshire

almost at the western end of the English Channel. A German submarine to reach Plymouth has not only to pass through the Straits of Dover, but has to make a voyage of about 600 miles. This alone is a formidable achievement. Then at the time the Formidable was attacked all the conditions were against successful submarine work. From one of the survivors among the crew we learn that the explosion occurred between 1.30 and 2 o'clock in the morning. At this season of the year this is the darkest period of the night in England. Added to the darkness there was a strong gale blowing, and such a high sea running that several of the boats which were launched were either swamped or dashed to pieces against the ship's side. All the conditions were such as to make any submarine action impossible. Yet the Formidable was sunk, and Berlin now claims that it was sunk by a German submarine. Unless the British Admiralty has another story to tell all previous views of the radius of a submarine's action and of the conditions in which it can be operated must be revised.

THE WAR.

The news from the front for the past two weeks has been of such a character as to render all comment profitless. From France and Flanders came daily reports of artillery duels at certain points on the line, with here and there infantry actions of greater or less importance. The hostile armies are virtually engaged in siege operations, and each side measures its gains not in miles, but in many cases of scores of yards. The main facts are that the Germans have been held almost continuously on the defensive, and that the balance of advantage has lain with the allies. At the best, however, the position is really one of stalemate. This may be due in part to the weather. The British war office is hurrying forward the preparation and equipment of reinforcements, and with the spring there should come a general offensive movement along the whole line. By common consent the more important operations were taking place on the eastern front. But here again the news issued by the Russian headquarters gave no adequate idea of what was going on. The one fact that stands out as a result of three weeks' continuous and desperate fighting is that the Germans have again been foiled in their advance on Warsaw. They have utterly failed to hammer a way through the Russian centre and the Russians have carried off all the honors of the fighting. One thing the German offensive did accomplish. It compelled the Russians to withdraw from in front of Cracow. As an offset against this retirement the Russians have again cleared the passes of the Carpathians, and Hungary is now threatened with a regular invasion in force as distinguished from the previous raid by Cossack cavalry. More significant even than this is the appearance of a new Russian army in Bukovina, a province to the south of Galicia. Through Bukovina there is an easy advance into Hungary, and the Austrian army of defence has already been routed. Unless there is a further change in the general situation Hungary will be speedily overrun by Russian troops.

Communication

Editor Herald, Dear Sir:— My attention has been called to a communication appearing in your issue of January 3rd, signed by W. Morrissey. I am pleased that Mr. Morrissey has written this communication as it brings to light a matter that is far from satisfactory. Mr. Morrissey makes various statements about my principle and the people being easy. This is simply talk that is no nearer to the solution of the difficulty and can be dismissed for the time being. One other statement is that I am entirely ignorant of the subject of which I was speaking, well if Mr. Morrissey had copied his letter to stating his side of the case instead of abusing me, the readers of your paper would probably have been able to pass an intelligent opinion on this subject, but this matter needs little further explanation. Mr. Perdue informs me he came from Vancouver on October 8th to start work on the Entrance Island Lighthouse, being hired in Vancouver; in the first place why does Mr. Morrissey get a man from Vancouver to come and work on Government work in the Nanaimo constituency when we have over one thousand men unemployed in the Nanaimo constituency? It cannot be because the Island men have not the qualifications because no technical knowledge is necessary. Mr. Morrissey says the man he got from Vancouver was lazy and untrustworthy. Well why do you get men from Vancouver, and why did you keep him when you say one look of the man is enough, either Mr. Morrissey or Mr. Shepherd should be able to answer this question. Mr. Morrissey can very easily clear this whole matter up, he says Mr. Perdue's grocery bill for the two months, including other things, was sixty seven dollars,

this is about one dollar and ten cents per day. Now the question in dispute is this, did you pay or did you not pay Mr. Perdue his wages, is one dollar and ten cents per day the full amount of recompense he got for his services or did you pay him the twenty five dollars per month as you agreed to do in your letter when you hired him, it is no use of wasting time beating about the bush you either paid the money and should be able to produce the receipts or you did not pay. When is it Mr. Morrissey? There is another phase of this question, Mr. Perdue states he has another position to take up but owing to not getting his wages he was to stay in Nanaimo and he is in need of relief thereby placing a further burden on the city and adding to our already heavy load. I might state the difficulty of collecting wages after they are earned on Entrance Island Lighthouse has been brought home to more than one wage earner and although it is probably not directly my business I am going to do all in my power to help any men to get their wages after they are earned articularly in government employment. In regards to the attack on Mr. Perdue this is none of my business further I am not responsible for any statements made at the meeting except those made by myself and I am prepared to substantiate those at the first public meeting held in town. This controversy can easily be ended by Mr. Morrissey answering the following questions: How many days did Mr. Perdue work on the Entrance Island Lighthouse? When was the money paid if it is paid? I think Mr. Editor if Mr. Morrissey will answer these questions there will be no necessity for me to again trespass on your space and we will be able to fix the blame where it belongs. Thanking you, I remain Yours truly, J. PLACE

Editor Nanaimo Herald: On reading a copy of your paper of January 3, 1915, I noticed a communication from W. Morrissey of the Entrance Island Lighthouse in which he refers to a statement I made at a public meeting of the unemployed of this city. As I can see neither sense or sanity in this letter signed by W. Morrissey and as I did not make any reference to Mr. Morrissey's financial standing or his practices of hiring men and not paying them their wages I would like to ask through your columns what this gentleman means. The statement I did make at the meeting mentioned was "I have been working for some time at Entrance Island Lighthouse and as I have no money to go to legal proceedings and otherwise can get no settlement from the light keeper that is satisfactory to me, unless some pressure is brought to bear on the proper party whereby I can get a settlement I shall very soon become one of the destitute of this city."

This is the only statement I have made but in reply to Mr. Morrissey's remarks I might say that I have come to him too often and got no satisfaction. However if he will debate this subject with me before any committee of gentlemen I will force him to swallow some of his own remarks. I can also show Mr. Morrissey a man he employed at Entrance Island nearly two years ago and if he did not refuse to pay this man he certainly is taking a long time as the man has not as yet received his wages.

Mr. Morrissey says he don't wonder at men going about the streets starving, they don't deserve anything better. Again he says I am lazy and untrustworthy. These remarks I defy him to prove. He says why should I not starve, I will say that this remark only shows him in his true character. As any man with common sense would not want to see a dog starve. I do not wish to go into any lengthy discussion and should Mr. Morrissey decide to apologize for his slandering remarks I will save him the embarrassment of having the true facts published of his treatment my family and I received at his hands while at Entrance Island Lighthouse I do not see any intelligent argument in Mr. Morrissey's letter as he contradicts himself too often in remarks like these: "As far as the man Perdue is concerned anybody would only look at him once and could form a very good opinion of him." Yet he says "I am too lazy and untrustworthy to work." So thanking you for your space which I consider is too valuable to be taken up by so small a subject as Mr. Morrissey's, I desist from any further remarks. EDWIN D. PERDUE

DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.— Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, transmitted to the state department today a copy of a mail report from Charge Hopler, of the British legation in Mexico City, saying conditions there last week were deplorable. High commendation was given Eduardo Iturbide, former governor of the federal district, for his efforts in saving the lives of British and American when the Zapata forces entered the city.

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GERMANY REPORTS VICTORY Berlin, Jan. 4, via wireless to Saville, L. I.—An official announcement made public today in the official press bureau today says: "A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the admiralty in Berlin that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel off Plymouth the British battleship Formidable. "The submarine was pursued by British destroyers but escaped undamaged."

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Nanaimo, that I require the presence of said electors at the City Police Court House on the 11th day of January 1915, from 12 noon to 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor, and Aldermen. The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on the 14th day of January 1915 at the City Police Court House from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

NOTICE Municipal Elections

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected to hold the office of Mayor of the City of Nanaimo shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Nanaimo of the assessed value of the last Municipal Assessment Roll of one thousand or more dollars over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters. The person qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen of the City of Nanaimo, shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property in the City of Nanaimo of the assessed value of the last Municipal Assessment Roll of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters. Given under my hand in the City of Nanaimo, the 4th. day of January 1915. FRED. G. PETO, Returning Officer

LAND REGISTRY ACT. Section 24.

In the matter of an application for duplicate certificates of title numbers 2679F and 5616F to Giovanni Mauro, covering Lots twenty-three, (23) and twenty-four (24) Block ninety-six (96). Map eight hundred and thirty-three (833) and Lots one (1) and two (2) Block ninety-six (96). Map eight hundred and thirty-three (833) Cariboo District respectively. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue 2 duplicate certificates of title covering the said lands to Giovanni Mauro, unless in the meantime I shall receive valid objection thereto in writing. C. H. DUNHAT, District Registrar. Dated the 17th. day of November, 1914, at the Land Registry office, Kamloops, B. C.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

Coal mining right of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant. Applications for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-agent in the district situated. In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself. Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. Royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton. The person operating the mine shall furnish the agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year. The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre. For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-agent of Dominion Lands. W. W. COORY, Deputy Minister of the Interior. N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid.

Mail Contracts

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 8th of January, 1915, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on proposed contracts for 4 years in each case, between NANAIMO POST OFFICE and STREET LETTER BOXES, seven times per week. NANAIMO POST OFFICE and the VANCOUVER STEAMER WHARF, as required. NANAIMO POST OFFICE and E. & N. RAILWAY STATION, twenty-four times per week each way. from the 1st of April next. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contracts may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Nanaimo and at the office of the undersigned. E. H. FLETCHER, P. O. Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office Vancouver, B. C., 20th Nov., 1914.

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CHANGES IN CABINET AID TO DUKE London, Jan. 4.—Interesting ministerial changes are likely to follow the death of Percy Holden Illingworth, chief Liberal whip, according to the Daily News, which says it is probable that Augustine Birrell will retire as chief secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and be succeeded by Herbert L. Samuel, postmaster general. London, Jan. 4.—Capt. The Hon. Major Arthur Abercromby Duff, O. I. E., of the Third Gordon Highlanders, second son of the late Hon. Sir. Robt. Duff, G. C. M. G., of Fetteresso Castle, N. B., has been appointed an aide to H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, and personal aide of His Majesty. Minard's Liniment cures Garget in Cows.

100 Per Cent. Increase over 1913 December 31st, 1914, sees an increase of the Business of The Daily Herald Job Printing Department of nearly 100 Per Cent. over that of 1913. The end of 1913 saw an increase of business for the year in the same department of over 200 per cent. on the business done in 1912. This has not just happened that way. We would have been very much disappointed if it had not been so, because we planned it that way. PLANNED IT by buying of new equipment, new types; planned it by a careful study of new ideas in efficiency, in artistic work; planned it by securing the best workmen and by attention to the numerous details that go to make Good Printing. Above all we planned to secure more business last year by studying the needs of new and old patrons, and first and foremost by giving satisfaction. No customer of The Daily Herald Job Printing Department goes away dissatisfied. We do printing that is not only artistic and good printing and at prices that are fair to the customer and ourselves, but that is done the way the customer wants it. Not once in three months do we have to do a job over again because we do it right the first time. By the same methods adopted last year we are going to make 1915 a banner year in our Job Printing Department. If you have not tried our work we think you will do well to give us a Trial Order. To our old and new Customers of 1914 we extend best wishes for a most prosperous year. To those who have not known what excellent facilities we have for turning out good work we extend a hearty invitation to join our list of satisfied customers.

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