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A CURIOUS SITUATION

There is little doubt that the provincial government will do something for the relief of those men out of work in Nanaimo and district. At the same time the position is rather a curious one, and a few remarks upon it will not be inappropriate. In the first place and in a general way, the people who are now calling on the government to provide measures for relief, are the same who have constantly and consistently called down the government for everything it has done. In season and out of season, they have damned the government and all its works. In the second place the unemployment in Nanaimo is not the result of any trade depression or of the present war emergency. But for one thing, Nanaimo today would have been the most prosperous city, not only in the province of British Columbia but in the Dominion of Canada. This one thing was the strike which was engineered here a year ago past May. There was never any necessity for the strike in the beginning, and it was nothing but a crime to continue it as long as it was. There is no need now to argue this first assertion, and no one will deny the second. The whole thing was, as we have many a time expressed it, the result of Pettigrewism. The men who have suffered such sacrifices this last year, and are now facing a further spell of unemployment, have their leader Pettigrew to thank for it. The rest of the community, business and professional men, who have sustained such severe financial losses, have this one man to thank for it. Truth to tell, he himself was perfectly frank about it. He was turned down in an elvish contest in Nanaimo in the beginning of 1913, and in his truculent way threatened he would be heard from again. He has kept his word. He has been heard from, and he was not afraid to proclaim his main object. Addressing the men at Lady-smith when the issue of peace or war was yet wavering in the balance, he boasted to those listening to him, that he would "put Nanaimo on the hog." So far as the men he addressed are concerned he has succeeded in his boast to the last notch. It was only with the help and the co-operation of these men that he could put Nanaimo on the hog, and he did not hesitate to use them even though he realized that they would be hogged the most. Pettigrew was not entirely alone. He was the dominant spirit and directing mind, but he had willing and pliable lieutenants in Messrs. Pattinson and Foster. This was the trinity whose combined works spelled Pettigrewism. Just recall a few of the chief things for which it is responsible. It would grant no ballot, but traded in intimidation. It would hear of no settlement in which it was not first consulted. It would have no agreement, the con-

ditions of which it did not dictate. It would not permit the company to keep its mines in repair. It is therefore responsible for the abandonment of the Brechin mine and the flooding of the south side of No. 1 mine. The very men who made Pettigrewism are paying for these things today. Are these men still satisfied that it was the wise, the proper and the correct thing to do to cause the partial ruin of the mine property? There was a chance of a settlement very favorable to the men a year past August. The offer ignored Pettigrewism, however, and it was contemptuously refused. There was still another opportunity last October, but again Pettigrewism was not included, and nothing came of it. There was not even a vote taken on it, and the last chance of the men had gone. The struggle then was hopeless. Indeed it was hopeless from the beginning. I had failed at Cumberland before ever it began in Nanaimo. But from October on it was a crime to continue the strike. The men then could have gone back to work. Pettigrewism held them out until there is no longer work for them. Even in July there was the egregious farce of a general strike, when with relief stopped or about to stop, Pettigrew and his staff used up valuable funds on a summer jaunt. To the very last they, in the name of Pettigrewism, crammed it into the men that victory was in sight. It was a ghastly mockery, and a crime against a body of loyal men. The men were pawns from the beginning—pawns in the game to put Nanaimo on the hog. They will realize this now, and they will recall that Pettigrewism had nothing but curses for the government. Still they must admit that the situation today is of Pettigrewism. With this fact clearly brought out we trust that something may be done for the men as speedily as possible. They have paid dearly enough for their submission to Pettigrewism, and the whole town has suffered enough from it. It is an experience that no one wants to suffer again, and the best way to avoid it is to keep its lessons well in mind.

WAR AND BUSINESS
The Colonist in its issue yesterday mentions three cases which have been brought to its attention in which the war has seriously interfered with credit. On the face of it there is no good reason for the refusal of credit. In one case for example, a purchaser of land had made all his payments except the last one and expected to make that by means of a mortgage. In ordinary circumstances this would have been a very easy matter, but now he finds he cannot raise the money and the vendor is pressing for payment. This case is typical of many others and the least the government can do is to take steps to protect such investors. We heard of an analogous case in two. A business man had borrowed money from a bank for building improvements. He was repaying it in regular, fixed installments and had already wiped out more than half his obligation. He has indeed never missed a payment and was not likely to. Yet the bank is pressing him for the bigger payments. Surely this is unreasonable and if there is much of this thing carried on it can only tend towards the paralysis of all business.

ASQUITH'S CRUSADE.
Premier Asquith began his address at the Guild Hall in London yesterday with the statement that they were at present watching the early stages of what is going to be a protracted struggle. This is the British way of starting a crusade to stimulate enlistment. There is no waving of swords, no boasting, no bullying. The war and the task before the Empire are not painted in bright and easy colors. Premier Asquith rather tries to bring home the imperious nature of the emergency, knowing that this is the surest way to get a response from the British people. The British people are hard to stir and slow to move, but every fresh advance of the Germans has simply poured fresh volunteers into the recruiting stations of the country. Premier Asquith announced that up to date some three hundred thousand men had responded to Lord Kitchener's call, and now that the grim realities of the struggle the Empire is now engaged in have been brought home to the people it is not too much to expect that the whole manhood of the nation will volunteer for service. The crusade which the Premier has opened will be carried on by the leading statesmen of all parties. There were with him on the Guild Hall platform both Bonar Law, the present Unionist leader and ex-premier, and Mr. Balfour. All political differences have been dropped. The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress has issued an appeal calling on all able-bodied men to come to the nation's defence. Now is the time it declares for a free people to demonstrate that it can rise to the supreme heights of sacrifice without conscription. There can be no question of the result. The struggle, as Premier Asquith described it, is one of might versus right. It is realized that the Empire which the majority of the British people were beginning to think would never be challenged can only exist by the defeat of Germany. It is a fight

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for existence and already there must be over a million British troops under arms. With any expeditionary force of over 150,000 men on French soil, Britain has still for its own defence in the last resort a larger army than ever before in its history. This army must be still further increased, and also large reinforcements sent to the expeditionary force abroad. This is the task Premier Asquith has set out to lay before the British people, and once they have seen it they will tackle it in their own characteristically thorough manner.

SEATS GOING GOOD FOR MONDAY'S SHOW
The seat sale for the "Earl of Pawtucket" which is to appear at the Opera House on Monday night is going well and it is likely that there will be few vacant seats for the show. This is the first of a number of good shows that will appear at the Opera House. It is Mr. Nichols' intention to give Nanaimo the best shows obtainable, providing of course, that the initial shows receive houses to guarantee this. Seats for Monday's show are on sale at Hodgins' Drug Store. The company, led by Lawrence D'Orsay, is said to be a first class one in every respect.

WEST HELD FOR HIGHER COURT

New Westminster, Sept. 4.—E. F. West was this morning held for trial on two charges of obtaining money by making false statements to the Bank of Vancouver, securing the sums of \$200 and \$1,600. West's statement, filed when he arranged for a line of credit, was in evidence, containing an item showing his indebtedness to other banks to be but \$1,000. This statement is held to contain the fraudulent representation, and it was on the showing of West's indebtedness to other banks exceeded this sum that he was held for trial. Financing of the frenzied order was shown, supported, it was alleged by one witness, by forged letters purporting to show that West had large sums of money coming to him from the Old Country, and an assignment of a non-existent sum of 573 pounds sterling to the bank as security for advances. Evidence went to show that West's indebtedness to other banks when he filed a statement with the Bank of Vancouver exceeded \$10,000 and that his total indebtedness when discovery of his operations were made on July 18 was about \$12,000. On resumption of the hearing this morning, the manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was placed on the stand, and the bank's records, put in evidence, showed that West's indebtedness to that bank was \$3,000, while the manager of the Union Bank of Canada testified and introduced records to show that West's indebtedness to that bank totalled more than \$7000. Part of this was on endorsed notes. Manager Embury, of this bank, testified that the advances had been made on letters purporting to show that West had money coming to him from his grandmother in the Old Country and these letters were put in evidence. Embury testified that on July 18, when discovery was made, West admitted that the letters were forgeries done by himself and that he broke down and wept when taxed with the forgery. There was also put in evidence a letter purporting to inform West of the despatch of money, and an assignment to a firm of solicitors of the sum, near £1000, in trust for the Union Bank.

Manager Black, recalled, testified that he had known West's indebtedness was so large he would not have made the advances. Mr. Joseph Martin, K.C., for the defence, argued that the charges should be dismissed, as in one "information" he was charged with obtaining in excess of \$1600 by fraudulent statements, while the sum was smaller by the amount of his deposit, some \$350. Magistrate Edmunds declined to see the matter in this light and held West for trial.

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FAMOUS SKIPPER HAS PASSED AWAY

Vancouver, Sept. 4.—With a broad scar across his forehead, the body of "Sea Wolf" McLean (Captain Alexander McLean) has been found in False Creek after having been in the water about a week. Whether the well known skipper met his death by losing his balance in attempting to board a tug at the foot of Union street, is not known. He leaves a widow who is in a hospital in Victoria, and one daughter living in Vancouver. The mysterious end which has befallen him recalls once more to public notice one of the most remarkable seafaring men on this Pacific coast and one of the most singular and adventurous careers. Captain McLean was the original Wolf Larsen, the principal character in Jack London's famous novel "The Sea Wolf," though it is only fair to state that no one attributes to him all the brutal actions which the novelist made that strange skipper responsible for. He was a Canadian, born at Sydney, Cape Breton, and taken to the sea as a boy, he sailed the Atlantic nine years, getting to know Liverpool "like a book." In 1876 he sailed from New York for the Pacific coast, a second mate on the Santa Clara and in 1880 came to Victoria and went into the steamboat business at one time commanding the historic Beaver, in 1884. He took the first vessel that ever went out of Victoria

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WOUNDED ABANDONED IN AUSTRIAN FLIGHT

London, Sept. 4.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says: the following official statement has been given out at the Russian capital:
"On September 2 Lemberg was closely surrounded by Russian troops and was captured with an enormous amount of war material. All the buildings in the town were packed with Austrian wounded who had been abandoned in the enemy's headlong flight."

GERMANS CONTROL BRUSSELS

Rotterdam, Sept. 5 (2:40 a.m.)—A despatch to the Courant from Maas-tricht announces that the Germans have established a general government at Brussels. Major General Von Luettich has been made military governor of the city territory under the judicial jurisdiction of the high court at Cologne. The forces under the Crown Prince of Bavaria says the despatch are still opposed by a strong force in Lorraine.

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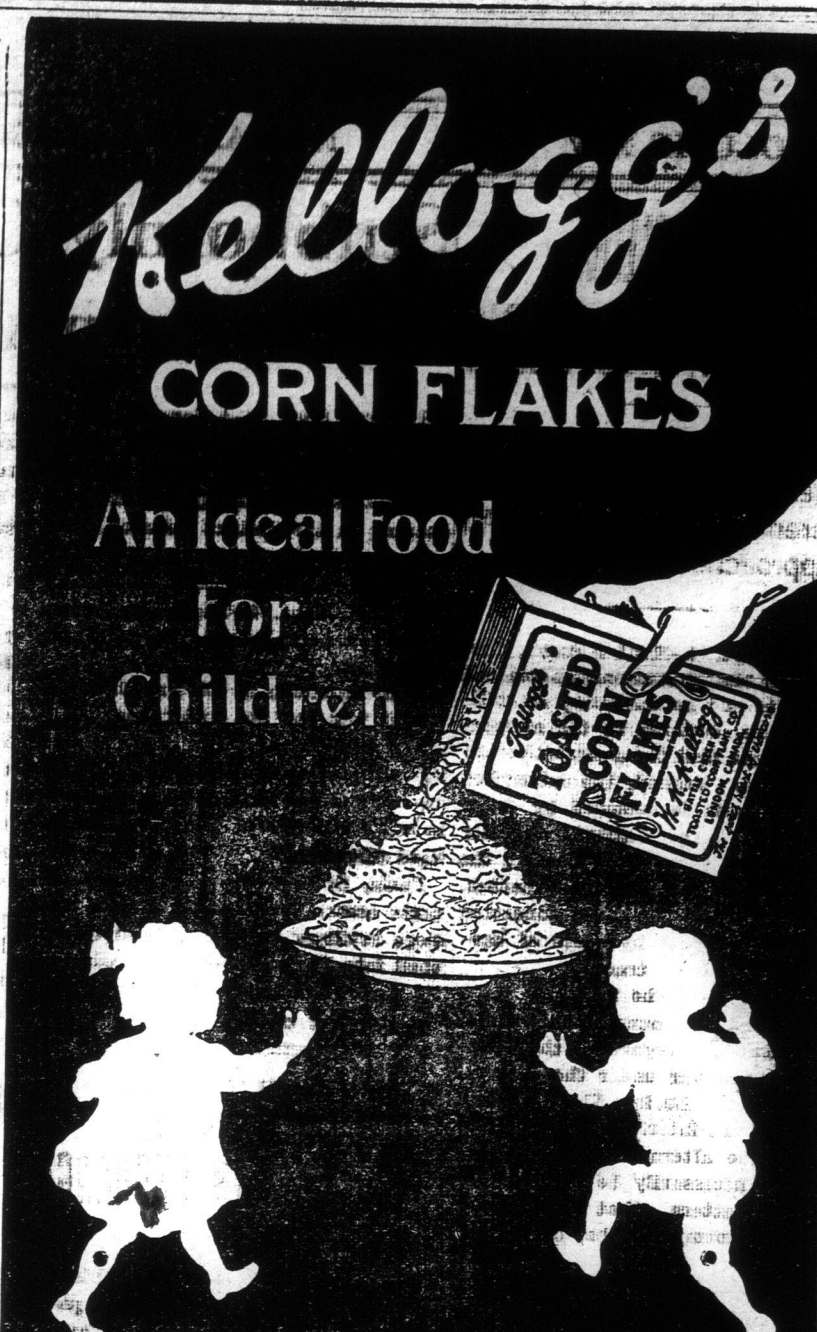
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