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1914.

In reviewing the main events of the year which came to an end last night everything is overshadowed in importance and magnitude by the war of European nations which broke out in August, 1914 will always be remembered in history as the year in which began the biggest human conflict in the world's history. It is all too recent, the struggle too intense the issue yet too far away, for very much to be said just now. All that can be said is that it occupies all our energies, just as it absorbs all our thoughts and interests, and this will continue to be the case for so long as it endures. The civilization of Europe is in the melting pot, and the strong nations of the earth are fighting for existence. The issue is one of German autocracy and the grinding oppression of militarism against free democracies and the liberties guaranteed by representative government. It is not necessary either to deny or belittle Germany's real contributions to science, music, and literature. As a nation she has made wonderful progress, and her people have developed the highest national qualities. Yet in spite of the high standard of intelligence of the German people, the material progress and well-being of the country, its pioneer work in research and applied sciences, and its undoubted culture it has lagged behind in government. The Kaiser today speaks and acts as no feudal tyrant could have dared to do. He is absolutely supreme, and there are around him no warlike honors to curb his power. In the very beginning of his reign he was strong enough to retire Bismarck the most powerful man in Germany. This was the great fact which was overlooked by writers and thinkers who took the view that the peoples of Europe would never again go to war, no matter what their rulers might desire. Germany had not risen to democratic government. The voice of its people was not fully reflected or expressed in its parliament or in its government. The making of war, the voting of war measures, the organization of armies never came directly before the people. Here then is a peculiar position. Had there been more of absolutism in the British government, Great Britain would undoubtedly have been better prepared for war. On the other hand, had there been less of absolutism in Germany, the German people would not have been so eager for war. We are strongly of opinion that so far as this lesson of the war is concerned a free and unrestricted democracy is the greatest guarantee for the peace of the world.

Locally the year 1914 has not been marked by any event of outstanding importance. It was ushered in with the strike which had started eight months before still in progress. It has passed out with the strike all over, but with a certain amount of distress, resulting from the strike, prevailing in the city and district. Vigorous and active efforts are being taken to cope with this distress, and it is hoped that it will all disappear early in the New Year. Altogether 1914 has been better than its predecessor. The output of the local mine has steadily improved every month, and the outlook is still brighter for 1915. The effects of the improvement may not be felt immediately. There are many reasons to account for this. There has been a big slump in the lumbering business, and small auxiliary industries have also fallen on hard times. The coal market also has yet to recover from the disarrangement and dislocation caused by the long troubles on the island. Part of this market was lost for all time, part of it will only be won back by slow degrees, and there has been a general falling off in the general demand for factory and house hold coal. The result of all this has been a good deal of slack time in the mines of the district, and naturally Nanaimo has felt the effects of it in a business way. Then again many of the men who started work again after their long, enforced idleness had

unusual obligations to meet, and this also has tended to keep business quiet. Still a steadily increasing output means a bigger payroll, and a bigger payroll means better business. The outlook is good provided that the lessons of the last two years are taken to heart. In any ordinary community trouble-makers of the type of Pettigrew and Foster would never have stayed when the effects of their trouble-making began to be revealed in real distress. These men have not only stayed around but still dare to make themselves busy. There is only one way to treat them. No man, no matter what his position, with any self-respect or with any regard for the interests of the city will have anything to do with them, or with anything or any movement with which they are connected. We expect 1915 to restore our old prosperity and smooth over old differences, but there will neither be prosperity nor harmony if any countenance is given to these men. Without them, 1915 will see Nanaimo prosperous and contented as of old, happy in her natural advantages, and united in a common spirit of progress and goodwill.

The rumor that the mines at Cumberland are to close down on Monday morning, as reported in the Free Press last night, is rather belated. The mines have been closed down over the holidays, but it is expected that they will be opened on Monday. The closing of the mines has nothing to do with the financial troubles of the Canadian Northern Railway Company. We hardly think that the collieries company is in any way connected with or dependent on the railway company. In any case, the temporary closing of the mines is solely the result of slack trade and the slack trade is first and foremost the consequence of the strike on the island. To all appearances the recovery of the market will be a matter of some months; but we do not anticipate anything so drastic as the permanent closing of the company's mines.

We are regretfully obliged to take note that Mr. John Place has been misunderstood in regard to his position on the rate of wages to be paid for relief work. He gave no support, manful or otherwise to the proposition that men in the district should accept 25 cents an hour for relief work. Mr. Place is entirely indifferent to the difficulties of anybody else, or to the first great sorrow of a brother politician's life. And he seems equally indifferent to cricket, strange to say.

**MASQUERADE BALL
THIS EVENING**

The big event of the day in local circles is the Masquerade Ball to be held this evening in the Oddfellows' Hall under the auspices of the local Temple of Pythian Sisters. The committee in charge of the event has arranged a splendid prize list and as there is every indication of there being a record number of masquers the Ball should be a big success from the standpoint of the spectator for whose accommodation elaborate preparations have been made.

The grand march will commence at 9 o'clock. Pavlett's five-piece orchestra will be in attendance, the charges being: gent maskers \$1, lady maskers 25c, spectators 25c. Non-masquers dancing after midnight 50c, supper 25c.

The following prize list will be awarded:
Best Dressed Lady (in masquerade costume)\$7.50
Best Dressed Gent\$7.50
Best Original Character\$2.00
Best National Character\$2.50
Best Flower Girl\$2.50
Best Comic Group (4 or over).....\$8.00
Best Cake Walk (25c to enter).....\$3.00
Prize Waltz (25c to enter).....\$2.00

Communication

DOMINION TRUST MATTERS.
Editor Herald.—A letter just received from Mr. J. S. Cowper, secretary for the Vancouver depositors states that they have been given to understand by counsel for the liquidator and Chief Justice Hunter that depositors will rank with the shareholders and not as preferred or ordinary creditors.

The letter further states that an interview has been arranged with the premier for Tuesday, January 5, at 12 noon in Victoria.

The local depositors and the delegation appointed to interview the premier are asked to kindly note this:

AND, PENDER,
Secretary Depositors' Com.ADVERTISEMENT IN THE HERALD—
IT PAYS.**WAS A MOST
ENJOYABLE DANCE**

The non-commissioned officers of the 72nd Highlanders gave a most enjoyable dance last evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, there being some seventy couples in attendance. The committee in charge of the event was Color Sergeant Spence, and Sergeants Gault and Padden. Those present had a most enjoyable time, the music furnished by the Imperial Orchestra being all that could be desired. The grand march was led by Captain Carbould, officer in command taking the place of Major Coote who is home on holidays.

The hall was gaily decorated for the occasion, an excellent supper being one of the features of the evening's entertainment.

**NEW DECORATION
IS INSTITUTED**

London, Dec. 31.—King George has instituted a new decoration which is called "the military cross." The decoration is of silver and brass the imperial crown on each arm and in the centre the letters "G. R. I."

(George, Rex Imperator.)
Captains, commanding officers of a lower grade or warrant officers in the army who distinguished themselves in time of war are eligible to the military cross. It takes precedence over all decorations and medals, with the exception of the Victoria Cross.

The Gazette contains the names of about one hundred persons on whom the new decoration has been conferred.

The Gazette also announces that Captain Grant and Commander Barr, both of the auxiliary cruiser Carmania, have been appointed Companions of the Bath for their services rendered in the sinking of the German steamer Cap Trafalgar off the South American coast in September and that Captain John Giescop of the Australian cruiser Sydney, has been rewarded in a similar manner for the sinking of his ship of the German cruiser Emden. Prince Leopold of Battenburg has been appointed a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian order.

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Matti Rautio, a Finnish miner residing at Ladysmith, committed suicide Wednesday night by hanging himself in a wash house in the rear of his residence. He was 38 years of age and had resided with his wife in Ladysmith for the past 12 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, funeral arrangements being in the hands of D. J. Jenkins of this city.

CONSIGNEES THURSDAY

H. Weeks, Sing Yuen, F. Wagstaff, Can. Explos., S. Tanaka, Nanaimo Electric Light Co., W. E. Smith, R. Phillips, Western Fuel Co., J. Hirst, Robertson & Godson, J. S. Knarston, Thompson & Cowie, H. Gibson, E. Quennell, W. Brown, E. Ranger, C. F. Bryant, Senior & Russell, P. Burns, F. J. Ellison, J. Bevan, M. A. Rowe, McPhail Smith Hardware Co., T. Kabayashi, J. Nixon, Nat.

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Quebec, Dec. 31.—Two new members of the legislative council for the province of Quebec were sworn in today and their appointments signed by Sir Horace Archambault, administrator of the province during the illness of Sir Francis Langelle, Lieut.-Gov. The new members are Alphonse Racine, a merchant of Montreal and J. A. Chauvet, former member of the legislature for Jacques Cartier county.

Among the Vancouverites who are spending the New Year with relatives in Nanaimo are Mr. J. C. Gillespie, Jas. Pender, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breeze, Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoskin, William Stonehouse, son and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stephenson.

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MINERAL ACT.

(Certificate of Improvements)

Notice.

The Hub Fractional and the Midas Fractional mineral claims situate in the Nanaimo Mining Division of Nanaimo District, located at northeast-east part of Texada Island, in the Province of British Columbia.

Take notice that I, Charles Stewart, as agent for Dorsey E. McLaughlin, Free Miner's Certificate No. 74681-b, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 2nd day of December, A. D., 1914. D9-F9

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Nanaimo, B. C.**BRITISH AIRMAN RESCUED.**

Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—A telegram received here from Muiden, Holland, at the mouth of the Vecht, says a steam trawler has landed there Flight Commander Hewlett, of the British navy, who was one of the British airmen in the recent raid on Cuxhaven and who was supposed to have been lost, his machine having been picked up off Heligoland. Hewlett was rescued off Heligoland. Bad weather prevented the trawler from making port before today.

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