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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ISSUES INSPIRING MESSAGE TO ALL

London, Dec. 31.—Premier Lloyd George in his New Year's message to the nation, says:
"We bid farewell to a fateful year which has witnessed the signing of a peace that is alike a token of victory and a warrant for hope.
"Whether the New Year shall be rich with promise or laden with despair, depends upon ourselves.
"We have reached a time when concentrated effort is essential to the rebuilding of the world.
"If we quarrel among ourselves we impair our strength and only retard our progress, but by united action based upon common honesty and inspired by a spirit of general good will, the nation will add to the glory achieved by her sons in battle, in the accomplishment of the great task of restoring the prosperity and the well-being of our people."

CARD OF THANKS
Alderman E. C. Barnes desires to heartily thank all the electors of the North Ward for the confidence which they have reposed in him during the past twelve months.

Your happiness for 1920 is assured if you own your own home. If you don't. See A. E. Plants Ltd., who will find you one.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cairns, and Mr. C. V. Coldwell of Vancouver, are holiday visitors at the home of their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Randle, Five Acres.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Having taken over the business formerly known as the Bakery on Commercial street, from Messrs. Wilson & Scott. We respectfully request the attention of all former customers and hope to merit attention to business and the confidence of the public.
In addition to lines of goods we intend to carry a line of first class confectionery and fruits in season. We also intend to serve light lunches and afternoon teas, making this a speciality.

DOMINION THEATRE
Miss Annette Kellerman, shapely "Queen of the Sea," is the aquatic star at the Dominion Theatre for three days beginning today. Those who remember her famous picture, "A Daughter of the Gods" are promised in this latest William Fox submarine fairy story even more sensational swimming and high-diving stunts, combined with real dramatic situations. The art of condensation has been applied to this feature picture so that thrill follows thrill in constant crescendo, until Miss Kellerman attains a hair-raising climax with her dive of 85 feet from a high wire into the breakers below.
This comes as a logical part of the story, where the heroine is escaping from a lofty tower by walking a wire cable across a chasm, when the villain cuts the slender strand, and at the same time the tower is blown up. It is a thrill worth going miles to see, whereas you only have to go to the Dominion Theatre.
With this wonderful feature will also be shown the twelfth episode of "The Tiger's Trail." This great serial grows more and more thrilling as it nears its climax.

BETTER MOTOR FUEL THAN GASOLINE IS INVENTED
New York, Dec. 30.—Successful tests of a motor fuel declared to be more economical than gasoline and also easier on motors are announced by Otto Praeger, second assistant postmaster-general in Chicago for the air mail service.
The fuel consists of 38 parts of alcohol, 30 of gasoline, 19 of benzol, 8.5 of ether and 4 of toluol. Ingredients making up the remainder one and one-half parts were not given.
Mail plane No. 35 was used in the tests between New York and Washington. Another plane using high test aviation gasoline was used as a check. A saving of 3.9 gallons an hour in favor of the synthetic fuel was indicated. Economy of lubricating oil also was shown by the tests. After 125 hours in the air the two motors were torn down, and that in which the new fuel had been used was found in fine condition, with a very small deposit of carbon.

Cars for hire. Coal and other hauling done. Call Plummer, Phone 8.

ALLEGES FRAME-UP IN HIS DEFENCE

New York, Dec. 31.—Capt. Karl W. Debeer, who is standing before a Court Martial on alleged charges of brutal treatment of prisoners while he commanded the military police at Lemans, France, today in his own defense, testified that he was a victim of a frame-up on the part of Lt. L. D. Mahan, a subordinate, who was jealous of him.
Mahan, who was a former policeman, apparently did not like having Debeer, a former newspaperman for his superior, and Mahan and seventy other members of Debeer's company had later been transferred for "inefficiency and mistreatment of prisoners."
Private C. H. Lacey, who had previously testified against the Captain, had made the following statement to him, Debeer claimed: "Captain Debeer, we are going to put you over. We have got the right backing, and we are going to put you with 'Hard-Boiled Smith' and the rest."

The Hon. William Sloan, Provincial Minister of Mines has returned to his home in this city from Victoria to spend the New Year among relatives and friends. He will be in the city until after the holidays, and will hold a reception at his residence, Newcastle Townsite, this afternoon (New Year's Day), from 3 to 5 o'clock.

NEW YEARS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Annual New Year's entertainment will be held in Headquarters tomorrow evening and will consist of a supper from 5 until 6.30, followed by a musical evening at which the following programme will be rendered. An admission fee of 50 cents will be charged:

- Programme.
- Prayers by the Chairman, Mr. J. Busby.
- Star Exercise by 8 girls.
- Violin Solo, by Mr. Jones.
- Recitation, Miss Mary Carman.
- Miss M. Wallis (Somebody Knows).
- Tinself Drill by 12 girls.
- Recitation by L. Rouvier.
- Duet by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.
- Piano Duet, the Misses Hickman.
- Violin Solo, by Mr. Jones.
- Song, Mrs. Grayshon.
- Recitation, Miss Jarvie.
- Song, Mr. Phillips.
- Dialogue, "Exciting Times," Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family.
- Piano Solo, M. W. Nicholson.
- Song, (Selected) Mrs. Grayshon.
- Recitation, Mr. Bertram.
- Violin Solo, Mr. Jones.
- Recitation, "Papa's Letter," Mrs. Taylor.
- Pianist—Mrs. Emery.

THEATRE MANAGERS' RIGHTS

Montreal, Dec. 31.—By a majority decision rendered yesterday by the Court of Appeal, the owner of a theatre has the right to seat spectators where he wishes within the limits of the place, corresponding to the price the spectator pays for his ticket of admission. Loew's Theatre appealed on the question of principle involved in the issue, and on that appeal they succeeded by yesterday's decision.

LADYSMITH EAGLES
Are Giving a
GRAND DANCE and SUPPER
ON
NEW YEARS' NIGHT
In GOULD'S HALL, Ladysmith.
Admission: \$2.50 per Couple
Extra Lady \$1.00

COAL RESTRICTIONS ARE CALLED OFF

Mr. H. L. Good, Collector of Customs at this port, is in receipt of the following telegram from Mr. W. G. Gaunce, Trade Commissioner for the Dominion at Victoria.
"Effective midnight on the 31st, all restrictions on the exportation of coal from this country will be removed."

ALL RESTRICTIONS ON FISH LICENSES ARE WITHDRAWN

Save That in Future All Licenses For Either Canneries or Seine Net Fishing For Salmon Must be Canadian Citizens of a White Race
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—With the object of encouraging the establishment of the fishing industry among the white population of British Columbia, the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and the Naval Service, has decided to withdraw immediately the limitation on the number of salmon cannery fishery licenses that may be issued, and at the same time refuse any further licenses for salmon canneries or salmon seine or trap net fishing to others than resident citizens of a white race or to joint stock companies composed entirely of such persons.
The Minister has also decided that in future no greater number of salmon gill-net or trolling licenses, or other methods of salmon fishing will in future be granted to resident citizens of other than a white race or native Indians, than was issued to them for the past season.

BIJOU THEATRE

Nazimova in Her Greatest Triumph "The Red Lantern" to Play at the Bijou Theatre Today, Friday and Saturday.

A few facts about "The Red Lantern" Nazimova, the star, is the greatest artist of the screen and stage. The story is a picturization of Edith Wherry's famous and greatest novel, "The Red Lantern."
Millions of people have read it and all who have read it will want to see the supreme Nazimova in its screen version.
\$250,000 was spent to make the production superior in every way.
The regal robes worn by Nazimova are alone valued at \$50,000.
1500 persons appear in the picture, headed by a cast of national fame and distinction.
Eighteen huge sets, spread over six acres of ground, were built for the exterior scenes.
Pekin streets, lined with shops, dwellings, shrines, and temples of the Chinese, together with the palace of Dowager Empress and a section of the Great Wall of China; the American Mission, with its beautiful gardens, fountains, pools, shrubbery and leafy bowers under pergolas are among the sets.
Miles of California redwood and ash were used to make Chinese gargoyles, dragon heads and fantastic designs for the heads of worship and adobe reproduced for the picture.
The drama episodes of the Boxer uprising are enacted with historical verity.
The burning of the legation houses of the Allied nations is shown, followed by the street battles between the Allies and the Boxers. Real Chinese men, women and children, to the number of 800, were employed for these scenes.
Sixteen cameramen were used to take the scenes.
A colossal statue of the Chinese Goddess of Peace, measuring 22 feet in height and 6 feet in breadth, was built by Victor Andre, the world famous sculptor, especially for the picture.
Every incident, every costume, every racial habit or prejudice depicted in the production has the absolute stamp of historical and ethnological authenticity.
The famous "dragon room"—the Emperor's throne room in old Peking—is, faithfully reproduced to the last detail, with the massive onyx pillars, carved throne inlaid with precious stones, hand-wrought filigree and dragons.
New and spectacular lighting effects are among the multitude of extraordinary features of the production. The big street scenes were taken at night and thousands of lamps were used to insure absolute accuracy in artistry.
Nazimova appears as a blonde for the first time in her career. She in reality enacts a triple role, that of a Eurasian girl, half English and half Chinese, and an English society girl.

Skating in the Rink on New Year's Day. Afternoon 2 to 5. Evening 8 to 10. Come and have a good time.

CALENDER OF CHEER
So may the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many more whose happiness depends on you.
So may each year be happier than the last.
Charles Dickens

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

Today being New Year's Day and a Public Holiday, there will be no issue of the Nanaimo Herald on Friday morning.

PILOTS OBJECT TO DEPARTMENTS INTERFERENCE

The pilots of B.C. have forwarded the following telegram to the Premier, Sir Robert Borden, regarding the present unsatisfactory, to them, state of affairs under the proposed change of authority which was slated to take place at midnight yesterday:
"We have forwarded the following message to your Honorable Minister of Marine:
"Having failed to get any reasonable or sound business proposal as to rates, salary and working conditions from your representative of pilots from Ottawa, and after protracted meetings we have made the following tentative proposals to both Captain Robertson and to Captain B.L. Johnson.
"1. That we continue working under the present rates and conditions, operating our services to the best advantage for all concerned; receiving all our earnings and maintaining and operating our plant and stations out of those earnings for a period of six months; also making provision for the pilots who are over age.
"2. That we come under the new authority with the stipulated understanding that the minimum wage paid any pilot be \$350 per month; that the pilots over age be provided for; that all our plant be taken over at its present market value; and that all expenses pertaining to operation be taken off our hands.
"On account of the invidious attempt to cut pilotage rates below those which have been in force since 1914, when living was costing less than half of what it is now, this with out any definite assurance of our future remuneration, and notwithstanding the fact that pilotage authorities throughout the world are increasing their rates we are bound and bonded that we will not work under such authority and conditions as have been laid before us."
"We believe we have been treated in a most unconstitutional and un-British like manner by a department of your government, and to avoid further trouble would appeal to you to see that justice is meted out to us."
"Yours truly,
"PILOTS OF VICTORIA.
"PILOTS OF VANCOUVER.
"PILOTS OF NANAIMO."
Captain B. L. Johnson, the newly appointed pilotage superintendent for the Province, and Captain B. L. Robertson, head of the Canadian pilotage, have been conferring at Victoria daily with the pilots, with the above deadlock as the result.
The new term begins at the Spratt-Shaw Business College on Monday, Jan. 5. Enroll on the opening date.

NEW CANADIAN P. C.'S
London, Dec. 31.—The following Canadians figure among the honorees in the New Year's list: Charles J. Doherty, Arthur L. Sifton, Canadian representatives at the Peace Conference, and Sir Thomas White, former Canadian Minister of Finance, are made Privy Counsellors.

A PROSPEROUS COMPANY

Shareholders in Ranger and Burkburnett Oil Co., will be pleased to know that the company so far from being in trouble is highly prosperous and sound financially and with exceedingly good prospects for the future.
For some time the well known firm of accountants Chas. A. Armstrong & Co., of Houston, have been making an exhaustive audit of the affairs of the company, and their report will soon be in the hands of every stockholder. Yesterday I received a copy of the Balance Sheet, sufficiently complete to give a fair idea of the financial position of the company and I shall be pleased to place it before any Stockholder who cares to call at my office in the Young Block.
The figures cover the life of the company since organization in January last to October 31st and shows that Dividends have been paid amounting to \$67,323.00. There is cash on hand \$23,000. Practically no liabilities, save stock issued to Shareholders. Machinery and equipment over \$50,000.00. The leases alone are worth over \$2,000,000, yet the total assets are figured in at \$1,235,000. There are six flowing wells on one lease in the Waggoner Pool producing around 8,000 barrels daily, but owing to congested pipe lines, and the rigid rules of the Railroad Commission, only about 300 barrels is allowed to run. This condition is improving, and soon the Oil will be marketed to the capacity of the wells when further Dividends will be paid.
For the benefit of the many local Stockholders in the company I am pleased to make these facts known, and again advise that you hold your stock. It is valuable.
JAMES YOUNG.

LOCAL CANDIDATES FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
Next Tuesday's meeting of Nanaimo Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, will be an important one in that voting will take place on the election of Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing term, those entitled to vote being Past Chancellors of the order.
In connection with the election, there are two nominations from the local lodge, viz. Mr. W. H. Jones, at present Grand Prelate, who is a candidate for the office of Vice-Grand Chancellor, and Mr. Charles Wilson, Sr., who is a candidate for the office of Grand Outer Guard.
At the close of the regular lodge meeting a social session will be held.

Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, extends to All, Best Wishes for a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

SOME GOOD BOXING ON JANUARY 10.

On Saturday, January 10th, Nanaimo sport lovers will have the opportunity of witnessing one of the best boxing and wrestling tournaments ever staged in the city. The tournament will be staged in the Opera House under the auspices of The Western Pastime Athletic Club. The feature of the evening will be a wrestling match between Peter Durkin, champion of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and Eugene O'Connor, champion of B.C. These men are both 180 lbs., and will wrestle catch-as-catch-can style, best two out of three falls. In addition to this feature there will be a wrestling tournament between four local wrestlers in the 145 lb. class, for special prizes.

WILL LEGISLATE IN RESTRAINT OF WOOD ALCOHOL

A Heavy Tax is Likely to be Placed on Its Manufacture in The U. S. And Permits Will be Required of All Who Are Engaged in The Traffic.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Legislation to subject the manufacture and sale of wood alcohol to the same restrictions, as grain alcohol will be recommended to Congress as the result of the many fatalities from its use as a beverage.
Officials have in mind the placing of a heavy tax on its manufacture and sale and requiring permits to be obtained by all persons engaged in the traffic.
This would record the government with a definite record of the movement of wood alcohol from the manufacturers to the consumer and make possible immediate action by the authorities in the case of any violation of the regulations.
The annual Masquerade Ball under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters, Oddfellows' Hall, New Year's night.
Victoria, Dec. 31.—According to statistics compiled by the Provincial Registrar of births, deaths and marriages, 6586 British Columbians were added to the population during the month ending November 30 last. The death roll for the same period amounted to 4,362, while 3,126 were joined in marriage. Figures for the month of December are not yet complete. It is presumed however, by the registrar that at least 700 will be added to the birth list, 300 to the death roll and a little over 200 to the wedding list.

CONSUMERS SACRIFICED FOR FARMERS' BENEFIT

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Discussing the raising of the price of Manitoba wheat from \$2.30 to \$2.80 a bushel, Thomas Williamson, of the St. Lawrence Flour Mills Company, said today:
"The old price was a good one to the farmers. Speaking from the view point of a consumer, it seems to me that the many are being sacrificed in the interests of the few. The six million Canadian consumers must pay an advance in the price of the staff of life for the benefit of a million farmers, who were already receiving a good sum."
Mr. Williamson emphasized the point that the millers made nothing out of the new price.

COLONEL STARNES IS SECOND IN COMMAND

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Col. Courtland Starnes, of the Royal North West Mounted Police has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of the new Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which has combined the forces of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and the Dominion Police.
This appointment may necessitate making the headquarters of the new force at Ottawa.

PYTHIAN SISTERS' MASQUERADE BALL TOMORROW NIGHT

The members of Silver Leaf Temple No. 1 Pythian Sisters of Nanaimo have everything in readiness for their Masquerade Ball which will be held tomorrow night in the Oddfellows' Hall, commencing at 9 o'clock. The price of admission has been set at: Masked gents, \$1; masked lady, 30c; spectators, 30c, and gents after unmasking, 50c. The prize list is as follows: Best dressed lady in masked costume, \$7.50; best dressed gent in masked costume, \$7.50; best comic group, not less than four, \$8.00; national character, \$2.50; original character, \$2.50; best comic character, \$2.50; best flower girl, \$3.

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