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How often it happens that a public meeting accomplishes the very opposite of that intended. The meeting Monday night seems no exception to this rule. The tendency at first was to soar heavenwards on airy clouds of sentiment, but after the first enthusiasm had passed away the pendulum began to drop to the centre where it belongs.

The editor of this paper is a confirmed believer in public ownership. He has studied it in the light of economics, sociology and psychology, and believes that within it lies the key to a great many of the problems of our time. Notwithstanding all that, however, there are other considerations that come first.

We heard a great deal the other night about the old-timers who came here with a pack on their backs and who have since made good. Would it not be a sorry sight to see these same men taking again to the trail because their substance had melted from under them and because they did not have the price to go by steam.

If we follow out the policy adopted the other evening that surely is what will take place. Citizens, the next year and a half will either make or break every one of us. This city has an inevitable destiny of greatness before it, but if we have to wait for five or ten years for that greatness where is the money coming from to pay the bills?

The opponents of the Hydro-Electric agreement have thrown down the "iron glove" as a challenge to the progressive spirit of Prince Rupert. They have forced upon us a clear-cut issue and we are obliged to side either with those who work for progress and prosperity or those who would defeat all bylaws and bring the city to a halt.

The more one thinks about the issue the more important it appears. The question has absolutely nothing to do with whether or not public ownership is a good thing. In that we all agree. The issue is whether we shall spend all our available cash on a project that we can hire done or whether we shall spend that

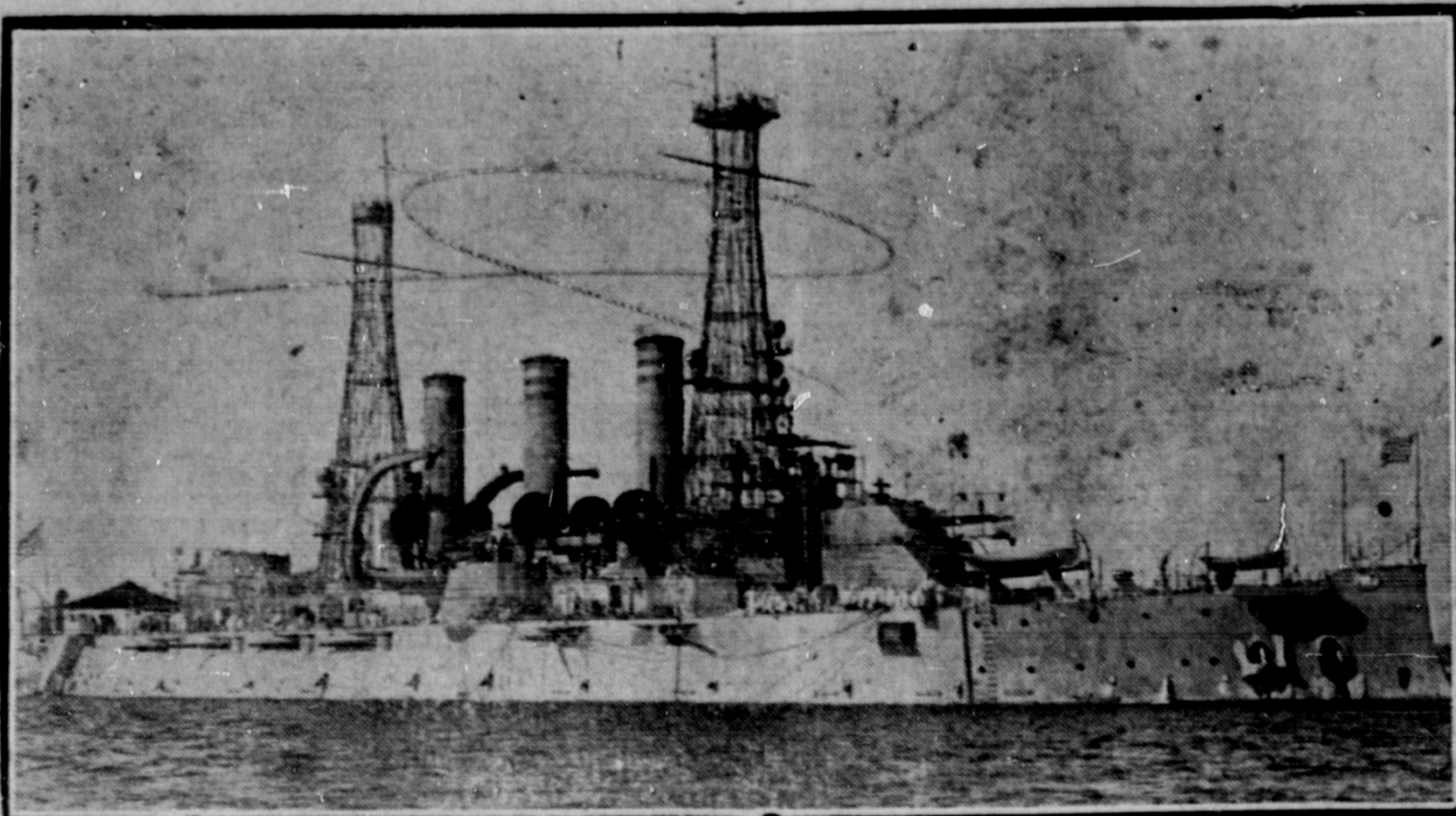
money on works of necessity without which this city will remain a village.

This course certainly would not be advocated unless the proposals of the electric company were within the realm of reason. The fact is, however, that they are willing to sell us power cheaper than we can manufacture it ourselves. Besides that, it is a temporary agreement. Science is demonstrating daily that there are countless new uses for electricity, and on account of that the use of electrical energy is ever on the increase. This fact alone makes it clear that the maximum amount of 3,000 horse power will soon be used, and then the city can return to its first love.

It is a childish argument to say that if we do not immediately make use of Woodworth Lake power the government will hold none of this for us. Surely the government will not act like a spoiled child in this. They must know the difficulty of financing at present and the need Prince Rupert has for her money in other lines. Mr. Manson surely was not serious when he said that he would not protect the power for the city if we did not now adopt his pet scheme. The mountains of British Columbia are full of water powers and we can always get a suitable stream even if we had to enter the Bulkley valley.

Most of those who favor tying up the city have not a dollar invested here. Some of them never had in spite of their now boasted confidence. What money they have had has been placed in Vancouver, and now they would pose as the city's benefactors.

Property owners, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to throw away to the winds the gatherings of your lifetime? The issue is the most important that Prince Rupert will face in a decade. Don't be influenced by cries of sentiment. Settle this as you do your other business. Vote for the Hydro-Electric agreement and vote for Mayor Pattullo and give Prince Rupert a chance to line that pocket of yours with gold, as it will do if it does not pass into the hands of pessimists.



## THE UNITED STATES SCHOOL SHIP DES MOINES

Secretary of the Navy Daniels is trying out a new experiment on this ship, and if it succeeds it may revolutionize naval training in the United States as well as other navies of the world. He proposes that the men now on his ship shall graduate as engineers, electricians, and in other trades, and go back into civil life after a few years' service well qualified to settle down into civil life and make a good living for themselves. In the meantime they will be prepared to act on this warship in the defence of their country if called upon to do so. There was a report from Ottawa recently that Premier Borden was considering some such scheme in connection with Canada's naval contribution to the British Empire.

## General News Notes

Cracksmen tunneled 150 feet and pierced the concrete walls of the First National Bank of Oroville, Cal. They obtained \$3,700 in silver, but were unable to blow the steel coin safe, in which was stored a much larger amount of gold and currency.

James Findlay, a former mayor of Vancouver, announced himself as a mayoralty candidate against Mayor Baxter and ex-Mayor L. D. Taylor, last week. He has since withdrawn upon recommendation of his physician, leaving the contest between the other two.

The Angus shops at Montreal are shut down as a result of the break in the water service. Some 7,000 men are thus thrown out of employment. The break is much more serious than at first anticipated.

A Spokane promoter is trying to raise funds for some 49 gospel automobiles, one for each state in the Union. Each outfit is supposed to carry a tent, singers and all the accessories of a church. The capital stock of the syndicate is fixed at one million in one dollar shares.

Fire broke out in Montreal while the city water system was broken down. The firemen laid one line of hose a mile long to the St. Lawrence River to get water. They also fought the fire with their chemical engines. A whole block was wiped out by the fire and it was necessary to resort to dynamite to save a great conflagration.

Suit will be filed, it has been announced, to test the constitutionality of the eugenics law which requires male persons applying for a marriage license to present a physician's certificate showing a clean bill of health. The law became effective January 1. Alfred A. Peterson was refused a license today because he did not have a health certificate signed by a physician. Peterson could not get a physician to make the examination for the fee of \$3 as provided by the law.

A wealthy farmer from Caledonia, Haldimand county, James Edwards, lies in the Toronto General Hospital, practically cured of cancer by means of ra-

dium. When admitted he had cancer three inches in diameter on the side of his face. This has been reduced to one and a half inches since October 25. Dr. Aikens, who had charge of the case, said the piece of radium used was valued at \$20,000.

Lincoln Beachey looped the loop six times in an aeroplane at a height of 2,500 feet over San Francisco Bay. It establishes another world's record in aviation.

Automobile bandits kidnapped two Pittsburgh business men who were on their way home, robbed them and rode them about the city for two hours before dumping them unceremoniously into the street. They were given ten cents each for carfare home. The victims are Charles Succop, president of a brewing company, and James A. Weldon, president of a plumbing concern.

A Pittsburgh young lady appeared on the streets of that city with a bustle, the newest Parisian creation. It caused almost as much sensation as the slit skirt. A crowd followed her, jeering and hooting. Police rescued the young lady.

Evidence gathered by the Seattle police caused them to believe that Mrs. Henry V. Longtin, a snake charmer, who with her husband, a waiter, was found dead in their room, having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas, turned on the gas with the intention of killing her husband and herself.

Municipal ownership means all public utilities within the city limits owned by the city. Under this agreement the city owns all its public utilities inside the city limits.

Let your slogan be "Cheap power by September, 1914."

Big bargains in ladies' waists at Wallace's sale on Thursday.

Ladies' white embroidered dresses at sale prices on Thursday at Wallace's.

Ladies, vote for the Company agreement and cook with electricity. No smoke! No dirt! No ashes!

## Famine in Japan.

Tokyo, Jan. 1.—Japanese in the Provinces of Isomori and Hokkaido are suffering from the worst famine since 1869. On account of the failure of crops and fisheries thousands of persons are starving. Many parents are reported to be selling their daughters to keepers of brothels in Tokyo, where batches of girls are arriving. Others are said to have been sold to foreign white slave dealers for shipment abroad. There have been runs on many focal banks and the government intends to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the relief of banks and the starving peasantry.

You can buy 60 cent tweed for 45 cents a yard at Wallace's sale.

Wait for it, don't miss it! The big sale starting Thursday, this week, at Wallace's.

The passing of the Agreement Bylaw means immediate work for many.

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