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Slackers May Not Have Votes

VANCOUVER COUNCIL ASKS EXCLUDE ALL ALIEN ENEMIES FROM COUNTRY

(Special to The News via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

Vancouver, January 29.—A motion submitted to the City Council last night by Mayor Gale, calling for the expulsion of all alien enemies and for prohibition of immigration from enemy countries was unanimously passed. The resolution declared that Canada's doors would be closed for some time to all subjects or citizens of Germany and her allies in the recent world struggle.

It was also resolved that the various municipalities of the province be requested to take similar action and the Provincial Government be requested to assist in order that at least the province of British Columbia may be freed of the menace that will, sooner or later, have a demoralizing effect upon the country and militate against the rehabilitation and repatriation of thousands of men who have suffered to make this country possible.

FORECAST OF WORK FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Understood that Settlers' Rights Law to be Re-enacted, Public Utilities Act Passed, and Other Measures.

Victoria, Jan. 29.—The government of British Columbia is going to battle with Ottawa over the settlers' question on Vancouver Island. Two years ago, the then new Liberal government declared open some thousands of acres of lands in the old Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway grant on Vancouver Island. A year later the Dominion disallowed the legislation. Pressure was brought on Ottawa from several quarters, among them a demand in the London Times for respect of vested rights. Today it is announced that the provincial government at the session opening next week will re-enact the legislation.

It is stated that during the year in which the enactment was in force, 200 applications for land from settlers were received. The only ones granted, however, were two to the Granby Mining Company, which opened up valuable coal properties. The disallowance left the Granby company in a curious position as a result of their expenditure of a million dollars on property the title of which was called into question.

Public Utilities Act.

It is announced that a measure

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NO MORE DANCES
BECAUSE OF FLU

Victoria, Jan. 29.—Under the Spanish Influenza Regulations Act, the Provincial Executive Council has passed an order-in-council closing all dance halls and terpsichorean entertainments, both public and private, until further notice.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR FREIGHT HANDLERS

Local Offices to Be Open From 8 to 5:30 Following McAdoo Award.

Notice has been given by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway that the hours at the freight sheds here have been regulated to bring them into accord with the McAdoo award and the rulings of the Railway War Board. These provide that there shall be an eight-hour day for the employees and that after working 48 hours a week all other time shall be overtime.

Different hours are arranged at different places but here it is thought that from 8 to 5:30 will prove most convenient for the public.

authorizing the initiative and referendum will be presented to the legislature in the session next month. The government also intends to pass a public utilities act.

A commission of three will be appointed for a period of ten years to administer the act. Another measure will provide for civil servants' super-annuation at the age of 65. Amendments will be passed to the soldiers' land settlement and labor enactments.



CODFISH FROM ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SHOULD COME TO PORT OF PRINCE RUPERT

THAT IS OPINION OF J. P. BABCOCK WHO SAYS THAT FISHING MUST FOR YEARS BE THE CHIEF INDUSTRY OF THIS PLACE

That Prince Rupert must look to the fishing industry as her chief source of wealth is the opinion expressed by J. P. Babcock, Commissioner of Fisheries under the Provincial Government, who arrived this morning from Victoria. He says that there is a great future for the trawling business. He thinks that it will be bigger than those now in the business expect. This is the natural port for the fishing business, and the industry should be built up. It made the city of Gloucester and it will do the same for this place.

Aleutian Banks.

Mr. Babcock says he believes that the cod fisheries of the Aleutian Islands should be subsidiary to this place. As the local banks become depleted the fishermen will have to go farther for their fish and this is the natural market for everything in the north. At present the cod fisheries at the Aleutians are worked from San Francisco. Prince Rupert is fifteen hundred miles nearer and has all the natural advantages. Undoubtedly the cod fishing at the Aleutians should be done from this port.

Mr. Babcock is much interested in the fisheries of Prince Rupert because he was one of the chief advocates of allowing the American boats to use Canadian ports. This put Prince Rupert on the map as a fishing port and kept her alive during the lean years. For years the Provincial Governments asked the Dominion to open the ports but for a long time this was refused. Eventually, as a result of keeping at it, the desired result was obtained. The ruling meant everything to this coast.

Mr. Babcock is here only for two days. He expects to leave for Victoria tomorrow night.

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BRITISH MUST KEEP HER MEN TO FINISH JOB

One-Fourth of Army Required for Long Time to Make Victory Sure.

(Special via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

London, Jan. 29.—At a special meeting of the Cabinet yesterday urgent questions regarding demobilization were discussed. It is understood that the conferees reached the conclusion that there is no prospect for months to come of voluntary enlistment of sufficient men for the army of occupation and salvage of property in garrisoning Gibraltar and the crown colonies, to ensure the safety of the United Kingdom, to safeguard the results of the victory in Palestine, Mesopotamia and Turkey, and that hence it would be necessary to adopt some system of selection and place the men retained as nearly as possible in the same position as they would be in civil life with regard to pay and other conditions.

It is considered that for the purposes above stated, about one million men be equipped, which means roughly three out of every four men be demobilized and the fourth retained to "finish the job."

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PROPOSE TO DISFRANCHISE THOSE WHO EVADED MILITARY SERVICES

(Special to The News via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

Victoria, January 29.—According to an announcement by Premier Oliver an amendment to the Provincial Elections Act to be introduced into the Legislature at the forthcoming session will be designed to disfranchise all deserters in the Province. In other words all those males who came within the operation of the Military Service Act, who failed to get exemption at the hands of tribunals and who absented themselves from military duties against the law will lose the privilege of the ballot.

BOLSHEVIKI CONSUL WAS NOT WANTED

Dr. Suretz Asked to Leave Denmark—Attack on British and Americans Failed.

(Special by G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

Copenhagen, January 29.—Dr. Suretz, Bolsheviki representative in Denmark, left here yesterday with his legation staff at the request of the Danish Government. He was notified that his further presence was not desired.

Archangel, Jan. 29.—Bolsheviki forces failed in an attempt last night to drive the British and American troops from their positions at Tulgas on the Dvina river southeast of Archangel. Earlier the enemy had bombarded the positions with artillery. Prisoners said that a general attack had been planned, but the majority of the Bolsheviks lost themselves in the woods.

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COLONEL PECK IS INVESTED WITH V.C.

Colonel Cyrus Wesley Peck of this city was yesterday formally presented with the Victoria Cross by King George at Buckingham Palace. The announcement as to his winning it and the brave act which brought him the decoration has been mentioned several times in these columns.

The Prisoners of War Branch of the Red Cross Society have been advised that two of their adopted prisoners, Lance-Corporal J. D. Bell and Lieut. Evitt, both well known here, have arrived in England.

"DEMERS"

Mrs. Demers has returned from the south, bringing a few of the new trench coats, that are being worn at present. These coats are very smart and serviceable. Also the hat of the moment, and several pretty party dresses.

COME AND SEE

The Liberal Association of Prince Rupert, B.C.

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