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AUSTRIA WILL NOT MEET THE DEMANDS

Reported Reply to States Regarding Ancona Will Be Unsatisfactory

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WILL BE BROKEN OFF

Washington is Determined There Will Be No Lengthy Discussion

Washington, Dec. 28.—Austria-Hungary, according to unofficial information received in authoritative quarters here to-day, will not meet the demands of the United States in her forthcoming reply to the second note sent by the United States on the sinking of the Ancona, and Teutonic diplomatic circles are reported as being prepared for a severance of diplomatic relations. Although the state department has received from American Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, no forecast of the reply, it is understood that unless some excellent reason for continuing diplomatic correspondence on the subject is presented, no "truce" remains but to break off relations. Penfield saw Burian. State department officials are expecting information about the reply which might have been received by Ambassador Penfield during an informal conference with Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs. Advice received recently through Baron Zweidelf, the Austrian chargé here, were to the effect that Austria would "be guided by concern" for the good relations existing between the two countries. The attitude of the state department is that there can be no discussion over the official admissions of the Austrian admiralty which formed the basis of the correspondence unless Austria denies the accuracy of that statement.

EVIDENCE HEARD BY SIR CHAS. DAVIDSON

No Record A. Dewitt Foster Asked for More Cheque Forms

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—When the Davidson commission resumed this morning John Thompson, K.C., counsel for the commission, called Col. Emmett Clark, assistant director of supplies and transport, who also is now in charge of the routine work. During the sittings of the commission in King's county, N. S. A. De Witt Foster, former M. P. for that county, had stated that his reason for issuing cheques on bloc was the scarcity of cheque forms. He had not been supplied with enough cheque forms to issue them for individual purchases. Col. Neall had not been able to supply him with sufficient forms. Col. Clark testified that he now occupied the position held formerly by Col. Neall. There had been no supply of remount cheque forms on hand when war broke out, but ten thousand had been printed before the work of purchasing had been started. These cheques had been ready for delivery to the purchasers some time before they commenced their work. "Did the supply run out?" asked Mr. Thompson. "No; it may have been exhausted eventually, but it was replenished before the original issue was exhausted. There was no scarcity," said Col. Clark. "Have you any correspondence, written or telegraphed, between Col. Neall and Mr. Foster on hand?" "No."

No Record. "Did Mr. Foster make any request by letter or wire for more cheque forms from Col. Neall?" "Not that I can find."

Asked how many horses had been purchased by Col. McRae, western remount officer, Col. Clark said that from March 7 to May 31 last, 2,921 had been bought in Alberta, 4,291 in British Columbia, 1,755 in Manitoba, and 1,287 in Saskatchewan, making a total for that time of 7,164. Col. Clark was asked if he had any record in the department of the appointment of Dr. Henderson for veterinary work at Vancouver. He said he had not. Asked if he had any record of the appointment of Dr. Smith, of Winnipeg, he said Dr. Smith had been temporarily appointed veterinary director of military district No. 10. That was all the record there was of him. Have you any record of the appointment of Will Grant, of Regina?" "We have no record of his appointment. He was appointed by Col. McRae."

"He was termed chief remount officer for Regina," said Mr. Thompson. "We have no record of him," said Col. Clark.

GERMANS' LAST BIG EFFORT WILL FAIL

All Indications Point to Early Offensive by Enemy in the West

BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE FULLY PREPARED

Germans Endeavoring to Discover If There is a Weak Spot

New York, Dec. 28.—A cable to the Tribune from Paris says: "Paris believes that the beginning of a new German offensive on the western front is only a matter of days. For the last week, while their guns battered at the positions of the allies day and night, the Kaiser's troops have been testing out the ground in France, probing for a weak spot against which an attack could be launched. Where this new assault will come is not certain. It may be staged on the northern front, in Artois, or around Ypres; along the Belgian front, where fierce battles took place in the autumn; in the Argonne, where the crown prince has tried repeatedly and in vain to loosen the French hold on Verdun, or in the Noyon sector, the sector nearest Paris. "That an attack will be made at some point along the western front is granted. For a month reports have come that the Germans were sending troops and guns to the line in Flanders and France. An especially heavy concentration was reported from the north along the Belgian coast. Increasing Evidence. "In the last fortnight has come increasing evidence that the Kaiser's troops were picking the spot at which the new offensive could be launched. Raids have been attempted at different points in the line—test raids to determine the strength of the allies' positions in some sector. Their Last Effort. "Unless weather conditions make such a move impossible, then the Germans will attempt a vigorous drive in the west—a supreme effort to humble the allies into peace. If the Germans hope for peace, the enemy into surrendering, as von Hindenburg has remarked, and the battering must be done on either the western or the Russian front. "The Russians are gathering their strength for a mighty blow at the Teutons. But indications are that the Kaiser's forces will not be ready to resume the attack until spring. Germany must strike at the allies in the west even if the Russian menace diverts troops to the east. That is why the offensive in France must come without delay. "For this attack the French and British are well prepared. The munitions problems have been solved in large part by both nations. That was indicated in the September offensive, and since then great stores of ammunition have been accumulated. "One of these raids took place on December 21 between Ypres and Armentieres, where the Germans attacked the British lines in force. But Sir Douglas Haig's men drove back the Teutons, who gained not an inch of ground and lost 8,000 men, according to a dispatch to La Liberté. "The fighting was most severe and a large quantity of asphyxiating gases was used, but the British lines remained intact. The attack is thought to have been the prelude to an offensive for the purpose of testing the strength of the British front. Artillery Busy. "The German artillery has been ceaseless in its bombardment of the French lines. For the Germans have adopted the methods of warfare which proved so effective for the French in September, when the Teutons' lines in Artois and Champagne were pierced. The French deluged the enemy positions with shells for a month in the effort to find a breach and then the infantry charged. "An accompaniment of these tactics is great activity by the aviators, whose function it becomes to hamper the enemy's supply roads and to weaken the communications leading to the front. An increasing number of air duels has been reported in the west. This undoubtedly has been part of the German plan for an offensive.

ENEMY INACTIVE ON FRONT IN BALKANS

London, Dec. 28.—The belief is gaining ground that the central powers will remain inactive. Reuter's Athens correspondent telegraphed: "Aeroplane reconnaissances of enemy positions by the allies show that unusual calm prevails. There are no indications of a projected offensive. "The feeling in official circles is that the danger that the operations will extend to Greek Macedonia is small."

ASKED TO ASSIST FORCES OF RUSSIA



KING FERDINAND OF ROUMANIA

EIGHT INDICTED IN NEW YORK TO-DAY

Congressman Buchanan, Ex-Congressman Fowler, D. Lamar, F. S. Monnett and Others

CHARGED WITH PLANNING TO BRING ABOUT STRIKES

New York, Dec. 28.—Congressman Frank Buchanan, of Illinois; H. Robert Fowler, former congressman from Illinois; Frank S. Monnett, former attorney-general of Ohio; David Lamar, Jacob C. Taylor, president of Labor's National Peace council; Franz von Rintelen, a German agent; H. E. Martin and Herman Schulteis were indicted by a federal grand jury to-day for conspiring to foment strikes in American munitions factories. All of the indicted men, except Lamar and von Rintelen, are officers or former officers of Labor's National Peace council, an organization which the government charges was formed and financed by Rintelen to bribe labor leaders to call strikes in munitions plants in furtherance of German propaganda in this country. Lamar benefited. Lamar, who has been called the "Wolf of Wall Street," is charged with being Rintelen's "backer." It is said hundreds of thousands of dollars passed through his hands and it is alleged he benefited personally to the extent of \$400,000. Rintelen is at present a prisoner in England. He was seized by the British authorities at Falmouth while fleeing from this country under a false passport. He is under indictment here charged with conspiring to procure a passport as an American citizen. No effort will be made, however, to obtain his return to this country, as the offences with which he is charged are not extraditable. All of the indictments were returned under the Sherman anti-trust law and charge conspiracy in restraint of the foreign trade of the United States. The maximum penalty is one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000. Organized in May. Labor's National Peace council was organized in May of this year, after the arrival in this country in April of Franz von Rintelen, reputed to be high in the councils of the German government. He apparently commanded unlimited funds, having \$500,000 to his credit in one New York bank. According to federal officials, his mission was not merely to start propaganda against the exportation of munitions to the allies, but also to stir up trouble between this country and Mexico. In the latter respect, it is said, his efforts were a failure from the start. The first important meeting of the peace council, which was organized ostensibly to promote the cause of peace, was held in Washington in June. Congressman Buchanan was elected president. Fowler was chosen general counsel and Monnett was named a member of the committee on resolutions. Buchanan resigned on July 21 and was succeeded by Jacob C. Taylor, a leading labor union official of New Jersey. Plan Failed. Von Rintelen, according to United States secret service agents, finally discovered that he was pouring out his money without result, except to enrich the men he employed as his agents. Some strikes were called, but they failed to have any important effect on the exportation of munitions. The German agent decided to leave the country. He first endeavored, by the aid of Andrew D. Meloy, an American mining promoter, to secure an American passport. Failing in this, he called

RUSSIA MAKES NEW OFFER TO ROUMANIA

Much Territory for Assistance and Permission to Cross Country

LESS FOR PERMISSION WITHOUT ASSISTANCE

Offer Conveyed in Letter From Czar to King Ferdinand

London, Dec. 28.—Russia has offered new and more extensive territorial concessions to Roumania, for permission to march Russian armies across Roumania to attack Bulgaria. This news is contained in a dispatch from Bucharest. The exact nature of the Russian offer is unknown, but the fact that it is more extensive than those made originally indicates that the allies have not yet given up the plan of splitting the Balkan armies of the central powers and thus weakening the German cause to such an extent that the safety of the Salonika positions will be assured until the Anglo-French forces there can gather sufficient strength to start an offensive movement. Letter From Czar. The new Russian offer to Roumania, the dispatch says, was made in a personal letter from the czar to the Roumanian king, delivered by the Russian minister, M. Schebeko. It is understood that the czar offers very extensive territorial concessions to Roumania if that country will declare war against Bulgaria and join the Russian forces in a combined attack, and that a less extensive offer is made in the event that only permission for the transportation of Russian troops across Roumania is accorded. Although there is little in the various dispatches from Bucharest to indicate the Roumanian government's present attitude, it is considered significant that active preparations for war continue with all haste at Bucharest. Four new munitions factories have been opened in addition to the existing plants, which are working day and night.

VILLE DE LA CIOTAT OFF CRETE WHEN SUNK

London, Dec. 28.—The number of survivors of the French steamship Ville de la Ciotat, the sinking of which in the Mediterranean without warning by a submarine was announced, is given in a Reuter dispatch from Malta as 208. The dispatch confirms previous advices that 80 persons lost their lives. The steamship was off the island of Crete when sunk. Survivors landed at Malta corroborate the statement that the steamship was torpedoed without warning.

ANOTHER ITALIAN SHIP REPORTED SUNK

Washington, Dec. 28.—An unconfirmed report from Rome that an unidentified Italian passenger steamship had been torpedoed while on her way to Catania, Sicily, with a loss of eight lives, reached the state department to-day. It was not reported whether any Americans were aboard. The American embassy at Rome is investigating.

BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT MEETS

Berlin, Dec. 28.—An undated dispatch from Sofia reports the opening of the Bulgarian parliament in the presence of King Ferdinand, Crown Prince Boris and Prince Cyrille. A large crowd gathered, and the reading of the king's speech was received with enthusiasm. Under a Swiss passport, using the name of Edward V. Gasche, Meloy was arrested subsequently and turned United States evidence. When von Rintelen was taken prisoner by the British a mass of documents also was seized and turned over to the American authorities. Four Months' Work. Acting on the information obtained from these papers, an investigation was started into the activities of the peace council. The grand jury first returned indictments against Rintelen and Meloy in the passport case. A sealed indictment, the contents of which have never been known, was next handed down. The indictments to-day are the final results of the grand jury's work, which has lasted four months. Assistant United States Attorney Sarfaty, who conducted the proceedings before the grand jury, declared to-day that while the jurors had been discharged the investigation was by no means ended and in all probability would be taken up by subsequent grand juries.

All Eyes in Britain Are on Government

London, Dec. 28.—The life of the Asquith government hangs in the balance to-day. This condition was brought about by a meeting of the cabinet to formulate a decision regarding conscription. Excited crowds surround the buildings on Downing street.

ARTILLERY DUEL ON FRONT IN VOSGES

Activity Extends Along the Whole Line in That Region

AN ATTEMPT MADE BY GERMAN TROOPS FAILED

Paris, Dec. 28.—An artillery engagement of great activity over the whole front in the Vosges is reported in the communication to-day from the war office. The statement follows: "In the Vosges there is intense activity on the part of the artillery over the whole front. At Hartmannsweilerkopf, on the southern slope of the hill at Rohlfelsen, an attempt of the enemy to make a sortie from his trenches was arrested by a curtain of fire. "There were no events of importance along the rest of the front."

German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 28.—An offensive movement by the French, who have attacked the German lines at Hirtzbach, is announced by army headquarters to-day. Details regarding the outcome of the attack are lacking, the statement adds. Monitors of the allies have shelled Westende, on the Belgian coast, three residents being killed, two of whom were women, it is declared. Train movements at the Soissons station were stopped by German artillery fire, the report states. On the eastern front repulses of Russian reconnoitering detachments on the Boreina, northwest of Cartorysk, and near Bereastiane are reported.

TOOK PARCELS FROM S.S. UNITED STATES

Greenock Detained Vessel at Greenock and Removed 2,891 Packages

New York, Dec. 28.—The steamship United States, which arrived to-day from Scandinavian ports, reported that on December 13 she was stopped east of the Shetland Islands by a British cruiser and taken to Greenock for examination. There the British removed 1,961 small parcels and 930 parcel post packages. The steamship was released on December 18. Because they were held five days at Greenock, the 296 American citizens aboard the United States drew up a vigorous protest against the action of the British government and will forward it to Secretary of State Lansing. The allies, it is explained here, intend to seize and examine all mail passing between the United States and the European neutrals which there is reason to believe is for Germany. Hitherto parcels have been confined to the parcels post. In justification it is said the allies will plead military necessity, and second that there is no inviolability of mail to the Teutonic powers because Turkey, their ally, did not subscribe to The Hague convention which covers it. Furthermore the action is based on an article in The Hague convention providing that immunity from seizure of mail shall not apply to correspondence destined for or proceeding from blockaded ports.

CONSTANTINE ASKED WORD BE NOT DOUBTED

Paris, Dec. 28.—The interview between King Constantine and General de Castelnau is being discussed widely in official circles at Athens, says the Matin. "The sovereign seems to have been impressed by the general's clear expression of the situation of the allies on all fronts. "The king returned to General de Castelnau the assurance that his army never would fight against us, and once more expressed a strong desire that his word should not be doubted."

CAPTAIN BOY-ED LEAVES THE STATES

Memory of Disclosures Made by Papers is Bitter to Him

ISSUES A STATEMENT TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

Brand Whitlock and Col. E. M. House Also Sail on Rotterdam

New York, Dec. 28.—Captain Karl Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attaché, Colonel Edwin M. House, and Brand Whitlock, American minister at Brussels, boarded the steamship Rotterdam within a few minutes of each other to-day to sail for Europe. Col. House and Mr. Whitlock were uncommunicative, but Captain Boy-Ed gave out a written statement in which he denounced what he characterized as the "reckless utterances of an irresponsible press," and predicted that the American government, "in self-defense," some day would have to curb such utterances. Col. House said he would visit the American embassies in London, Paris, and Berlin, and possibly Vienna. Concerning the object of his mission, he said he had nothing to add to his previous statement in which he declared his trip would be in no way a "peace mission, but that he was going at the request of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing fully to inform various American diplomats as to the precise attitude of this government. Col. House was accompanied by his wife. Popularity of Whitlock. Mr. Whitlock and his wife reached the pier some time before the vessel sailed, and the crowd that surrounded them was so large and demonstrative that it was necessary for the police to escort the pair down the pier to the gangplank. "I feel much better than when I came home," said Mr. Whitlock. "I would like to show my appreciation of the consideration which has been shown by newspaper men since I have been home, but I must decline to talk on any important matter."

Captain Boy-Ed drove to the pier, and as soon as he alighted from his taxicab he was surrounded by a large crowd and a policeman was called to escort him to the gangplank, where a number of German friends were waiting. After handing out his statement and shaking hands with his friends, the captain hurried on board. "There was some delay in the sailing of the Rotterdam owing to the close examination of passports and the ship's manifest by the Dutch consul-general's office. Boy-Ed's Statement. The statement issued by Captain Boy-Ed was as follows: "Before this terrific war broke out I had the great fortune of having served almost two and a half years for my emperor as naval attaché to the German embassy at Washington. "Those years belong not only to the most interesting, but also to the most pleasant period in my life. I am particularly thankful for the rare comradeship of the American navy that I have been permitted to enjoy, due to the kindness of its gallant and amiable officers. "The great and cordial hospitality which is so proverbial for Americans, and which was extended also to me from the very first day of my arrival in the United States, I can never forget. "Of course, I refrain at the hour of my departure from again repeating all the stories which were told about me in the American papers, and which mostly—like the silly Huerta tale—were invented by the Providence Journal. "This paper, with its British-born editor, Mr. Rathbone, has done its best to create an almost hysterical suspicion of spies throughout the country in order to prejudice public opinion against Germany. "Germans Do Not Understand. "We Germans do not understand what you call your 'free press.' Our laws allow the fullest personal liberty consistent with the welfare of the state, but we do not permit the diplomatic representatives of friendly governments to be insulted and libeled, nor our government to be embarrassed in its dealings with other nations, nor men's reputations to be wantonly sacrificed by the wild and reckless utterances of an irresponsible press like the Providence Journal. And I venture to predict that in sheer self-defense you will be forced to take like measures notwithstanding the dangerous power of your press. "While our enemies have been and are being supplied from this country with all forms of death-dealing munitions of war without which they would have long since been overcome, I have been denounced from one end of the country to the other for having been concerned at the outset of the war in chartering ships to supply our cruisers at sea with coal and food, as though it were a crime instead of being, as it is,

BULGARIAN PORTS WERE BOMBARDED

Russian Submarines Shelled Points on Black Sea; Thought Enemy Submarine Sunk

KING OF BULGARIA ON WAY TO MONASTIR

Bulgarians Four Miles From Greek Border Between Givgeli and Doiran

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Russian submarines have bombarded several Bulgarian ports on the Black sea, according to a statement issued by the admiralty to-day. The names of the ports were not disclosed. "Enemy submarines," added the statement, "attacked the Russian destroyer Gromky, but were driven off by other destroyers. It is believed an enemy submarine was sunk."

Four Miles From Border. London, Dec. 28.—A Salonika dispatch to the Times says: "It is reported the Bulgarians have withdrawn four miles from the Greek frontier, between Givgeli and Doiran, and are now fortifying a line of strong natural positions. "On the allies' side the work of fortifying is being pushed forward with great energy. On Way to Monastir. Paris, Dec. 28.—An Athens dispatch to the Havas Agency says a message has been received from Florina, Greece, that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, Crown Prince Boris and a German prince believed to be a son of Kaiser Wilhelm, have departed incognito for Monastir, in southwestern Serbia. Preparations are being made to give them an official welcome in a few days. The Bulgarians, it is said, are assisting all copper utensils from the people on the ground that they are needed for the manufacture of war munitions. The message adds that Bulgarian deserters report that dysentery is prevalent in the Bulgarian army.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES; NO RUBBER GOODS

Britain Will Allow Articles to Be Shipped to Central Powers

Washington, Dec. 28.—Informal assurances that the British order restricting American shipments of hospital supplies to the central powers is about to be modified have been received by the Red Cross, and preparations are being made to send through some of the equipment most needed. American Red Cross officials have begun compiling specific lists of the contents of three large shipments of hospital supplies which do not include articles of rubber. It is expected authorization will be granted by the British government for their shipment to Germany, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria. Later, lists of all supplies ready for shipment will be laid before the British foreign office, which is expected to make a specific statement of the articles Great Britain has determined to exclude from the central powers.

and has been considered by your courts, to be a strictly lawful act. "The ships that brought coal, provisions and supplies from Monastir to Admiral Dewey's fleet during the Spanish-American war were cleared from Macao and not for American warships at sea, and in their clearance papers it was stated that the cargo consisted of scrap iron. "In this connection I may cite one of the leading American newspapers, which said on December 5 in regard to the recall of my colleague, Captain von Pape, and myself: "It will be worth considerable to us if we keep our sense of proportion working and do not permit prejudices to shut out our perspective. Desires Peace. "It is my heartfelt hope that the United States and Germany, which have so many common interests, will always maintain their friendly relations; that peace will come soon and that the abatement of passion will enable all-Americans to have for Germany and the Germans the same good will as formerly. "I say good-bye to all my personal friends in this country, thanking them for the innumerable evidences of friendship I have received at their hands, and express my gratitude to those who have remained impartial and unbiased in a war, the bloodshed and misery of which the world has never seen the like before."

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GOOD WORK DONE BY ALLIES' ARTILLERY

German Works at Several Points on Western Front Damaged

London, Dec. 28.—The following official statement on the operations on the western front was issued last night:

"The enemy this morning sprang a mine opposite our line southeast of the Hohenzollern redoubt. We have consolidated the edge of the crater. Our artillery bombarded the enemy trenches south of the Lille-Armentieres railway with good effect. The enemy replied vigorously, but caused little damage.

"On the rest of the front there is normal artillery activity only to report."

French Statement.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"In Belgium a fire carried out against the enemy positions between the great dune and the sea gave good results. Barabets were destroyed in several places and a blockhouse on the German first line was blown up.

"In Artois last evening we exploded a mine to the northwest of Hill 140. The enemy was prevented by us from occupying the crater.

"Between the Somme and the Oise our artillery dispersed an enemy group to the northeast of Chilly. Between the Aisne and Rheims our artillery damaged German fortified works to the north of Mousy.

"In Champagne, near Hill 193, after a bombardment the enemy directed against our lines an attack, which was easily repulsed.

"In the Vosges, to the north of the Linge, our artillery succeeded in destroying a battery casemate and machine gun shelters. We successfully bombarded enemy trenches at Schratsmannelle."

The following official Belgian communication was issued last night:

"A violent artillery action has occurred along the Belgian front. We effectively shelled various German batteries in the outskirts of Schor and Woumen. The enemy infantry, who had collected in the trenches, were dispersed by our fire."

STRIKING GAINS MADE BY THE ROYAL BANK

During Exceptional Year Institution Even Showed Increase in Net Profits

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The Royal Bank is out with the best statement it has ever submitted to its shareholders. In fact, the statement this year is likely to make banking history because it reveals not only a position of record strength, but even shows that it was possible for a Canadian bank, under the unprecedented conditions of past year, to forge ahead in the matter of net profits. To a great extent the people have come to believe that a position of exceptional strength naturally leads to a lower ratio of profits, so that the Royal Bank's exhibit of a record position of strength, and at the same time record profits brings forward a new condition for the larger Canadian banks.

Net Earnings 18.48 Per Cent.

The statement, which is for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1915, shows net profits of \$1,905,578.57, equivalent to 18.48 per cent on the paid-up capital, against \$1,882,142.67, or 18.31 per cent in the previous year, a gain of \$19,435. The profits of the year, added to the balance at the credit of profit and loss at the end of the previous year, brought the total amount available for distribution up to \$2,519,628.22. Out of this amount, in addition to making the regular distribution to shareholders, the bank followed its usual conservative policy in making a large appropriation to the officers' pension fund, and writing off a substantial amount on bank premises account. The dividends at the rate of 12 per cent per annum required an appropriation of \$1,387,200; \$100,000 was transferred to officers' pension fund; \$250,000 written off bank premises and \$105,966 paid as war tax on the bank's note circulation; leaving the balance to be carried forward to profit and loss of \$676,472, against \$614,062 last year.

Record Proportion of Liquid Assets.

In view of the increased profits for the year the bank's liquid position attracts immediate attention and on this account it is satisfactory to find substantial gains in the proportion of both the liquid assets and cash on hand. The liquid assets amount to \$4,894,472, equivalent to 49.93 per cent of the liabilities to the public, compared with \$71,244,677, or 46.06 per cent, at the end of last year. Of these liquid assets specie on hand amounted to \$15,946,259, as against \$12,995,483; Dominion notes \$12,977,290, as against \$12,658,371. This made the percentage of cash to liabilities 18.43 per cent, as against 17.90 per cent in the previous year. All accounts in the liquid assets showed gains over the previous year, the notes of other banks standing at \$2,067,650, as against \$2,525,206; cheques on other banks, \$6,516,769, as against \$5,752,485; balances due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada \$5,235,540, as against \$3,144,602; Canadian municipal securities, \$3,154,438, as against \$2,185,062; railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks \$14,083,602, as against \$13,557,741. The total assets of the bank increased almost \$20,000,000 by touching \$198,299,123, as against \$178,404,054.

While such a statement is bound to be pleasing to every Canadian, it is particularly satisfactory to the shareholders of the banks which have been absorbed by the Royal during the past few years. Their position as shareholders has been immeasurably improved.

MILITIA REGULATION DEALING WITH LIQUOR

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A militia regulation has been passed providing that "no person shall with the intent of eliciting information for the purpose of communicating it to the enemy, or for any other purpose calculated to assist the enemy, give or sell any intoxicating liquors to a member of any of his majesty's forces or to a member of the militia of Canada."

The regulation provides further "that no intoxicating liquors shall be sold to a man employed on guard or garrison duty with intent to make him drunk, nor with or without such intent, when such person is on such guard or garrison duty."

GERMAN PLOTS IN ROUMANIA.

London, Dec. 28.—The Eueharest correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that several arrests have been made in connection with the unsuccessful plot laid by Germans to blow up the residences of M. Filipescu and Take Jonescu and other prominent men, including cabinet ministers known to be favorable to the allies.

CORRESPONDENT SAYS SALONICA NOT CITY

Merely a Spot Where Hundreds of Thousands Have Congregating; No Services

London, Dec. 28.—A correspondent sends the following from Salonica:

It is one of the lessons impressed by the war in the Balkans that the character of no city or district is so definitely fixed that it cannot be altered almost overnight. Few things have become more wearisome to students of Balkan politics than the historical monographs, charts of race migrations, ethnological maps in several colors (the maps, not the races), constantly being issued by one Balkan state or another to prove that virtually all the Balkans as well as a considerable share of the rest of the world is and has for centuries been inhabited almost exclusively by Greeks, Bulgars or Austrians, as the case may be.

The Greeks probably are the worst offenders, at least in respect of the extent of their claims. According to them, certainly all of the littoral and all of the islands of the Aegean, and probably a very large part of the eastern Mediterranean basin as well, including by all means Alexandria, should be Greek. Towards the north, more than half of Albania is claimed, and a goodish bit has already been seized; Rumania, out of Bulgaria; and as for Turkey in Europe, the Greeks laugh at the idea that the little that is left of the western Balkan empire should fall to the west of the Greeks, from Kir-Kilisse and Adrianople to and including Constantinople. For in the Greek mind, any other disposition of Constantinople than to place the Moslem city under Greek rule would be the rankest injustice under which Greece would never cease to complain—until properly compensated.

Originally 100,000.

In view of the extravagance of these national claims, it is most interesting to watch the change worked in Salonica in the course of comparatively few weeks since the allied troops began to land there. It is true that Greeks, also, have poured in in even greater numbers than the allies, but the original population stood at about 100,000 inhabitants, of which number 80,000 are Jews or Portuguese and Spanish descent, still speaking a sort of bastard Spanish, in which several newspapers are printed, though strangely enough, the Hebrew characters are employed to spell out these Iberian words. Next in number came the Greeks themselves, totalling with officials, garrison and everything, only 40,000 or less, while the Turks ran them a close second with between 30,000 and 40,000. The remaining population of normal times was that cosmopolitan mixture so characteristic of every port, but especially of a port like Salonica or Rotterdam, where the port itself are in different countries. Here, however, instead of simply having one other country as hinterland, as Rotterdam has Germany, Salonica has two, Serbia and Bulgaria. There were always, therefore, many Serbians and not a few Bulgarians to be found in Salonica. For the same reason Austrians were frequent in normal times, though less so since the war has cut Austria-Hungary off from Salonica as a port of outlet.

To a population so divided there was first suddenly added about 200,000 Greeks, Macedonians and Thracian refugees—more than double the normal population of the city itself! A new city was built in the shape of brick barracks out at the edge of town, where the refugees are housed in the utmost squalor and the most incredible condition of crowding. Naturally, they prefer to spend most of their time trying to pick up a few pennies around the streets of the city to sitting idle in the stench and filth of the barracks all day.

Greek Soldiers Came.

Scarcely had the population of Salonica in a way disposed of the sudden influx of strangers when the Greek mobilization was ordered and soldiers from all over Greece began to arrive at the appointed trying place—none other than Salonica. Following the last two Balkan wars, Greece had increased her population, by territorial acquisitions, over 50 per cent. It is doubtful if even the Greeks quite realized what this increase would mean in the shape of the increased number of troops mobilized. In a few weeks—almost in a few days—the population of Salonica, which had been first 100,000, then 300,000, suddenly became 700,000. As many as possible of the new comers were quartered on the inhabitants of the city; the remainder erected a tent city at the edge of town—but all spent their time in the narrow, ill-paved streets of Salonica, which began to resemble a county seat during fair week.

And then, out of a clear sky, French and British troops began to join the throng. At first the number was small, but it steadily increased. It is true that most of these were moved north quickly, but all the necessary commissary service must be directed from Salonica; all the work of landing, not only the newly-arrived troops, but the supplies, must be handled there; and in duplicate, for the British have their own machinery to this end quite distinct from the French.

Facilities Inadequate.

Naturally, there simply were not enough shops in which to bake the bread necessary for so great an increase of population—much less was there enough wheat from which to bake it. The same was true of every other commodity necessary to life—and still is. Serbians, refugees from their war-ridden country, began to arrive in such great numbers that the Greek government suspended the railway service with Monastir, trying to prevent this last, possible invasion. Nevertheless, some 60,000 to 70,000 arrived. The population of Salonica in a few weeks

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

Third Infantry Brigade Headquarters—Dangerously wounded: Capt. E. Bristol, Hamilton, Ont.

First Battalion—Died of heart disease, December 8: Pte. Thomas James Clements (formerly 24th), Galt, Ont.

Severely wounded: Pte. Harry Hickey, Georgetown, Ont.

Wounded: Pte. C. W. Rowland, Sarnia, Ont.

Slightly wounded, Pte. Frank Roberts, Rhode Island, U. S. A.; Pte. Charles E. Usher (formerly 33d), Lee, Mass., U. S. A.

Second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Thomas Crawford (formerly 28th), Elgin, Ont.; Pte. Albert Bennett, Cornwall, Ont.; Wounded, but on duty: Pte. Jas. Hayes, Richmond, Ont.

Third Battalion—Dangerously ill: Cpl. J. E. Trippe, Mount Denis, Ont.

Unofficially reported prisoner of war: Cpl. John Cody, Spokane, Wash.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action: Pte. S. J. Watts, England.

Fourth Battalion—Suffering from shock, but on duty: Pte. James Dunphy, North Sydney, N. S.

Fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. J. A. Kidd, Medora, Man.

Slightly wounded, but on duty: Lieut. K. L. Campbell, Toronto.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded: Sergeant William Rowe Whitton, Toronto.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Died of wounds, December 23: Pte. John Joseph Shannon, Lominton, Mass., U. S. A.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. R. Howlett, Wood Island, Nfld.

Thirty-fifth Battalion—Died, December 25: Pte. Albert Edward Hooker, Dartford, Eng.; cerebral spinal meningitis.

Seriously ill: Pte. G. R. Burns, Toronto.

Thirty-ninth Battalion—Seriously ill: Sergeant Harry Tattersall, Toronto.

Died: Pte. A. W. Morris, Oshawa, Ont.

Forty-second Battalion—Died: Pte. B. Clark, Hilliardton, Ont.

Forty-fourth Battalion—Seriously ill: Sergeant William E. Booker, Branley, Surrey, Eng.

Forty-ninth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Geo. Angus, Edmonton.

Fifty-fourth Battalion—Died, December 25: Pte. George Henry MacLeod, Reay, Caithness, Scotland; bronchitis.

Royal Canadian Dragoons—Dangerously ill: Pte. W. Blocham, Holly, Ont.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Died: Pte. J. A. O'Reilly, Philadelphia.

Reserve Artillery Brigade—Died: Pte. Wm. Cooper, Scotland.

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The commander of the submarine ordered men to rescue the persons who had jumped into the sea. Then he asked Captain Dolce for information about the steamship.

The passengers and crew had hardly had time to get into the lifeboats when the submarine discharged a torpedo. Just at that moment the torpedo boats rushing to the rescue came into sight and attacked the submarine, firing ten shots before the latter submerged. Several shells struck the submarine forward. It is not known whether the submarine was disabled. The torpedo boats conveyed the 261 survivors of the Port Said to Berna.

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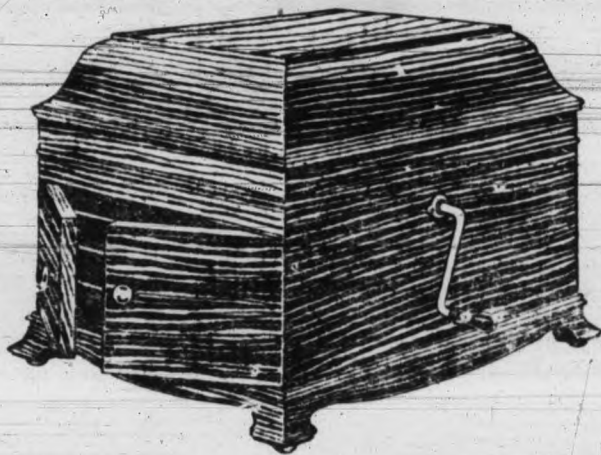
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Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The funeral of John Stratton, aged 84 years, who died after a brief illness, took place yesterday from the residence of his son, David, Simcoe street. In his demise Winnipeg has lost one of its old-time citizens, as he came to the city in 1887 from Newry, Ireland. In the early days he installed many large flour and planing mill plants in Winnipeg and the west. He was one of the oldest Masons in Canada.

He is survived by five sons, of whom John, of Victoria, B. C., is one. There also are three daughters.

Several members of a woman's club were chatting with a little daughter of their hostess. "I suppose you are a great help to your mother," said one. "Oh, yes," replied the little miss, "and so is Ethel; but it is my turn to count the spoons to-day after the company is gone."

TRYING TO BELIEVE FRENCH LOAN FAILURE

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Berlin newspapers characterize the French war loan as a failure.

The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says the amount actually subscribed, considering the issue price, was equivalent to 10,700,000,000 marks (\$2,675,000,000) as compared with 25,500,000,000 marks (\$6,375,000,000) subscribed to the German war loans.

The amount paid in cash, it says, is less than one-sixth of the cash paid in German war loans.

FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG CRITICIZES FORD PARTY

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The following criticism of Henry Ford's peace party has been voiced by the Frankfurter Zeitung, according to a dispatch received here to-day.

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BEHIND NEW LINES OF TORRES VEDRAS

Position of Allies in Salonica Region; Impossible Task for Enemy

Paris, Dec. 28.—"Polybe," the brilliant military theorist who writes in the Figaro, was happily inspired when, in one of his acute semi-historical, semi-philosophical studies of the war, he drew a parallel between the situation of the British at Torres Vedras, near Lisbon, in 1810, and the situation of the allies at Salonica to-day.

It was happily inspired, because the Torres Vedras operations were a decisive success for the British. As the allies at Salonica are in a situation almost identical, a study of the Torres Vedras campaign creates a strong feeling of confidence as regards the final result of the Salonica expedition.

The parallel between Torres Vedras and Salonica is curiously complete. The Iberian peninsula, Spain and Portugal, was overrun by the French in 1810, just as to-day the Balkan peninsula is overrun by the Austro-Germans. When the invaders, sweeping everything before them, arrived in front of the lines of Torres Vedras, Cadix was about the only town still held by the Spaniards, and the French, to be absolute masters of Portugal, had only to break through the lines and drive Wellington's "contemptible little army" into the sea.

Political Similarity

As regards Portugal, the situation of the British greatly resembled the existing situation of the allies as regards Greece. The Portuguese were friendly. So are the Greeks. But the Portuguese court party stood in fear and trembling before the invincible French, just as the Greek court party to-day stands in fear and trembling before the invincible Germans. The Iron Duke could count upon as much practical help from the Portuguese regency and on as much stability of policy in the Portuguese aristocracy as General Murray and General Sarraill are likely to receive to-day from the Constantine-Skouloudis-Rhalla-Dragounis-Theotokis junta and the Greek court party.

How vacillating was the conduct of the Portuguese government, and how hopeless did the British situation appear not only to pessimists in Britain, but even to some of Wellington's officers in Portugal, may be read in the diplomatic correspondence of the period and in the Iron Duke's dispatches. All the measures taken by Wellington—the requisitioning of supplies, the destruction of material that could benefit only the enemy, the removal of civilians—were protested against and furiously opposed by the regency. Did not the "freedom of action" which the allies demanded at Salonica receive just as little encouragement, to put it mildly, from the Greek government? It is amusing to note that complications with neutrals were not lacking, for the United States protested against Wellington's embargo on shipping in the Port of Lisbon. The protest was received as President Wilson's protest against the blockade measures of the allies has been received—with polite inflexibility.

Pessimism in 1810

As for some of Wellington's officers in the field, they were almost as despondent as is L'Homme Enchaîne to-day. Spencer and Stewart wrote to Lord Liverpool in such despairing terms that he sent their letters to Wellington with what was virtually an appeal to the Iron Duke not to be rash. The duke, in reply, showed Liverpool that the rashness would be to withdraw from the peninsula. The strategic would have to be taken up at some other point. Is not this the situation to-day? If the allies were to scuttle out of Salonica, would that end the matter? Not at all. The conflict would have to be taken up at some other point—in Asia Minor, or Syria, or Egypt. The withdrawal from Salonica, which is impregnable with the allies holding it, would merely complete the enemy's hold on the Balkan peninsula and give him a magnificent naval base for submarine action in the Adriatic.

Another point of similarity—Wellington was not efficiently supported by his government. The help he demanded was doled out to him parsimoniously, in "petita paquets." The British, says Thiers, trembled at the idea that their soldiers would be driven into the sea. The "whimpering press" of the day alarmed the people; the people pestered the cabinet and the cabinet acted according to the varying mood of the moment. "Far from sending Wellington resources proportionate to the danger in which he stood, the cabinet supplied them sparingly for fear of encouraging him to keep up the struggle in the peninsula." Is not that picture a picture of to-day? The military experts of 1810 were convinced that Napoleon having reduced Spain and Portugal, would concentrate his forces and crush the British. Is not that precisely what the military critics of to-day are predicting? "The Kaiser," they say, "having reduced Serbia, is about to concentrate his forces against the allies and drive them back to Salonica and into the sea."

Serbia To Be Reckoned With

The critics have merely overlooked the fact that while Serbia is invaded, just as, Spain was invaded, the Serbian army, unlike the Spanish army and the Portuguese army, is still a fighting force to be reckoned with. If the Serbians and the allies effect their junction, it will mean a proportionate increase of danger for the invader. But even if they do not effect their junction, so long as the Serbians remain a coherent mass, they will continue to menace the invader's flank and paralyze his movements against the allies. Thus as regards resources, the allies at Salonica are more favored than were the British at Torres Vedras.

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ington, at his best, had under his command at Torres Vedras only 40,000 British and some 30,000 Portuguese and Spanish. The Franco-British forces at Salonica already number close upon 200,000 men. The Serbians still in the field number more than 100,000.

Outlook Encouraging

The outlook, in fact, is as encouraging for the allies as the outlook seemed gloomy for Wellington. Yet Wellington not only had no thought of withdrawing from the peninsula, but even fought against such an idea. The British opposition in 1810 was not more stubborn than is the opposition of L'Homme Enchaîne to-day. "It was anticipated with fear that the army would be compelled to re-embark, and there was a general desire that it re-embark spontaneously instead of waiting until forced to do so." But Wellington not only had a clearer view of the situation, but also a further reaching view of the future. "If we leave the peninsula," he wrote, "the general submission of Spain, perhaps

of Europe, will follow. The expenditure which is refused for the continuance of the war around Lisbon will have to be incurred for the carrying on of a war between Dover and London."

So he remained in Portugal. The result is too well known to need recapitulation in detail. Massena found it impossible to break through the Torres Vedras lines. His retreat followed, with Wellington hanging doggedly on his heels. The "war party" in the British parliament, encouraged by the success of Wellington, gained the upper hand; the entire forces of the nation were hurled against Napoleon, and he was doomed to certain defeat.

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POLITICAL CRISES IN BRITAIN.

An American editor recently remarked that there was nothing ominous in the fact that political affairs in the United Kingdom were not flowing smoothly. On the contrary, it would be ominous if they were. Pungent criticism, ministerial changes, the overthrow of a cabinet or two, indicate that John Bull has not lost his pristine vigor and virility. It is his way of showing that he is not satisfied with the course of things and wants them improved. Had the political life of Great Britain been undisturbed during the last year and a half, those familiar with its history would have had good reason to feel apprehensive that senility had claimed the old gentleman. The slow, placid stream is usually impure; it is hard for impurities to find lodgment in a stream of turbulent, swiftly-runnng water.

During the Napoleonic wars John Bull tried all sorts and conditions of governments and promptly kicked them under the table as soon as he lost patience with them. During the Crimean war similar political upheavals occurred. The government was a kind of punching bag which received a swat every time something went wrong at the seat of war. Often the government was not to blame; often it was. But there it was—a tempting target for a healthy old gentleman who was unable to use all his great vigor on the foe. There have been notable ministerial changes since the present war broke out. One cabinet has resigned and its successor may go out of office any time. This sort of thing probably will continue to the end of the war. It does not seem to injure the military operations, although it may be wearing on the onlooker's nerves. In fact it invariably improves the outlook. It should be remembered that these political ructions do not arise from lack of harmony over the main purpose but from differences of opinion as to the best means of knocking the enemy cold. That is a healthy sign as far as Great Britain is concerned. It may not be so regarded by the Germans, but that will be so much the worse for them.

But there is one thing government critics overlook, and that is the fact that this war is not exclusively a British affair. If any one of the original triple entente powers withdrew the central empires, while they might be held, could not be beaten. The allies are links in a perfect chain, and one is as indispensable as the other. For what mistakes have been made the responsibility should be fairly distributed in the mind of the critic. The British government is not responsible for all of them. Many alleged mistakes are really not mistakes at all. But in any event all nations make them in war. History has not shown where any country has perpetrated such a series of hideous blunders as those which lie at the door of the oligarchy at Potsdam.

There never has been a war of this magnitude before. The Napoleonic conflict was a series of ferocious duels between two or more nations with separate peace treaties among the various belligerents and ever-changing coalitions. In this war the geographical situation of the central empires gives them definite but temporary strategic advantages over their opponents. No matter what the allies may not have done that should have been done they could not have overcome the handicap thus imposed upon them. They could not have established the same unity of command; they could not have distributed and shifted their armies so effectively and rapidly. Russia's reverses last May could not have been avoided, for reasons that were as much geographical as anything else. As time goes by Germany's natural strategic advantages are

changing into disadvantages. She has been less exposed to attack because she is hard to approach from the sea, but it is this very fact which in the long run will cause her ruin. Her greatest strength is her greatest weakness.

But what political ructions may occur now will be gentle zephyrs in comparison with those that will develop after the war. Then will come the house cleaning, the great social and economic readjustment and a tremendous wave of democratic sentiment which will play havoc with many time-honored customs. Like a great earthquake, the war already has removed many of the anomalies and inequalities in the life of the various belligerent states. The public will want to complete the process. Those who are howling at Asquith, Grey, Balfour and other statesmen of poise and moderation may yet repent their course in sackcloth and ashes.

IN DOUBT.

Mr. Bowser says he has not made up his mind whether he will have a general election before another session of the legislature or satisfy himself for the time being with bye-elections for the new appointees to the ministry. His uncertainty can be readily understood under the circumstances. He wants to do what he thinks is safe politically. There is little doubt that he had made up his mind at first to have bye-elections. He evidently had the impression that the Liberal opposition would not oppose his nominees. He came out with an announcement of policy which was believed to be the forerunner of an election proclamation. But the Premier soon discovered his mistake. He found his opponents ready to fight his ministers in each constituency for all they were worth, and he has decided to give the situation a little more study. He knows that he cannot afford to lose one of the three seats involved in bye-elections, for the loss of prestige he would suffer by that event would be serious in the general election which must occur within three or four months. In this hour of uncertainty Mr. Bowser would find Sir Richard's judgment invaluable; he will miss it sorely in many another similar hour if his government lasts long enough. But Sir Richard is no longer in politics. He is an official of the province and, of course, the civil service of the country is outside party politics, as Harry Price would remark. Our prediction is that after the Premier has finished his meditation on the situation he will be definitely against bye-elections. He will have concluded that his three new ministers will stand better chances in a general contest.

ON THE ROCKS.

Every man to his calling. Henry Ford is an organizer of industry of world-wide reputation. As a promoter and conductor of a peace expedition he has been a failure. He apparently had no definite plans. He simply chartered a vessel, invited a number of people interested in various kinds of 'isms and set forth. He seemed to think that all the combatants and non-combatants of Europe were waiting for him; that just as soon as his ark hove in sight of the British Isles there would be a such a rush of war-sick people to the coast to welcome him that the island would be in danger of turning over. There he received his first shock. Nobody invited him and his party to land; his ship was escorted to Kirkwall by a destroyer and examined like any other suspicious-looking vessel. The commander and men of the destroyer did not express their burning desire to desert nor did they implore Henry to hurry to Berlin and stop the war. In Norway's capital the party was shocked beyond recovery. Even the peace and arbitration association of that country refused to have anything to do with the Ford expedition. It was too unofficial and looked too eccentric. The promoter, who had not really begun to promote, found the atmosphere too heavy for his health. Europe in war time was no place for him. Not only did the belligerents not want to stop fighting, but the neutrals did not want them to stop.

When he abandoned his party in inhospitable Scandinavia, Ford seems to have washed his hands of the whole affair. He placed it in charge of a committee of seven delegates. The board of management, however, could not agree. Mrs. Inez Mulholland Boissevain, one of whose names betokens French affiliations, fell foul of Mrs. Rosika Schwimmer, who is accused of being the head of an undemocratic group among the delegates. We would not exactly associate the name Schwimmer with democracy. No doubt the Boissevain-Schwimmer feud arose from differences which have their origin in the fundamental causes of the war. Thus the Ford expedition which was to have brought about a grand European reconciliation by Christmas is breaking to pieces. We presume the vessel will return to America. To make sure of it, however, Mrs. Boissevain should keep a wary eye on the Schwimmer person.

A REAL ACHIEVEMENT.

Sir Edward Grey's critics seem to overlook the fact that to him is due the credit for the greatest diplomatic success of the war. This was the consolidation of the entente powers in an organic union for the purposes of the struggle. Early in the conflict he foresaw that popular discontent and restlessness in one or other of the allied states following the reverses he knew would come might weaken the resolution of the government to continue the war to the end. He devised, therefore, the celebrated treaty by which each of the original entente powers bound itself to agree to no peace terms unacceptable to the others. Within the last few months Japan and Italy have added their signatures to that declaration. Incidentally, the intervention of Italy on the side of the allies was a considerable diplomatic triumph in itself. Germany's influence in the peninsular state was extraordinarily strong. She had made it a point to gain control of many of the channels of Italian trade and commerce. She had influential friends at the Vatican and in the public life of the country. Prince von Bulow, whose wife is an Italian, was immensely popular throughout the country. Even the Italian parliament was unfavorable to intervention. Yet Italy intervened, and perhaps some day the historian will show how ably and industriously Sir Edward Grey and M. Delcasse labored to that end. Nobody in Germany, however, howled for the heads of von Bethmann-Hollweg and von Jagow over their diplomatic failure. In comparison with the advantages derived by the allies from the intervention of Italy those gained by the central empires from the adhesion of Bulgaria were inconsiderable.

The Ottawa Citizen, a Conservative newspaper which is not blind to the faults of the party it supports and naturally at the present time sees many blemishes wherever Conservatism holds sway, thus reviews the political situation: "Public opinion is making itself felt in Canada, at least so far as the growing demand for more honest government is concerned. Three provincial premiers have been retired from public life recently: Hon. J. K. Flemming of New Brunswick, Sir Rodmond Roblin of Manitoba, and Sir Richard McBride of British Columbia. In the cleansing sweep, some other political opportunists have managed to run to cover just in time. Public opinion in the Dominion arena has had the satisfaction of seeing the prime minister stand up on the floor of the House of Commons and dissociate himself from the methods political of two patronage back-benchers: Messrs. Garland and DeWitt Foster. 'The will of the people must prevail,' is a time-worn platitude, not uncommonly used by the least scrupulous of political dodgers. But when the Canadian people realize that they have a will, and that they need to use it, it is just possible they may will some things more drastic than anything contained in the funny-bag of the common or garden variety of current politician."

Discussing conditions in Germany and Austria, which are known to be threatening notwithstanding the thoroughness with which autocratic authority censors reports, a newspaper noted for sound judgment says: "Indeed, it is a fair conclusion that, following the war, there will be an aftermath of revolution in all central and eastern Europe, from the Bosphorus to the Scheldt and the Volga. The burden on the human heart, after this appalling sacrifice, will be too great to bear. In France the workers already virtually hold sway, and though public affairs will be greatly disturbed there, it is not likely that any violent change will take place. In Great Britain it is

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probable that there will also be a period of intense political pressure, but British institutions will be equal to the strain. Italy also is calm, and may remain so. But at the heart of Europe there must be convulsions. The reckoning of exploited and plundered and ravaged people will be a long one, and the ground swell is visibly rising.

A Washington dispatch says that if the submarine which sank the Yasaka Maru was Austrian "it is feared the situation over the sinking of the Ancona will be further complicated, and the diplomatic correspondence with Austria will be broadened to take in the general subject of attack without warning, as it did in the last stages of the negotiations with Germany." Quite so. If Austria sinks one boat relations become strained. If she sinks two the question broadens out into one for discussion on the general subject of attack without warning. If Austria sinks a third vessel on which there are American passengers we might expect the discussion to become broader still.

Col. Roosevelt says the peace-at-any-price man is the kind who when shipwrecked acts upon the principle, "women and children last." The colonel has said many uncomplimentary things about anaemic people who will not fight for honor, humanity and liberty, but this is perhaps the most accurate.

German paper currency has depreciated 19 per cent. within the past few months. Wonder how much the latest iron currency will be worth within the next few months. Anyhow, it is evident that the outside world now has little confidence in the redemption of the Kaiser's paper and iron with indemnities wrung from conquered allied nations.

It was a cruel thing for a contemporary to say that Henry Ford had been sent home with a tin can tied to his tail. Readers of newspapers will remember that Henry suggested that form of decoration for persons engaged in recruiting in this country.

THE KAISER'S SWORD PRICKS THE UNITED STATES.

New York World.
 German newspapers, both in Germany and the United States, have boasted that the elections of Nov. 2 were, as the Bernora Morgenpost expresses it, "a heavy moral defeat for the president" because of his refusal to make the United States a vassal of the German empire. This German conspiracy extends not only to the president and his party, but it extends to American industry, American finance and to the fundamental institutions of the American people. This conspiracy works not only through the ballot, but through the torch and the bomb and the bullet. It is the most sinister phenomenon that has appeared in American life since the death of slavery and secession, and until it is disposed of no man can be sure that the great republic is more than a hollow shell.

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 Size 26 in. \$2.50
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THE RUMMAGE SALES

Christmas week is a week of energetic merchandising. The stores find the busiest season over and another heavy buying period ahead. And in the few days in between—the holidays—they must right stocks. And in addition must provide the novelties desired at this season of the year. So from every angle of observation the stores are most interesting places to visit. And the best ones to see are described in the advertising columns of the Times.

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Entertainment To-morrow.—The Knox church cradle roll entertainment will take place to-morrow at the church at 3 o'clock.

Thank Donors.—The Sister Superior and the Sisters of St. Joseph's hospital offer their grateful thanks to the kind friends who sent Christmas donations, and wish one and all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Day Nursery Christmas Tree.—The Christmas tree at the Day Nursery, Quadra street, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. All the day children as well as the regular boarders will be given gifts by Santa Claus. A hearty invitation is extended to the kind people who contributed to the tree, to attend.

Fraternal Order of Eagles.—Victoria Aerie, No. 12, F. O. E., will after their regular meeting to-morrow evening, hold a social session and smoker for members. As this is the last session of the aerie for 1915 a large meeting of old members is looked for. This social is being prepared by the increased committee and a good time is expected.

Chinese Mission Entertainment.—The annual Christmas tree entertainment of the Methodist Chinese mission will be held in the church, 526 Figgard street, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. A good programme has been prepared and all are looking forward to a happy evening. All friends of the mission are cordially invited to be present. Dr. Osterhout will occupy the chair.

Decorating Clubrooms.—Workmen are busy at the Elks, putting the finishing touches to the decorations for the New Year's Eve dance. This affair is the premier event of the local lodge, and several novel features will be included in the programme. Part of the proceeds will be used to purchase a sewing machine. Tickets for the event may be had from Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. W. H. Coy and Miss Herd, of "The Hat Shop," Yates street.

Rowland's Band Concerts.—A very attractive programme was rendered by Rowland's band at Pantages theatre on Sunday evening. Mrs. Kershaw-Edmonds, who was in splendid voice, gave a beautiful version of Rodney's "Calvary" and H. J. Davis was loudly cheered for his patriotic songs. He was accompanied at the piano by Ernest Petch. A selection of "American Airs," which included several favorite southern melodies was the favorite band number. The accompanist of the evening was Walter Charles.

Sentence is Suspended.—William Shann, who yesterday in police court was charged with having stolen sixty cents change from a bar counter while the owner of it had his attention engaged elsewhere, was to-day called up for sentence. It had been found in the meantime that he is a member of the 103rd regiment, as he said he was, and he was allowed to go to his regiment. The police magistrate said he was not satisfied with the explanation given by Shann that he had taken the money in a joke, but allowed him suspended sentence for three months.

WORKMAN INJURED AT SAANICH OBSERVATORY

Frank Tully Struck by Falling Load or Chain From Derrick; Retained Senses

A serious accident occurred at the site of the Dominion government observatory on Little Saanich mountain yesterday afternoon, when Frank Tully, of Vancouver, received a blow on the head and body which inflicted severe injuries.

Tully and another man were at a derrick hoisting materials for the steel framework of the dome. In some way the load slipped and either a portion of it or the chain struck him and knocked him to the ground. He was given such aid as the men there could afford, and Dr. C. Denton Holmes was called as well as the Cameron & Calwell motor ambulance.

Dr. Holmes found that the man had sustained a fracture of the skull, a fracture of the left arm and internal injuries. Tully never lost consciousness at any time although quite a hole was broken in the bone of the skull. Dr. Holmes brought him in to the Royal Jubilee hospital in the ambulance and is attending him there.

To-day Tully was somewhat easier and had passed a good night. Unless some complications should set in from the internal hurts he is in a fair way to recover. An X-ray photograph is being taken to-day of the fracture in the skull.

The fact that Tully never lost consciousness is looked upon by medical men as quite a feature of the case.

BULLY SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY

Man Who Has Made Himself Nuisance for Years Sent Up for Long Term

Thomas Linton, who for a long time has been a public nuisance about the city, was to-day sentenced to spend the next two years in jail. The sentence is thoroughly well merited, and will remove from Victoria to the safe-keeping of the New Westminster penitentiary a man who has been giving the police a great deal of trouble for some few years.

Linton is a sturdy, swaggering type, whose specialty seems to have been unprovoked attacks on unoffending citizens. At one time he spent some time in the asylum for the insane, but he was discharged from it as not being mentally affected. He does not appear to be lacking that way at all, but he seems to have a mania for assaulting people, and drink has nothing to do with this.

Yesterday afternoon he followed Thomas F. Robertson into the bar of the St. Francis hotel, walked up to him, and struck him viciously on the mouth and right jaw, cutting his face badly and loosening all his teeth. Robertson told the magistrate to-day that he had not been speaking to Linton previously, in fact, had not spoken to him for some days, and had given him absolutely no cause to act as he had done.

Linton had been arrested by Constable Devereaux following the assault and charged with occasioning actual bodily harm. He did not deny the assault, which was witnessed by several people, but he alleged that Robertson had "insulted him two days before that."

Magistrate Jay, in sentencing Linton, said his attack upon an elderly man was a cowardly and thoroughly unjustified one. He had been smashing things about here for a long time, and making himself a general nuisance by assaulting people and breaking windows. There was nothing for it but to put him away where he would be unable to carry on as he had been doing, and penitentiary was not only the proper thing for him but was the only way to deal with him.

TO PROVIDE ROOM FOR BANTAM BATTALION

Building is Authorized in Beacon Hill Park; Details Left to Committee

In city council this morning some discussion took place with regard to provision for a building in Beacon Hill park for housing the B. C. Bantam battalion, now organizing. It was felt that the most suitable location would be near the Rupert street entrance of the park, where sewerage and water facilities could be easily arranged, and plenty of room could be found available for training.

The building inspector submitted a proposal for a building to cost \$4,621.60. It appeared to be the opinion that that sum was insufficient to provide enough accommodation, or the separate building for auxiliary service.

The building would be of two stories, and divided into three parts. The mayor indicated that no provision had been made for officers' quarters, and therefore suggested a larger building. Eventually the council appointed a sub-committee to meet the D. O. C., and if the work can be carried out for \$5,500 to instruct the building inspector to invite tenders. As soon as the necessary plan and specification has been prepared, these tenders will be invited.

The idea is to provide a building of about equal size to those used by the military at the Willows camp, all of which are now overcrowded.

A committee had visited the Beacon Hill site to-day, and favorably reported on the proposal.

NEW MOTOR NUMBERS

Plates for 1916 Are Being Issued to the 7,500 Cars in Use in the Province.

The new motor car number plates for 1916 have been ready for some time and car owners are renewing their licenses for the year at the various provincial police offices through the province.

At the office here, in the basement of the Law Chambers, the officer in charge, Constable Booth, is busy talking in the ten dollars fee and issuing the number plates. These are yellow in color with the numerals in black, and the provincial arms and the year to the left.

On January 1 all cars must appear with the new plates in place front and rear, and until that date, the old ones must be kept on. Even if an owner buys a car to-day he must take out a license for the current year and carry a 1915 number until midnight on Friday.

There are something over 7,500 cars in use throughout the province, of which 1,500 are registered here. This being the police headquarters a complete register of all the cars in the province is kept at the office on Bastion street.

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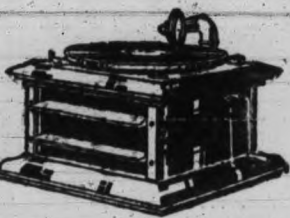
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COLD IN THE TRENCHES

Victoria Soldier Tells of Arduousness of Winter Warfare; Knees Deep in Mud and Water.

The following are extracts from a letter received by a friend here from a corporal in the 15th battalion who left Victoria as a private in the 30th.

"It is cheering to have a letter from one's friends occasionally. We are at present in the trenches. I am writing this letter in my dug-out. It is awfully cold and miserable now, and lately we have had terribly rainy weather and have been knee-deep in mud and water. But we are pretty well cared for under the circumstances. People in Canada can't picture what this war is like. Our gunners are just now trying to bring down an enemy aeroplane. I have seen some great aerial duels. We have brought down four enemy aeroplanes in our lines this last four months.

"I don't know whether the people of Victoria know or not, but the 30th battalion was drafted into three different battalions, the 7th, the 15th, and the 16th. The 7th and 16th are western battalions; the 15th is a Toronto regiment, and we are always slighted

when there is anything in the way of tobacco and cigarettes or other comforts. The boys of the late 30th, who are in the 15th battalion, are always left out. Why I don't know, as I know the 30th battalion was held in high esteem wherever it went for good behaviour, and was known to have the first name of any regiment that ever left Canada. What is left of it—a very small number—is still keeping up the reputation, and always intends to do so. I should like you to mention this to some one."

NOMINATION TO-NIGHT.

To-night in the Dominion hall, Vancouver, there will be a nominating convention, at which delegates from the several Liberal associations in that city will meet to select a candidate to contest the bye-election against Hon. C. E. Fisdal, third member for Vancouver, now minister of public works and railway—that is, if there is to be a bye-election. In the event of there being a general election the five candidates are already chosen. It is expected that one of the five will be chosen to-night for the possible bye-election.

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Splendid Holiday Bill Has Special Attraction for Children: Arabian Tumblers Perform.

No happier comedy could have been selected for a holiday bill, when the children are able to attend, than that furnished by Barnold's dog and monkey actors at Pantages theatre this week, 'A Hot Time in Dogville.'

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O British-born let us be heading. When the empire calls full clear; When, laid naked, life is bleeding.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 28—4 a. m.—Since yesterday an ocean storm area has crossed this province accompanied by westerly gales, heavy rain along the coast and considerable snow in Cariboo and Kootenay.

For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, generally fair and cold.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 35; wind, 18 miles W.; rain, .53; weather, fair.

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NINE YEARS A STAR IS DOG'S RECORD

Dan, of Barnold's Dog and Monkey Company, is Veteran Actor

'Nine years a star! And has appeared in all the big cities of Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, France, and Germany!'

Such a record entitles most actors to an interview, and makes their autographs worth having. So a Times reporter last evening asked permission to just have a word with Dan, the leading 'man' in Barnold's dog and monkey pantomime appearing this week at Pantages.

Dan, it appears, owes his existence to-day to the intervention of Mr. Barnold. In San Francisco, as in every other big city, there is a pound where homeless dogs are taken when found wandering about the streets.

Charles Barnold's dog and monkey troupe has been in existence for a long time. It was in existence on a modified scale before the acquisition of 'Dan, and that came about nine years ago.

'The newest dog in the troupe is 'Sporty,' a little full blooded Spitz. The difficulty that has been experienced in teaching this animal is further evidence to Mr. Barnold's theory that mongrels are the most intelligent actors.

The Scotch terrier who takes the part of the Scotchman in the act is, Mr. Barnold says, the best 'hind-leg' dog that he has ever seen.

The monkeys are interesting, but Mr. Barnold does not pretend that he admires their traits of character. In training the dogs he believes in patience and kindness, rewarding them with something they like to eat when they make any headway in the right direction.

'I've just come down to raise your rent, O'Rourke,' said an Irish landlord to one of his tenants. 'Thank Heaven,' replied Paddy, 'for between one thing and another I was just wondering how I was going to raise it myself.'

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

M. Kotelman, of Seattle, is at the Dominion hotel.

T. B. Pearson, of Cobble Hill, is at the Dominion hotel.

Thomas McFarlane, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion hotel.

J. E. Cornwall, of William Head, is staying at the Dominion.

A. N. Minns, of Cumberland, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

D. A. McKee, of Ladner, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

O. J. Bergonist, from Revelstoke, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Andrew Petrie, from New Zealand, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Rev. Mr. Ross, of Vancouver, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

David Thomson, of Prince Rupert, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Sinclair, Vancouver, are staying at the James Bay hotel.

A. G. Hamilton, of Prince George, is a new arrival at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon, of Regina, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Kahachi Abe, Japanese consulate, Vancouver, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibb, of Vernon, are guests at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. Arthur Malins, of New Westminster, is staying at the Empress hotel.

Miss Elizabeth E. Day, of Eugene, Ore., is registered at the Dominion hotel.

S. A. Fletcher, from New Westminster, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Thomas Pitt, A. Peterson and K. Duncan are visitors from Duncan who registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Mr. Mrs. and Miss Wilkes, of Ganges, are guests at the James Bay hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kay, of Crofton, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Hon. W. J. Bower, who has taken a house in Kamloops, leaves for that city to-night.

The many friends of Alex. MacKenzie will regret to hear of his serious illness. He is confined to his home with pneumonia.

Mrs. J. A. McKelvie, Vernon, wife of the editor of the Vernon News, had the misfortune to slip on an icy street crossing a few days ago and she is now in the Vernon Jubilee hospital with a fractured hip.

H. B. Thomson, M. P. P. who has been visiting the eastern Canadian cities returned yesterday to Victoria. He found that the condition of the country much more prosperous than it was one year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Napier Denison were the pleased recipients on Christmas morning of a silver bowl and plant presented to them by the military guard at Gonzales Hill. The presentation took place at the observatory.

The weekly whist drive of the Iyy Leaf Social club was held last Thursday evening in the K. of P. hall, North Park street. At the close of the play the prizes were awarded by Mrs. Gardiner as follows: 1st lady, Mrs. Davis; 2nd, Mrs. Phillips; 3rd, Mrs. Oddy; 1st gentleman, J. D. Burman; 2nd, Mr. Merriman; 3rd, Mr. Peters.

The lady's special prize competed for during the past ten weeks was awarded to Mrs. Davis for the highest aggregate, the trophy being a gold locket and chain presented by Joseph Rose, watchmaker and jeweller, Douglas street. The winning gentleman was F. N. Stafford, who won the gold signet ring presented by V. Dunn. These special prizes were presented by P. James, and announced that another special competition would be run during the next twelve weeks, commencing in the first week of January at the K. of P. hall.

On Fish

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At the Corner
Two Rays of Light

Beatrice Heron-Maxwell in London Chronicle.

The Loafer stood at the parting of the ways, leaning against a lamp-post, and leaning a stick. He was looking at me in particular and thinking of me; but his mood was of the plaintive sort, for jobs were scarce, and he was conscious of one definite sensation—that of thirst.

A man of his own height and build and age, though his respectable clothes and even face gave him five years' advance in appearance, loitered towards him and stopped, absorbed in a newspaper. The Loafer took no heed of him.

Presently the man looked up and remarked, "Bad news to-day."
The Loafer made no reply, merely chewing the fresh end of the stick.
"The good bits, when they come, are cut currants in a plum-duff," continued a man, "and they're getting scarcer, o. I tell you what it is, sonny—you and I will have to go."

The Loafer shifted his feet, and let his gaze travel up the person who loitered him. If in with such as he.
"If we waited till we're fetched," remarked the man, "we might wait till to-morrow. Supposing the country had been all this year—where would we be?"
"Under the sod, most of us," and he rest working like slaves, under German overseers. Don't you make no mistake, friend. We're up against the biggest force that's ever existed. Don't you rouse yourself the enemy is short of anything that makes for a win. They've got tons of men and guns and money and food and cotton, and copper, and grit. The only things they don't possess are humanity and scruples. And they mean to get England. Come along with me and we'll both enter."
"Not I," said the Loafer.
"Why not?"
"Why should I? Where's the gain to me? What am I going to do the dirty work for, while others sit and fill their pockets and do nothing?"

"Look here, it's a time to think of that you said. It's what you lose that matters. If the Germans were here this minute you'd wish you were in hell. Supposing they came down there—he pointed to the turning in front—and caught that woman with the child in her arms, and you saw what's been seen hundreds of times in Belgium, and France, and Poland, and Russia—the poor innocent things returned before they were killed—do you mean to say you wouldn't want to be up at 'em. Why you'd have a thirst—"

"I paused. Impulsively, and the Loafer's gaze flickered round to the swing door of the bar. "A thirst for their blood that thing could quench. And remember that they've done—they're going to do more, and worse—if it's possible—a thousandfold. You talk about people filling their faces—and you look as if you could swallow a square meal. Well, one's waiting for you. Tommy lent's starved. He as his grub regular out there. The commissariat is perfect. You have your other and your meals and your chance of getting through; or, if you don't get through, a decent ending. You can only be once. Better to be killed out there fighting, stabbed, or shot, or blown to bits, than wait here till they come."
"I can't keep 'em out," objected the loafer; "besides, it makes no difference to me. They won't touch me, because I can't carry no arms."

For the first time the man looked at me attentively. "That wouldn't protect you," he said, "I haven't you read anything about the war that you talk such absolute rot? You've got a pair of arms at look serviceable, and the sooner you make use of them the better. They aren't any rules of warfare, these haps, they make their own. Have you and their War Code Book? He didn't expect an answer, and the loafer didn't bother to supply one.
"Have you read the Appendix?"
"What Appendix?" The meaning of the word was rather dim in the Loafer's mind; it suggested trouble—things that weren't included where they should have been, or when they were, had to be taken out.
"The report of the commission on the lines out yonder. I've read 'em both, not, though I'm raw at shooting or any sort of soldiering. I'm going to the recruiting station now. It's better to be the meanest Britisher that ever edged for living, than the finest, richest top-dog a Prussian. You don't look as if you agreed with you very well, so far; you couldn't know yourself after a month of drill. I've got a brother just gone to the front. He went off fitter and happier than ever in his life before. He was a riffer till the war came. Then he said, 'I've found my job; and it's a big one, worth doing. I'm going to help to keep Britain for the British.' Why, think of it, old son! You've got the right to wear the king's uniform, to serve the king and the country. You haven't got to wait about any more at the corner, looking very waxy and the marks of ear-ache and copper. There's board and lodging and clothes, and a shining a day in your socket—yours for the asking, and a well-

come along with them. No need for you to be beholden to anyone again. That stir you? Doesn't it make this leaning up against a post business seem rather poor and dull? What are you made of? Brown paper, or flesh and blood? Supposing you got a job this minute, to lend a hand with luggage, or hold a horse, and someone came up and knocked you down and kicked you out of it—what would you do?"
"Give him beans," said the Loafer, the light of battle dawning in his eyes.
"Right!" answered the other approvingly. "Come on then!"
He linked his arm through the shabby, ragged coat sleeve, and twisted the Loafer round so that they no longer faced the public house.

A whistling baker boy stopped and listened. "I wish I was old enough to go," he muttered. "Wouldn't I just? Not 'arf! 'One the war goes on till I can." "There's a shop a few yards on," the man remarked, "where we can get a cup of coffee and a sandwich. After that, the nearest recruiting office."
A change that had been coming over the Loafer suddenly made itself apparent. "Much obliged to you, gov'nor," he said, "but I think I'll take the office first and the coffee after. I shall be able to pay my share then." For into his cramped mind had come two rays of light. That he was British and a man.

THE GUNS AT NEUVE CHAPELLE.

By Capt. Blackall.
"Granny" she started the chorus. The "four-point-sevens" chipped in. The "six-inch howitzers" did their best. To augment the din.
"Contributed their bit." And the "armored train" got a swollen brain.
When it registered a hit.
The "rifles" rattled a routine. Like a syncopated cadence. The "anti-aircraft" object seemed To apportion the moon.
The "mortars" did their damndest. Or, rather, did their worst.
And the "drain-pipe gun" played hell with the Hun.
The Hun's intently burst.
The "Maxim" muttered the music. The "pom-pom" marked the time. And the "whimper and whirr of the shell" "screamed."
Outvoiced a ruthless rhyme. Oh, the guns all clamored the chorus, Both large and small as well. From "Grandmamma" to the "armored car."
That morning at Neuve Chapelle. From "Songs From the Trenches" (Lans).

TAKING THE HOPEFUL VIEW.

For all the grandiloquent talk of Egypt and India, the prospect before the Germans, if the allies stand by their resolves, is being more deeply entangled the further they advance. Turkey's resources are limited by her losses in 1912 and 1913 and in the Gallipoli campaign. Her munitions are almost at an end and Bulgaria is understood to be little better supplied. With the allied offensive growing daily in force Germany cannot trust to Turkey and Bulgaria for her domination of the Balkans. Heavy reinforcements will be essential, and whence are they to be drawn? The effects of depleting her line in Russia are already patent. In the west she is outnumbered, and needs every man for her defensive. On the Italian front it is not now a question of diverting troops for the Balkans, but of actually reinforcing the yielding Austrians. There can be no denying that in the Balkans hopes of immediate success have been gravely disappointed. But if the war is regarded, as it must still be regarded, as a war of attrition on a gigantic scale, events in the peninsula can be counted as ultimate gain, as accelerating the process by which German resistance will finally wear down.—London Daily News and Leader.

THE NEED OF THE MOMENT

The real need of the moment is not so much criticism of our leaders but criticism of ourselves. If we stand boldly by our faith in the democratic doctrine that what matters is the personal calibre of the citizen, and that this depends not upon his usefulness and docility as part of a great machine, but on the manner in which he exercises a free judgment in both morality and politics, we must accept the consequences of that faith and exhibit of our own accord the qualities which autocracy imposes by force. If we are not able to do much at the moment to remodel our political life, we can at least begin to manifest now that spirit of public service which will transform it when the war is done, in the candor with which we examine our own contributions to the common cause, the courage with which we break with the selfish traditions and customs of our own past lives and the cheerfulness with which we face the privations and hardships which we shall be called upon to endure in the difficult times that lie ahead.—The Round Table.

THE MILITARY MOUSTACHE

From the London Chronicle.

Ever since the days of Lord Dunsany there has been awaiting the ambitions writer an achievement in literary history which, ably and amply performed, would inevitably secure for him a niche in the temple of historiography. I refer, of course, to a "History of Whiskers." Without wearying you with matters that are exclusively the concern of my literary executors, I may say that the work is one I have brooded upon for many years. It is a singularly engaging subject, and one that I feel myself peculiarly and naturally fitted to investigate, being by habit bare-faced and by nature perfectly bald. So that I should approach my subject without the prejudices that ungraciously disfigure the majority of our historians.

While the work itself is reserved as a solace for my old age, when the superficial tasks of journalism shall have been fulfilled and my votive genius can ascend to heights that will qualify me for a civil list pension, I feel impelled by circumstances that will appear forcible enough to throw out a few remarks on a particular branch of this compendious subject. There is something to be said at the moment on the decline and fall of the moustache.

How or why the whiskered lips ever became incorporated in the king's regulations I cannot say. It has been affirmed that a mid-Victorian craze among people in high places for the romances of Ouida was responsible for the degree. Be this as it may, the moustache is now a recognized emblem of militarism. It is the first essential of a commission, and in spite of all attempts to muzzle a free press, it must be declared that, but for this proviso, several young fellows who now fondle a lip with a bare prairie value would be otherwise engaged in studying the king's regulations concerning "slacks" and the nice conduct of a dandy cane. I have said that the moustache is an emblem. In the old Ouidaesque days it symbolized the era of peace and plenty. How we recall its languorous droop and the perfume that it scattered when its possessor shook the incensed fronds with his speech or laughter. How redolent of all that was tranquil and supine. Shall we ever see again those gentle cascades plashing noiselessly over the lips of our patrician Guardsmen? But their reign was over when the army moved forward to the march. The ends were incontinently waxed. The moustache was got into fighting kit. But still it remained the envy and despair of the subaltern.

A Period of Rebellion.
Then there came a period of rebellion. The country became involved in various internal struggles, social, political and economic. The trend of our history during the last ten years is fresh in everybody's minds. We were for turning the country upside down, the rulers should be ruled, constituted authority should go by the board. We were all out for trouble. This was the subaltern's chance. For too many years he had chafed under the discipline of a moustache of unattainable dimensions. With a concerted movement the hirsute yoke of authority was flung off. He walked the open streets in the light of day with his charter of freedom under his very nose. It was the "tooth-brush" moustache.

Authority, less purblind than usual, accepted the rebuff. The letter of the law had not been infringed, though the spirit had been defied. The ferocity of the waxed-ends gave place to the truculence of the hogged-lip. The Higher Command saw their way to a pacific compromise. Moustache ends sullied by wax were voted de trop. There was a protest meeting among orderlies and civilian valets. But in this case the razor was mightier than the sword.
Here the matter and the moustache might have ended, but for an unforeseen and wholly unexpected event—the arrival of Charlie Chaplin. It marked a new epoch in the history of the moustache. It is not outraging the decencies of language to say that the Higher Command literally quivered in their tunics. When they saw the twin murky dabs of dusky fluff that Charlie Chaplin wears on his upper lip they realized how far rebellion may be carried within the law. The subaltern can do now will avail him. His rebellion has been countered by the irreducible minimum of labial fuzz. He has no alternative now. He can, and probably will, imitate his superior officer. Unless he can grow two moles under his nose I see no hope for him. Of course, the matter of the Higher Command will be glossed over. It will appear in the Gazette as a patriotic response to the national need for economy.

A policeman, with more than usual avoidrupois and expanse of shoe leather, had just passed a little terrace house, with a bit of garden in front, when a little boy ran after him. "Hello, kiddie," said the copper, genially; "what can I do for you?" "Mother sent me out," answered the youngster, "to ask you if you would mind walking up and down our path for a minute or two. It's just been gravelled, and we ain't got a roller."

SEEKING SOLUTION OF SEWER PROBLEM

Joint Conference is Held To-day With Regard to North-east Sewer

Over an hour this morning was spent by a joint conference of the municipalities in discussing the terms of settlement for the northeast sewer. It was stated last week that in addition to the \$22,000 which Saanich is to pay to the city, Oak Bay has asked for \$9,750 as its apportionment of the cost of increasing the dimensions of the sewer from what would be sufficient for the city and Oak Bay, in order to include Saanich sewerage around Cedar Hill and Mount Tomlin.

The matter has been brought to a head by the application from Saanich residents to make connections on Richmond road to the sewer. Under the provisional agreement already before the Saanich council a maintenance charge of 15 per cent. was asked, and a limit of quantity placed on the sewerage per hour which should be taken from Saanich drainage area at the intake.

There were present this morning most of the members of the city, Saanich, and Oak Bay councils, and the whole subject was ventilated. The city representatives considered that the lump sum payment of 1912 was adequate to satisfy Oak Bay, and that any payment which should come from Saanich ought to be turned over to the city in accordance with the previous arrangement.

Most of the information before the meeting came from verbal statements as to what was intended when the work started, and how the cost was to be apportioned.

In the absence of a formal agreement, it was considered best to have the whole matter considered again from the standpoint of the present situation, and to report to a meeting to be held next week.

If a settlement is reached between Saanich and Oak Bay, it will be possible to make temporary arrangements for connections to the sewer pending the passage of the necessary law by Saanich.

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Sausalito Which Refused Assistance From Snohomish, Comes to Grief

Driven ashore last night on Waadiah Island, at the entrance to Neah Bay, during a strong southwest gale, the American three-masted schooner Sausalito is to-day breaking up rapidly and will become a total loss. The officers and crew were rescued by the Neah Bay lifeboat after a very hard struggle. It is evident that the master of the Sausalito was trying to make an anchorage in Neah Bay to shelter from the storm which he knew would come, when the barometer started to drop late yesterday afternoon. In negotiating the entrance to the bay the southwest wind must have set him too far over and the schooner struck on Waadiah Island, which is at the western entrance.

Drifting Since Xmas Day. The Sausalito has been drifting off Cape Flattery since Xmas Day, when at 5:30 o'clock she was burning flares six miles off Pachena. The U. S. life-saving tug Snohomish was dispatched from Port Angeles and ran alongside the ship about midnight. It was found that the schooner had jammed her rudder and the crew were at work freeing it. This was accomplished while the Snohomish was alongside, and the captain after refusing assistance from the tug, headed offshore. On Sunday and Monday she was beating about off the Cape, and yesterday afternoon tried to run inside and was caught on a bad lee shore.

The Sausalito started to burn flares immediately her master discovered his delicate position, and the Neah Bay surf lifeboat proceeded to her assistance despite the heavy sea. The tug Snohomish was notified by wireless. She was 50 miles out to sea looking for the Peruvian barque Callao, but immediately started for Neah Bay at full speed. Through a splendid display of seamanship by the coxswain the surf-boat ran alongside and the officers and crew were taken off. The hull is now being pounded to pieces by the heavy seas.

A Wooden Schooner. The Sausalito was a wooden schooner, built in 1902 at San Francisco. She was 357 tons and owned by F. W. Carey & Co. of the Bay City. She was 142.5 feet long, 35.5 feet beam and 19 feet draft.

DEMONSTRATES NEED OF LIFE-SAVING TUG

Ships in Distress of Vancouver Island Sought After by United States Boat

SNOHOMISH IS DOING A GREAT WORK FOR CANADA

American Tug Cannot Handle 'All Disabled Craft; Dominion Should Get Boat

During the past few days the need of a Canadian life-saving tug for patrol duty off the west coast of Vancouver Island has been demonstrated in a manner which ought to call for the immediate attention of the Ottawa authorities. Since last Friday two sailing ships have appeared off Pachena flying distress signals, and one of them already has met with destruction. The other vessel has developed into a mystery ship, and some anxiety for her safety is being aroused. Several other sailing craft have been drifting about off the entrance of the Strait and have interfered with the work of saving those which really were in trouble.

The Peruvian barque Callao appeared off Pachena on Friday night with distress signals flying and the following night the schooner Sausalito drifted within six miles of the wireless station with flares burning.

Snohomish Called Upon. In both cases the United States life-saving tug Snohomish was called out to assist in keeping the ships from piling up on the shores of Vancouver Island. It seems rather embarrassing to have to call upon a neighbor to do something which one really should do himself. Yet this is really what happens whenever there is a ship sighted in distress off the west coast. The Snohomish is sent to sea to prevent catastrophes such as befell the Callao, and the Canadian government owes her many thanks for the number of ships she has saved from pounding ashore with loss of life.

It would appear to be time that Canada placed something in the form of a life-saving tug on the west coast. This rugged coastline has remained practically unprotected from the day when it was created. The nature of waters during the winter probably is not fully understood by the politicians and the officials of the life-saving department at Ottawa, who visit and inspect the stations during the summer months when the sea is comparatively calm. If some of the officials had visited the west coast during the storms of the past few weeks, they probably would have had no hesitancy in ordering the construction of a life-saving tug.

A Hard-Working Craft.

The Snohomish is one of the hardest working crafts on the Pacific coast. Last Friday she was notified that the Peruvian barque Callao was in distress off the coast, and immediately put to sea from Port Townsend to search for her. She cruised about the coast until she received a wireless stating that she must have passed the ship, as a craft was asting up the strait. At once she put about to overhaunt the vessel. However, it was discovered that the French barque Marechal de Castries had been mistaken for the Peruvian. Without wasting time the Snohomish put to sea, but was unable to locate the Callao. On Christmas afternoon she returned to Port Angeles, but had only been there about an hour, when word came that a ship was in distress six miles off Pachena. Within an hour and a half the tug was off again and during the night ran alongside the Sausalito, which had jammed her rudder. Upon

INFORMATION OF MUCH VALUE TO CAPTAINS

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Nippon Liner Will Arrive at William Head To-morrow Night

Too Late to Pass Quarantine on Wednesday

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The news regarding the Aki's arrival was received with much interest by shipping men. At this time of the year it is impossible to tell whether a trans-Pacific liner will get in on time or will be a day or two late. For a time it was feared that the big ship might be held back and arrive late on Friday afternoon, in which case she would be berthed at the outer docks on New Year's day discharging cargo.

The Aki Maru is bringing a full cargo of freight and a fair list of passengers from Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama. She will discharge about 1,000 tons of cargo at this port. Her shipment of silk is worth close on to \$1,500,000.

Sado Maru Arrives Out.

Information was received this morning by W. R. Dale, local agent of the Nippon line, stating that the steamship Sado Maru, which was badly battered on her last inward voyage, arrived at Yokohama on December 22, one day behind her schedule. Considerable interest was taken in the voyage of the Sado, as one of the liners which arrived here shortly after she left reported that the ship had again encountered bad weather and suffered further damage.

Stanley Dollar Coming.

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Frisco Steamship Was Six Hours Late Arriving; Passenger Travel Light

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Few passengers disembarked from the President at this port. In the first-class there were Miss Hazel Simpkins, L. L. Gorrish, E. G. Hinds, R. F. Mackie and J. Jordan.

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cables north of North Island, is 11 feet high and the most northern islet of the group. A rock which dries one foot at low water lies 2 1/2 cables 325 deg. (N. 50 deg. W. mag.) from (S. 16 deg. W. mag.) one mile from Low point. It is steep-to on its western side and has a depth of 12 fathoms 2 cables north of it.

Cliff Island is situated a little over half a mile north of Salal Island, and 3 1/2 cables from the southwestern extreme of Dowager Island. It forms the northern entrance of Moss passage. The island is triangular in shape, and half a mile in length in an east and west direction; it is wooded, is 235 feet high to the tops of the trees, and the white cliffs forming its southern shore are conspicuous. A wooded islet lies a little over a cable north of Cliff Island, with foul ground between them, rocky ledges extending for 1/2 cable west of this islet, and a shoal patch with a depth of 7 1/2 fathoms lies 4 cables north of it.

Alexandra passage is the passage east of Vancouver rock and the North Island group and to the west of Cliff Island. It is 4 cables wide between the rocky ledges referred to above, and the outlying rocks which dry at low water off North Island. The channel is generally deep with the exception of Boulder bank and the east of North Island where there is 18 fathoms. The point forming the eastern extreme of Swindle Island open off Low point bearing 6 deg. (N. 22 deg. W. mag.) is a general mark for leading through.

Directions—Round northward from Seaforth channel by the inshore passage through Milbank Sound, keep the point well open southward of Ivory Island lighthouse, bearing 111 deg. (N. 32 deg. E. mag.), until Helmet peak comes open of Rankin point, bearing 34 deg. (N. 6 deg. E. mag.), when course should be shaped to pass midway between Bare rock and Cross ledge, with Ivory Island lighthouse astern bearing 125 deg. (S. 22 deg. E. mag.); when Low point is seen open ahead of the North Island group, bearing 39 deg. (N. 2 deg. E. mag.), steer for Jenkins point light.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Aberdeen, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Schr. Boula, from Honolulu; str. Santa Monica, from San Francisco. Sailed: Schr. Sadie, for San Diego; str. Nehalem and str. Multnomah, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Tenyo Maru (Japanese), from Hongkong; str. Newwood str. L. C. Lindauer, str. Tamalpais and str. Quinault, from Gray's Harbor; str. Hilonian, from Seattle; str. F. A. Kilburn, from Portland; str. Northern Pacific, from Portland. Sailed: Str. W. S. Porter, for Seattle.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Salkai Maru and str. Chicago Maru, from Yokohama, for Seattle; str. President, from San Francisco, at 6 p. m.; Sailed: Str. Salkai Maru, for Seattle, at 2 p. m.; str. President, for Seattle, at 4 a. m.; str. Chicago Maru, for Seattle, at 4 a. m.; Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27.—Sailed: Str. Col. E. L. Drake, for San Francisco; str. Muscian, for Seattle, via Nanaimo, B. C.; Tacoma, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Despatch and str. Admiral Schley, from Seattle; str. Latache, from Southwestern Alaska. Sailed: Str. Redondo and str. Northland, for Seattle.

Port Gambel, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Schr. Heppal, from Honolulu; thence November 20, in tow of tug Prosper. Sailed: Str. Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Muscian, from Vancouver, B. C.; San Pedro, Dec. 27.—Eight steam schooners arrived to-day from Northern ports, bringing over 5,000,000 feet of lumber. Since the recent increase in charter rates the lumber business has picked up. There were eleven steam schooners discharging cargo to-day, with five more due to-morrow. Arrivals to-day were: Str. Thomas L. Ward, from Puget Sound; str. Carlos and Wellesley, from Gray's Harbour; str. Ravall, from Portland; str. Bowdoin, from Kureka; and str. Marahfield, from Albion. Departures in ballast were: Str. Alcatraz, for Greenwood; str. James S. Higgins and Trunswick, for Fort Iriga; and str. Wapama and Kiamath, for Portland. The str. Hazel Dollar sailed late to-night for San Francisco with the balance of her cargo from Oriental ports. The str. Stanley Dollar also sailed for Victoria and Tacoma with the balance of her cargo from Chilean ports, after discharging 500 tons of ore here.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. San Ramon, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Bear, for Los Angeles, via San Francisco; str. Erroll, for St. Vincent.

Seattle, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Schley, from San Francisco; str. Koon Maru, from Seattle; str. City of Seattle, Southeastern Alaska; str. Jefferson, Southeastern Alaska; str. Marechal de Castries, Liverpool, thence July 25, in tow of tug Prosper and Richard Holyoke; str. Redondo, Tacoma; str. Northland, Tacoma; str. Prince George, Prince Rupert, B. C., via way ports. Sailed: Str. Admiral Schley, Tacoma; str. Despatch, Tacoma; str. Redondo, Tacoma; str. Alameda, Tacoma; str. Prince George, Prince Rupert, B. C., via way ports.

Las Palmas, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Bravo, from San Francisco for Christiana.

Hongkong, Dec. 27.—Sailed: Str. Yokohama Maru, for Seattle.

Melbourne, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Schr. J. W. Ches, from Port Blakely, thence August 20.

Vladivostok, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Str. Kurubius Maru, from Seattle.

Callao, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Str. Sinaloa, from Seattle, via Bellingham.

Tacoma, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Edna, from Tacoma, via Seattle and Bellingham.

St. Vincent, C. V., Dec. 24.—Sailed: Str. Snowdonian, from Portland, Ore., for the United Kingdom.

Everett, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Hornet, from San Francisco, via Possession Point; str. Redondo and str. Alameda, from Seattle; str. Shna-Yak, from San Pedro, via San Francisco.

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CLEVELAND FRANCHISE MAY GO TO TOLEDO

New York Yankees Are After Players; Sinclair May Buy Cubs

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The American association team must be taken away from Cleveland, according to a statement made by President Johnson, of the American league, before leaving tonight for the Ohio city to discuss with bankers there the baseball situation. Managers of the American league will gather in Cleveland either Wednesday or Thursday to discuss the question involved in the affairs of the major and minor league clubs which are being handled by a committee of bankers for Charles Somers.

That Charles Thomas, president of the Chicago Nationals, is seeking to be among the purchasers of the association franchise and move it to Toledo, Ohio, was admitted by President Chiverton tonight. With Mr. Thomas, if his proposition is accepted, would be associated Rogers Bresnahan, whose home is in Toledo.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The New York American league club wants to buy Catchers Archer and Fischer and Outfielders Flack and Zwilling, of the amalgamated Cubs and Athletics, according to a telegram signed by Col. Jacob Ruppert, of the Yankees, received to-day by Charles Weekman.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—Whether former Federal league players, who

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SPORTING NEWS

PATRICK'S INJURY WILL PREVENT HIS PLAYING AT PORTLAND TO-NIGHT

Riley Will Probably Substitute on the Local Defence; Mackay and Oatman Are Out of the Game

Three of the four hockey teams playing to-night are in a crippled condition, Victoria being under the heaviest handicap of all, as it is thought that Lester Patrick will be unable to take his place on the defence at Portland. A torn ligament probably will not permit him to participate in to-night's combat. Yesterday morning Lester stated that he thought the injury was not serious enough to keep him from taking part in the game, but when the team departed for the south yesterday afternoon he was far from being in shape, as he walked with a cane and was limping badly. This is a serious blow to Victoria, and their hopes of coming out on top to-night have been greatly weakened. Just as the locals had hit their stride, and were going at their topmost speed it was unfortunate they should meet it with such a mishap. Lester is a tower of strength to the locals, both in defence and attack, and his absence from the line-up will be keenly felt.

It has not been decided who will replace Patrick on the defence, but it is probable that his position will be filled by Jimmy Riley, who played point for the Calgary Vics. last winter and is considered a good defence player. Portland are also badly handicapped, as their captain, Eddie Oatman, is also on the hospital list. He is suffering from a severe attack of a gripe, and reports from Portland state that he will not be found on the bench to-night. It is likely that Charlie Tobyn will be shifted from the left

wing to rover, and that Barbour will go to the wing. The absence of Oatman from the Portland team will not be so keenly felt as that of Lester Patrick from the locals. Eddie is a valuable man, but he is not the main cog of the Portland machine, as Lester Patrick is of the local aggregation.

Vancouver are also minus the services of one of their regulars. Mickey Mackay is suffering from a severe cold, and will not participate in another game until the New Year. However, his lay-off will not handicap the champions to any great extent, as they have Sibby Nichol to fall in. Frank Patrick expects also to return to the game. Mackay possesses all that made him the sensation of this circuit last winter, but he is getting in bad by his rough tactics.

Despite the fact that Victoria are playing on foreign ice to-night and are minus the services of their leader, their admirers are confident that they will win from the Rosebuds to-night. A victory for Victoria and a defeat for Seattle at the hands of Vancouver will put the Victoria up with Portland and Seattle for the P. C. H. A. league leadership.

Skinner is in Bad. Skinner Pouthin did not make a hit with the Toronto public the opening night of the N. H. A. One Queen City paper stated that he should draw a suspension for his rough work. They say he did everything but play hockey, and any opponent that comes within range of him sustained a bruise.

Injured Player Recovering. Sergt. Bill Young, the 6th Western Scot defence player, suffered a broken collar bone in the recent game between the Western Scots and the Victoria Amateur Hockey Club septette. The injury will keep him out of the amateur championship series.

BURNS WILL PROMOTE FIGHT SINGLEHANDED

His Partner Balks on Giving Fulton Chance for Title

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The situation involved in the proposed Willard-Fulton fight for the world's championship at New Orleans, March 4 next, was further clarified to-day by the receipt of a telegram by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, from Tommy Burns, co-promoter with Dominic Tortorich of the exhibition, reading as follows:

"Tortorich did not want to go through with the match, so I have to take over his interest, and I will go through with the Willard-Fulton match myself. Get here yourself as soon as possible; we can sign new articles when you arrive."
(Signed—"TOMMY BURNS")

Jones, in making the telegram public, remarked:

"I don't see the need for new articles but I will be in New Orleans Wednesday morning. There will be no quibbling."

A percentage of the receipts, Burns said, would be substituted for the \$2,500 guarantee to Willard, win, lose or draw, arranged for in the original agreement. Tortorich said to-day he would have nothing to do with the Willard-Fulton match unless Fulton first fought and defeated the winner of the Moran-Coffey fight which takes place in New York January 7.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 28.—Tom Andrews, a Milwaukee sport writer and fight promoter, left yesterday for New Orleans to see if he could straighten out the middle over the proposed Willard-Fulton bout at New Orleans during Mardi Gras week.

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SLUGGING ALONE DOES NOT WIN PENNANTS

New York, Dec. 28.—That heavy hitting alone will not win baseball pennants is demonstrated by a comparison of the records of the winning club in 15 of the leading leagues of the country. In but two cases did the team which led in batting also capture the pennant. The average position of the heaviest-hitting club in each league at the end of the season was third, and the average batting strength 27. The list follows:

League	Club	Avg. Finished
American	Detroit	28th
National	St. Louis	24th
Pacific Coast	Salt Lake	28th
Central-Terr	Hamilton	28th
Three I	Rockford	28th
Northern	Duluth	27th
S. Atlantic	Albany	27th
Ohio State	Portsmouth	31st
Ill. State	Peoria	32nd
N. Y. State	Syracuse	22nd
Interstate	Olean	22nd
Western	Denver	22nd
Virginia	Rocky Mt.	21st
Texas	Waco	20th
International	Providence	24th

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YANKEES ARE LIKELY TO GET LEE MAGEE

McGraw Would Like to Land Brooklyn Federal League Star

New York, Dec. 28.—If the Yankees should get Lee Magee, former Seattle player and recent manager of the Brooklyn Federals, as is rumored in Cincinnati, there may not be so much peace around here after all. John McGraw, Harry Hempstead and John Foster have been angling for that very same outfielder for some time—not exactly angling, but yearning.

Capt. Huston and McGraw are the closest of personal friends, and it was through the aid and suggestions of McGraw that the "captain" got into baseball. Now, if they are going to lock horns over this young man Magee, a new truce may have to be declared before there can be any abiding peace. And the funny part of it is that Capt. Huston would hate to see McGraw lose Magee just as much as McGraw would hate to see the captain knocked out of a good player.

If the Federals are permitted to sell their star players to the highest bidder, it would be a question of which New York team thinks it will need Magee most. If it is a matter of politics, the two clubs will be so anxious to avoid hurting the other's feelings that neither may get him.

The tip that Magee may go to the Yankees is said to have emanated from the office of Garry Herrman, and that stamps it with a little authenticity, as it is known that the national commission would like to see the Yankees have a good team in New York as well as the Giants.

In the meantime the fans await the verdict, calmly seated astride the fence. They will be tickled no matter which way Magee falls, just so long as he lands in New York.

The awarding of Bennie Kauff to the Giants seems almost certain, as Mr. McGill, who formerly owned Kauff's contract, is anxious for McGraw personally and has been the recipient of several baseball contracts from the Giants' manager. If McGill wants McGraw to have Kauff, it will be so ordered. That will eliminate all legal difficulties.

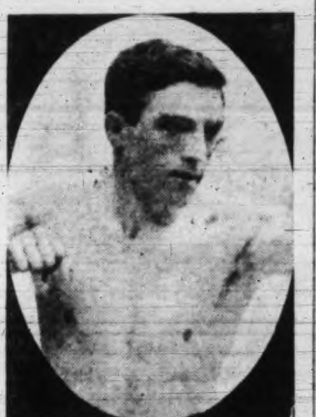
Among those who are not worrying over the national pastime is that same John McGraw. He has a fat contract, with some time to run, and even if it should be terminated by any peculiar prank of the game, he could get just as much, if not more, from three or four of the big league teams.

McGraw will not even discuss his plans about players.

V. F. A. MEETING.

A meeting of the Victoria Football Association will be held in the Y. M. C. A. to-night at 8 o'clock. The first draw for the Peden Cup games will be made, a team will be selected for the inter-city match against Vancouver on New Year's Day, and an eleven chosen to represent the Clives against the Military and Naval Units on the same day. All teams entering the Peden Cup Ties are requested to be represented by delegates at to-night's meeting.

FIGHTS TO-NIGHT



KID LEWIS
Willie Ritchie and Ted Lewis are names to conjure with in the boxing world, but as a matter of fact there are no such persons. These boys will meet in Madison-Square-Garden.

When Lewis first began fighting in England he attempted to impress the master of ceremonies with the fact that his name was Gershon Mendeloff, but the official declined to try that mouthful and invented the name of Ted Lewis, which the Britisher has accepted as his nom de ring. The so-called Willie Ritchie had a different reason for boxing under an alias. He was born and brought up under the name of Geary Steffens, but when he made his entry to the boxing world his parents objected to the name of Steffens being announced from the ring. The lad who later gained the title of American lightweight champion thus selected the name of Willie Ritchie and has fought under that name ever since.

ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The army's football schedule for 1916 as announced to-day is as follows:

September 30, Lebanon university; October 7, Washington and Lee university; October 14, Holy Cross college; October 21, Trinity college; October 28, Villa Nova; November 4, Notre Dame university; November 11, University of Maine; November 18, Springfield Y. M. C. A. college; November 28, United States naval academy.

"Why is it, Bob," asked George of a very stout friend, "that you fat fellows are always good-natured?" "We have to be," answered Bob. "You see, we can't either fight or run."

An After-Christmas Clean-Up

Hundreds of Christmas shoppers visited us last week and snapped up the slashing footwear bargains we offered at this big

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Quick to realize the magnitude of the bargains we were offering, many of our choicest lines were almost depleted. To-day our bins and racks are again stacked high with the remaining sizes in those raided lines and several others which have arrived too late for Christmas selling.

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The photograph shows the Princess Victoria leaving on Saturday with members of the Mechanical Transport and the base company of Pioneers.

REEVE OLIVER WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

Chief Office in Oak Bay Council Will Probably Go to One of Present Councillors

It will be learned with regret in Oak Bay that Reeve Oliver will not again be a candidate for the chair of presiding officer of the municipal council.

During his terms of office Reeve Oliver has proven not only an able director of the business of the council, but his intimate knowledge of municipal affairs, and his familiarity with the needs of the model suburban town have fitted him peculiarly for the duties of the office. There has been great advancement in the town under his administration, and it is passing through the financial stringency which is affecting other places adversely with an excellent balance sheet and without feeling the pinch of hard times to any appreciable extent.

As yet there is some doubt as to whom his mantle will fall upon, but in all probability the office will go by acclamation to some one of the present members of the council. Councillor M. P. Gordon is being mentioned as a possibility for the office. He has been in the council for some few years, and is an active member of that body. His would make a very good reeve, it is believed. So far there are no other candidates heard of, and in fact Councillor Gordon has not announced himself as in the field.

There will be one or two vacancies in the council for which there are no names being spoken of as yet, but the council of 1916 will be practically the same as that of 1915.

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Sliced, pound	25c
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Sliced, pound	30c
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Sliced, pound	35c
Tested Eastern Eggs, a dozen	40c
Local Fresh Eggs, dozen	55c

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Newfoundland Dry Salt Cod, a pound	15c
Boneless Cod, 2-pound boxes	35c
Kippers, a pound	10c
Salmon Bellies, a pound	6c
Finnan Haddies, 2 pounds	25c
Fillet of Cod, local, a pound	15c

Corner Government and Broughton Streets

Canada's Indians number about 100,000, including Eskimos, 107,221, a decrease of 2.716 compared with 1913.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

799, 810, 826, 841, 904, 929, 966, 1002, 2171, 2364, 2365, 2480, X.

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DIGGONISMS—The sea is salt. Then why expect the sea of matrimony to be sweet? Dignon Printing Co. We have added a show card department. 796 Yates street.

NITROGEN BULBS for 1915-16 Ford cars give more and better light, especially for wet pavements. At Jameson & Rolfe, corner Gordon and Courtney streets (next Union Club). d11

JUST RECEIVED—A new shipment of the latest fancy worsted suitings. Drop in and inspect our range of patterns. We won't press you to buy. Cooper & Potts, Tailors, 708 Yates street, just above Douglas.

HOCKING, James Bay plumber. Colls made, ranges connected, plumbing repairs. Phone 2711, 346 St. James street. d21

TO LET—Three-room cottage, Second street, No. 125, near Mount Tolleme car line, modern; rent \$7. Apply 2328 Fort Bay road, near Arena. n11

WANTED—Furnished house, twelve rooms, in central locality, Fairfield or Rockland avenue preferred; applicant will lease for year if required. Apply by letter, giving particulars, to Box No. 1022, Times.

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LOST—On Christmas day, between King's road and North Dairy road, child's white embroidery dress. 439 Mount Stephen Ave. d30

WANTED—\$5000 per year; will give as security \$5000 par value stock bearing dividend of 8 per cent. It is probable loan will be repaid in six months. Box 1022, Times.

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WANTED—Infant's outfit (second-hand), must be very cheap. Box 1921, Times. d30

TO LET—Furnished, modern four-room bungalow. Phone 5067R, morning. d30

AWAITING TELEPHONE

New Fire Alarm Apparatus Will Be Opened Next Week.

While the city council, on the advice of the fire warden, has formally taken over the fire alarm equipment just installed above the jail building, the premises are not yet occupied. It is necessary to have telephonic communication for the operator, and the wires have not yet been transferred from the present headquarters. This work should be finished this week, and then in the new year the formal use of the equipment will be started.

The additional alarm boxes which are to be installed will not be in till the beginning of next year, the switch-board accommodation having been given before extensions could be made.

The finishings are of oak, and the operating room is a model for economic use of space. There is also a battery room. The old Gamewell system has lasted just a quarter of a century.

LOCAL NEWS

Letta's Diaries for 1916. Yours is waiting at Sweeney-McConnell, Limited, 1010-12 Langley.

Rainbow Cup. The competition of the Victoria Golf club for the Rainbow cup has been postponed until Saturday next. The conditions of the competition remain the same.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c

Oak Bay Council.—There was a special meeting of the Oak Bay council last evening, at which a number of accounts were passed, the engineer's weekly report was read and adopted, a couple of by-laws were put through some of their stages, and other routine business was disposed of.

County Court.—In Perkinson against Yates, in county court chambers this morning, Judge Lampman was allowed in Jameson against Huster, and in Hulet against Hall an application to set aside a summons was set over to be brought on at a day's notice, and the present stay of proceedings continued.

Invites Tender.—The Saanich school board is inviting tenders for about two acres of land near the intersection of Burnside and Tillikum roads for school purposes, in view of the necessity of providing provision for additional school accommodation in Ward VII. The present primary school is near the intersection of these two roads.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

Public Market.—Over fifty stallholders will be in attendance at the mid-week market to-morrow, when the very best of local turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, local meats, vegetables, fruits, home-made confectionery, flowers, plants, and fish, etc., will be offered for sale.

Oak Bay Council.—There probably will be very few changes in the constitution of the board in the Oak Bay council next year. There may be one vacancy caused by the retirement from the council after three years' service of Councillor Elliott. It is likely that Reeve Oliver will retire from the reeve'ship to occupy a seat on the board, and that Councillor Gordon will be supported for the reeve's chair. It is not yet definitely known who will take Mr. Elliott's seat but a likely nominee is Mr. Burdick.

Died in Minneapolis.—The many friends of Charles E. Lawton, both in Vancouver and Victoria, will regret to learn of his sudden death on December 16 at Minneapolis, Minn. He was taken with an attack of diphtheria and passed away on the fifth day. His body was taken to his home at St. Thomas, Ontario. Charles Lawton was a resident on the coast for six years, where in the younger set he was very popular and well-known. He was an accountant and was early recognized for his abilities. This news comes to his friends here as a severe shock and will be felt with genuine sorrow.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. LESLIE R. PARRY, of 2303 Prior street, wish to thank their many friends for their kind sympathy in the loss of their sad bereavement.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, DAY OF INTERCESSION

Proclamation Calls for Observance of Day in All the Churches

Sunday, January 2, has been set aside throughout the country as a special day of intercession for the soldiers of the allies and the great cause for which they are fighting.

Notification of this was received this morning by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Barnard in a wire from the under secretary of state at Ottawa.

The following is a copy of the telegram:

"Proclamation of His Royal Highness the Governor-General issued December twenty-fourth, recites that the empire has been forced to take up arms in defence of rights and liberties unjustly attacked, and to fulfil pledges solemnly given.

"Believing it to be fitting that the people of Canada should be enabled to make a public and solemn avowal of their faith in Almighty God, and of the need of guidance, Sunday, January 2, has been proclaimed a day of humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by empire and allies, and those offering their lives for it, and also for a speedy and favorable peace that shall be founded on understanding and not hatred to the end that peace shall endure."

"The secretary of state and the right honorable the prime minister desire in accordance with this proclamation in all churches, heads of all denominations being notified by the department. The shortness of the time requires that such notice should be supplemented locally. The secretary of state requests that such further notice as you deem expedient should be given."

"THOMAS MULVEY,
 Under Secretary of State."

"B.C. BANTAMS" ARE TO BE FINE UNIT

Lt.-Col. Bruce Powley Leaving Early in New Year for Interior Points

Lt.-Col. Bruce Powley expects to leave early in the New Year on a visit to the various military centres all over the province. His trip will extend over a considerable period, and will be in the interests of his new unit, the 163rd Battalion, "B. C. Bantams," the preliminary organization of which is now being proceeded with as rapidly as possible. Colonel Bruce Powley states that the plan of recruiting will probably be through the various battalions and other military units already established in the province rather than through recruiting offices especially established for the purpose of enlisting men. Ordinarily this procedure would not be feasible, but as in this case only men unsuitable for incorporation in other units on account of their small stature will be taken, there is apparently no reason why they should not be recruited through the military units now mobilized throughout British Columbia and the Yukon, and from those transferred to the "Bantam" Battalion.

The order to mobilize has not yet been issued, but the necessary authority to proceed with the organization of the establishment was received many weeks ago and the names of applicants are being taken in preparation for the reception of the other order to mobilize. There is no particular hurry necessary in the selection of officers, either once the few officers necessary to the preliminary organization are selected. And on this latter work Colonel Bruce Powley is now actively engaged. There have been so many applications from highly qualified men that he anticipates little difficulty in his present task, and later he will have more time at his disposal to select the very best material possible for the men who are to form the personnel of the staff of his new unit.

CANADIAN HIGHWAY

Aid, Todd's Project Promised Support by the Canadian Automobile Federation.

In reference to the project advanced by A. E. Todd, president of the Island Automobile association, to have the Canadian highway completed, replies are being received by the secretary here from many of the organizations to whom the explanatory circular was sent by the association. Among these is one from the chairman of the touring committee of the Canadian Automobile Federation, giving much valuable information.

He writes that the circular sent out is explicit and very interesting, and offers to assist Mr. Todd's project in every possible way. He says he has personally marked over 5,000 miles of road in Manitoba, and the federation is doing its best to get the main highway which forms part of the Canadian highway put into first class shape as quickly as possible. Fifteen miles of the road from Winnipeg west has been asphalted, and the Manitoba government is considering the possibility of an assisted good road as far as Portage in Prairie. Here he says, the gumbo soil sandy and the road is more or less sandy and easy to keep in condition for the next 200 miles.

He also promises co-operation in regard to the posting of signposts.

ROTARY LUNCHEON.

New Year Resolutions to Be Switched in Between Lunch and Ringing of Clock; Surprise Programme.

The Rotary club will hold its last 1915 luncheon on Thursday at the Empress hotel at 12:30 p. m. It will be the one hundred and eighth meeting of the club. The new president, James Hunter, will preside, and adjournment will take place when his alarm clock rings at 1:30.

Thursday's lunch is to be a surprise packet event. The programme is in the hands of James Rice, manager of the Pantages theatre, who is chairman of the entertainment committee. He admits having arranged some musical numbers, and there will be something done on the New Year resolution plan that will interest and amuse. The real entertainment, however, is to be a surprise.

ELECTORAL REFORM



JOHN H. HUMPHREYS
 The secretary of the Proportional Representation Society of London, England, who returned to the city yesterday to meet men interested in electoral reform. An interview with Mr. Humphreys on the progress of the movement appeared last week.

Can Not Market Bonds.

On behalf of the company it is pointed out that it obviously would have instituted the undertaking but for the assistance it was to receive from the government by way of guarantee of bonds which in the first instance amounted to \$35,000 per mile. Early sales of bonds were very successfully made. Along came the war—an event the company could not foresee—and knocked further sales into a cocked hat. Issues for all kinds of enterprises were barred from London. The only place that money could be got is in New York, and there is now no market for such securities there except at such a ruinous discount that would sacrifice alike the credit and interests of the company and the government which endorsed the bonds. Apparently the question which the Hon. Mr. Campbell and his cabinet committee will now consider

Mrs. and Miss Berg, of Vancouver, are making their headquarters at the Dominion hotel.

John K. Wills, from Prince Rupert, is visiting in the city and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Malet and son, from Cowichan Lake, are in the city and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bickle and Miss Rhoda Bickle, of Cumberland, spent the Christmas holiday with friends here.

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HON. LORNE CAMPBELL TO INVESTIGATE ROADS

Will Examine Railway Situation on Mainland and Vancouver Island; Problems Involved

Announcement is made by the premier that the Hon. Lorne Campbell, minister of mines, has been appointed chairman of a special committee of the cabinet to "consider the problems involved in the question of the early completion of the railway enterprises already undertaken."

In his later statement quoted above the premier undoubtedly refers to two particular enterprises. First, the Canadian Northern railway operations on Vancouver Island, and second, to consider the provision of some proper form of carrying on the financing of the remainder of the Pacific Great Eastern railway, so that that line may be pushed to completion.

It is well known that towards the end of the last session of the legislature, early this year, a proposal to grant further aid to the Pacific Great Eastern was first heard of. Sir Richard McBride then arranged with the owners of that company to loan or grant them \$7,000,000 or more for the completion of the line. Objection was taken by a majority of the members of the house, not only because of the unexpectedness with which the subject had been presented, but because of the terms of the grant or loan, or whatever it was to be. It was urged that the information then at hand was insufficient to pass the proposals on such short notice. Some members objected on one point and some on another, and the deal did not go through. At first the premier decided to dissolve the legislature and appeal to the people on the ground that to make the new loan to the P. G. E. was only carrying out the previous mandate of the electorate. Then Sir Richard changed his plans and went to London.

The position of things to-day is that the company has spent all the money it can raise or borrow in building what amounts to about four-fifths of the completed railway from Squamish to Prince George. The line is now finished to Clinton, and on January 1 a daily service will be inaugurated on the 180 miles between that Cariboo town and tidewater at Howe Sound. All of the remainder of the line to Prince George has been graded with the exception of thirty miles at Horse Lake in Northern Cariboo and that finishing job is a small affair. Virtually what still needs to be done to make a completed railway is to build bridges and lay steel from Clinton to the junction with the Grand Trunk Pacific at Prince George. Approximately \$22,500,000 have already been expended on the line and the company is now out of construction funds. It will take \$5,000,000 to finish the work and get the enterprise started as a real link of communication.

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RECRUITING STEADILY IN 103RD BATTALION

Fifteen Applications for Places in New Band Received This Morning

The list of recruits for the 103rd Battalion, "Timber Wolves," daily increases, and although there was a falling-off during the holidays, as might have been anticipated, there is quite a notable addition to make to the list of last week. The unit is now settled down comfortably in its new quarters, and the swimming tank was opened the day before Christmas, this giving the men who remained in camp over the holiday something quite new by way of diversion. The shower baths, which will accommodate sixty men at a time, have also been thrown open, and this has added greatly to the popularity of the accommodation at the new drill hall. A water polo team has been organized, and soon will be in form to challenge any of the other teams in the city.

A few days ago it was announced that a band was to be formed for the 103rd Battalion, under Band-Sergt. Dawson, who was appointed about a fortnight ago. This morning there were fifteen applicants for places in the band, and as a number of men had already proffered their services it is anticipated that a very fine organization of instrumentalists will soon be formed to provide music for the regiment. Several instruments are already in hand, but anyone who has one to present will be conferring a favor on the unit by doing so.

There are now over four hundred men in camp, and on January 3, the date on which they undertook to report here, about one hundred recruits from up-Island points are expected.

The following is a list of the latest recruits to the force:

E. D. Wren, F. S. Brasler, J. Stone-man, J. G. Hagman, O. Ackerson, J. D. Puchasak, H. McIntosh, R. Chapman, A. K. Scott, L. C. Bohling, C. F. Still, J. Ryder, J. Daley, W. J. Prichard, S. Culling, H. Culling, F. Culling, L. G. Vaughan, F. Peace, J. Colbert, J. E. F. Dundas, N. McGowan, A. E. Cartwright, P. Maxwell, J. D. Devine, C. McKittrick, J. Tonkin, R. Ferguson, F. A. Cartwright, A. R. Campbell, A. Rule, R. T. M. Russell, A. D. Henry, H. G. Gardner, W. D. Aytton, B. Paget, A. Dornley.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Irene Florence Parry, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Parry, of 2533 Prior street, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Sands funeral chapel. The little casket was covered with flowers. Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott conducted the service.

The remains of Matsuurate Urjamura, a Japanese fisherman, were interred this afternoon at Ross Bay cemetery. The deceased was drowned about November 21 off Ogden Point breaker. The funeral took place from the Thomson funeral parlor.

TWENTY-FIVE DESIGNS RECEIVED UP TO NOON

Winning Sketch for 88th Battalion Poster Will Be Announced Soon

The recruiting poster competition announced last week by the 88th Battalion has been taken up with interest, and up to noon to-day about twenty-five good designs had been handed in. More are being expected before the competition closes this evening at 4.30, and the results of the judging will be made known in the course of the next day or two by Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, who has the work of selecting the most effective poster. It is possible that more than one design may be selected, and in the course of the next week or so the artists may have the pleasure of seeing their handiwork in reproduction nailed about on sign boards and other conspicuous places where they will catch the public eye.

This morning the battalion was out for a route march, which took them round the Oak Bay golf links. Owing to the absence still of many of the men who received four days' leave over the holiday the establishment looked considerably reduced. The remaining half of the men are to have four days' leave over the coming week-end, after which the temporarily disorganized unit will be restored once again to its usual routine.

The matter of the men's kit has been receiving the special consideration of the officers during the past week or so, and in the next few days it is hoped that down to the smallest detail each man will be equipped with everything.

A rush of recruits is anticipated immediately after the beginning of the New Year. Yesterday eight were signed on, which is very gratifying in the midst of the holiday week. About January 15 the company which is going up to Duncan to camp will leave, after which recruiting in that district will be done immediately through the officers in charge of that establishment. The Nanaimo recruiting office will be kept open until the battalion is at full strength. Both bands of the 88th will be out to-morrow afternoon, and will play at various points in town.

"A Most Valuable Food"

At a time when the preparation of artificial foodstuffs is giving more attention than ever before, and when new forms of easily assimilable fat to take the place of cod liver oil are being frequently brought to the notice of the medical profession, it is desirable that some of the older forms of administering natural fats should not be lost sight of. Among natural fats, butter easily takes first place for nutritive value, and when combined with suitable soluble carbohydrates, a most valuable food is produced.

The BUTTER SCOTCH which Messrs. Callard & Bowser (Duke's Road, Buxton Road, W. C.) have prepared for fifty years is such an article, which has the great advantage of being palatable, so valuable in fact, that children are more likely to need restraining from excess than any preparation to take it. This BUTTER SCOTCH is stated to contain 11.7 per cent. of fat and 1.3 per cent. of sugar, and the result of an analysis which we have made recently of a specimen substantially confirms these figures. Further chemical examination of the fat extracted showed it to be genuine butter fat. This conclusion can therefore be recommended not only as a valuable sweetener, but also as a very useful addition to the diet in suitable cases. It is in all the Principal candy stores in Victoria.

Extract From "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL" March 23, 1907.

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GOVERNMENT URGED TO GRANT BONUS TO SHIPBUILDERS

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—The question of building ships in British Columbia to handle British Columbia products was the subject of deliberation to-day when a committee from various boards of trade met at the Vancouver headquarters and entered into a lengthy discussion as to how, when and where such ships are to be built.

LIVED ON COAST FOR THIRTY YEARS

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—News reached Vancouver to-day of the death in Seattle of Malcolm McDougal, a former resident of Vancouver and a prominent lumber manufacturer here. He was nearly 80 years of age and had been living for the last few years in Seattle.

CENTRAL POWERS ARE PREPARED FOR PEACE

Geneva, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Vienna says: "Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the central powers will accept peace."

UNDER TWO PER CENT FOR SHELTON'S VICTIMS

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Over three thousand investors in the C. D. Sheldon "get rich quick" scheme will be repaid at the rate of 14 cents on the dollar.

AN EXPLOSION TO-DAY; ALSO ANOTHER LETTER

Unknown Criminals in Montreal Trying to Terrify Luigi Caselli

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Black Hand operators who wrote a warning to Luigi Caselli, 467 St. Timothy street, three months ago, kept their word this morning when a large quantity of dynamite was exploded at the front of Caselli's grocery store, partially wrecking the building and breaking the glass in at least twenty-five houses along the street.

TRUE AS LONG AS STRENGTH LASTED

King Peter Faithful to Trust Reposed in Him by Serbians

London, Dec. 28.—The Telegraph's correspondent in Rome says: "Signor Fracacorri, the correspondent of the Corriere Della Sera, of Milan, writes the following account of King Peter's adventures."

BARQUE ELGINSHIRE WEATHERS TYPHOON

Sailer Well Known Here, Reaches Portland Just Before Her Cancelling Date

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—With tattered sails dangling in the rigging, the result of a typhoon she encountered in the middle of the Pacific, the British barque Elginshire, Capt. Charles C. Dixon, arrived here to-day from Fusan, Korea.

WITH FRENCH FORCES: NOW IN THE STATES

Washington, Dec. 28.—State department officials indicated to-day that no action would be taken on demands for the internment of Elliott Codwin, Norman Prince and William Thaw, three Americans now home on furlough from the French army, with which they are serving as aviators.

THE STORY OF HIS LAST GREAT EFFORT

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FRENCH LOAN

Paris, Dec. 28.—Subscriptions to the new government loan exceeding 14,500,000,000 francs (\$2,900,000,000) are for the greater part in cash, says an official announcement made to-day.

ROTTERDAM SAILED

New York, Dec. 28.—The liner Rotterdam, with Capt. Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attaché on board, got away shortly after 2 o'clock.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—There was a sharp, decisive break on the market this morning, but nevertheless, after clearing at the seaboard would swing the market back to the bulls.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change. Includes titles like M. & T., N. Y. C., etc.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table with columns: Commodity Name, Price, Change. Includes titles like Ann. Marconi, Buffalo, etc.

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Financial News
SECURITIES MARKET INCLINED TO REACT
Good Feeling Overruled Nevertheless and Coppers Were Accumulated

SECURITIES MARKET

New York, Dec. 28.—Dealings decreased somewhat and buoyancy was less marked in some directions. Fresh stimulants on the bull side were needed, however.

GRANBY SMELTER IS TENDING UPWARD YET

To Granby was added a further dollar share and the bid price for Lucky Jim was 95, as compared with 98 yesterday.

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ONE CANADIAN SOLDIER KILLED ON RAILWAY

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—In the transporting of Canadian troops both by land sea a most gratifying record has been achieved by those in charge.

HUNGARIAN SENT TO JAIL IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 28.—Anton F. Monte, a young Hungarian, in whose room the police recently found a large quantity of acids and chemicals used in the manufacture of high explosives, to-day pleaded guilty to violating the tenement house act in having explosive materials in his home, and was sentenced to one year in prison.

GOVERNOR L. B. HANNA LEAVES FORD PARTY

London, Dec. 28.—Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, has officially severed his connection with the Ford peace expedition, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company to-day from Copenhagen.

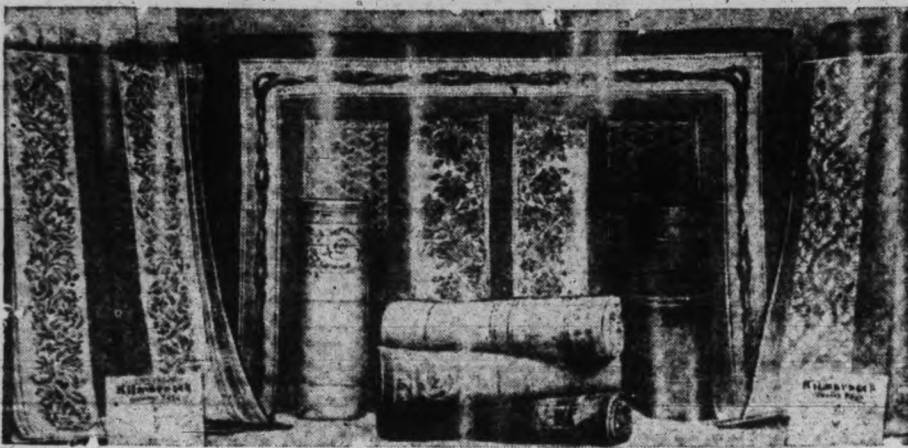
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London, Dec. 28.—The submarine which appeared on the surface shortly after the French steamship Ville de la Clotat had been torpedoed off the island of Crete flew the Austrian flag, according to a dispatch to Reuters' from Malta to-day.

Roll of Service
AN ARTISTICALLY DESIGNED Roll of Service of your Members who have responded to the call of their King & Country.
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SAVINGS
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WEILER'S DAILY STORE NEWS



Scotch Wool Art Rugs

Have you seen our handsome Scotch Wool Art Rugs? They make practical and very acceptable New Year Gifts. We can recommend these beautiful, artistic, durable and inexpensive Rugs without hesitation. The lovely colorings and artistic designs are apparent to even the most casual observer. Being all wool and closely woven, long service and easy cleaning are assured. Permanent beauty resulting from fast dyes and skilful weaving, and the wide range of artistic designs, meeting the requirements of various rooms, have made these Rugs very popular floor coverings. We'll be pleased to have you come in and look at them. They come in six grades and six sizes.

CASH PRICES

7 ft. 6 in. x 9 ft., \$8.35 to.....	\$18.58	9 ft. x 12 ft., \$14.85 to.....	\$33.75
9 ft. x 9 ft., \$9.35 to.....	\$24.30	10 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft., \$17.35 to	\$37.35
9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in., \$12.38 to.....	\$27.00	10 ft. 6 in. x 13 ft. 6 in., \$20.25 to.....	\$41.85

A Nest for Rest

Lightness, strength and comfort are woven in every inch of our Easy Chairs of English Willow, white enamelled, made in several graceful shapes, and so braced by skilful makers that they will stand a surprising amount of weight and wear. Upholstered in beautiful cretonnes, they make a charming addition to your room. Have you seen our window display?

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A Woman Instinctively Craves for Pretty Dishes

You'll make no mistake if you select one of our pretty but inexpensive English Semi-Porcelain Dinner Sets in beautiful conventional and dainty floral designs for HER New Year gift. She'll be sure to appreciate a thoughtful and charming gift like this. Come in and see our special holiday display of Dinner Ware which has just arrived.

CASH PRICES

97-Piece Semi-Porcelain Sets—Your choice of conventional designs in dark blue, pencil blue, powder blue and sage green, for only	\$13.50	Blue "Connaught" for.....	\$22.50
Pink Floral Design with wreath border, for.....	\$14.85	"Medina," a very pretty pattern, for.....	\$22.50
Floral Design, with Grecian key border, for.....	\$20.25	122-Piece Semi-Porcelain Set—A charming green and gold pattern for.....	\$20.25
		109-Piece Semi-Porcelain Set—A beautiful pink rose design for only.....	\$20.25

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BRING IN VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER

Coroner's Jury Hear Evidence Into the Circumstances Surrounding Mrs. Wood's Death

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon in the police court chamber by Coroner Stanley and a jury into the circumstances attending the death of Mrs. Emma Della Wood, wife of George Wood, B. C. Electric railway conductor, 671 Burnside road, who died early on Christmas morning from the effects of injuries sustained about 8 o'clock on Christmas Eve, when she was run down at the corner of Douglas street and Burnside road by a motor car recklessly driven by Ernest H. Goucher.

The verdict of the jury was one of manslaughter, without naming the person guilty of the crime. Police and other evidence as to Goucher's actions and condition was to the effect that he had been joy-riding with a party of soldiers, that there were empty demijohns and bottles of liquor in his car when it was found abandoned in the ditch on the Gorge road, and that his condition at the time of his arrest was that of a man who had been drinking. This was five hours after the accident and he had had the sobering influence of a walk from where he drove his car into the ditch, after a chase by the city police to his home at Colwood.

Not only did the police evidence show that Goucher's condition was such that he ought not to have been driving a car, but the testimony of those who noticed the car at the time of the accident was that it was skidding, and that it was in any case on the wrong side of the road.

In a sense Mrs. Wood lost her life in the attempt to save her little boy. She had with her at the time her girl of eight and a little lad of two and a half, and as they were crossing Burnside road to get to the street, the lad seems to have got ahead of his mother by a few steps, so that when the motor car was seen approaching and the girl tried to pull her back she had to go forward to get the boy. It is understood that Goucher claims to have seen the girl in the roadway, and to have turned out to avoid hitting her, when he struck the others.

At the moment the car struck her mother and brother, the child said, someone in it waved his hand and burrahed.

J. A. Alkman appeared for the accused Goucher, and A. D. King, solicitor of the B. C. E. railway was present on instructions to watch the case for the family.

Dr. Raynor's Statement.

Dr. Melbourne Raynor, the first witness, who was summoned by telephone immediately after the accident, found Mrs. Wood lying in MacArthur's drug store and tendered first aid pending her removal to St. Joseph's hospital. She was suffering from a compound fracture of the left thigh, several ribs on that side were broken and there were very serious internal injuries. Death occurred from shock. When he first saw her she was complaining of terrible pains in her left side. She was not able to tell him anything of what struck her, but she made several inquiries for her boy.

The foreman asked if there was any sign of the car having passed over the body.

Dr. Raynor said there was gravel in the wound in the thigh, but whether due to the car running over her or to the force with which she was thrown to the ground, it was impossible to say.

Guy van Buskirk was one of a party of pedestrians waiting for a car at the corner of Burnside road and Douglas street on Christmas Eve. He had seen a car come over the brow of the hill on Burnside road at a very rapid rate, but he had no idea of the speed. As his party approached the corner the car shot past and two dark objects dropped to the road as if they had fallen from the car. The car skidded so far to the right that it seemed about to run up on the curb. It turned down Douglas street and for some distance there was the appearance of attempts being made to bring it under control. His brother-in-law picked up the little lad and he and another man carried Mrs. Wood into MacArthur's drugstore. Both seemed to be unconscious but Mrs. Wood recovered and asked after her boy and wanted to know what had happened.

To Mr. King the witness said there were no street cars on either Douglas street or Burnside road.

Position of Auto.

To the foreman he said the car was on the proper side of the road towards the right when approaching, was in the centre of the road when it struck Mrs. Wood, and then skidded to the right. The pavement was wet, he told Mr. Alkman, but it was not raining. The accident took place about one hundred feet from Douglas street on Burnside road.

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was at the door of Rines's grocery when a crash and the shriek of a woman drew his attention. He then saw a car skidding over towards the fire station, and by the time he and others reached the woman the driver had got his car under control and was speeding towards town. The woman was lying on the northbound track, on the west side of Burnside road.

To a juror the witness stated that after the car struck Mrs. Wood and was picking up speed it was on the wrong side of the street.

Andrew Macpherson, a lad of 15, was also in Rines's store, and when attracted by the crash ran out and saw a black object which he saw was a motor car on the right-hand side of the road, skidding along.

Daughter's Evidence.

Lavinia Grace Wood, eight years old, was with her mother and the little lad crossing from the west side of Burnside road to the east to get the car. She saw the car coming and it seemed to get faster when it was near her mother. She pulled her mother to get back to the side they started from, and her mother tried to get the boy back. He was ahead of her at the time. The driver tried to drive around them and hit her mother, and when he did all the lights except the back one went out. As he passed the driver waved his hand and shouted "Hip, hip, hooray." What attracted her to the car coming was the boy crying out, "Automobile, automobile."

Mrs. Alice Wolfenden saw the car approaching on the right-hand side of the street.

William C. Gally, manager of the Rines's store, identified the body as that of Mrs. Emma Della Wood, wife of George Wood.

Detective Heather stated that as a result of inquiries he had gone out to Colwood and on the way found motor car No. 517, a Winton car, on the Gorge road, just past Colquhoun avenue, off the road, in the ditch on the right-hand side, the driver's wrong side of the road. The left front headlight was gone. He found in the car one earthenware demijohn, which had a little port wine left in it, a broken demijohn, a full bottle of whiskey and a pint bottle of wine. Goucher was arrested at Colwood and brought to town.

Mr. Alkman asked if Goucher had not telephoned in to the station about the accident.

Had information.

Detective Heather replied that he had other information connecting Goucher with the accident. He had received information that Goucher was out that evening with several soldiers in his car, and went to the station to consult with Inspector Perdue about going out to Goucher's home. It was then he was told of Goucher's message.

Mr. King—"Have you any knowledge of his previous record as a driver?" "As far as I know it was very good."

"Mr. Alkman—"You might say what his condition was, whether sober or otherwise."

"Well—Goucher's actions in one way were those of a sober man and in another were those of a man who had been drinking."

"Might it not be the nervous tension after an accident?" "He smelt very strongly of liquor or some sort, but he did not show any effects of it in his walk or talk."

To a juror the officer said the glass of the headlight was broken and it was otherwise damaged. The headlight was produced and showed the effects of a heavy impact with some object or body.

Gave Chase.

Constable Sawyer responded with the patrol wagon. While in the drug store, after Dr. Raynor arrived, some one called out that the automobile was back and he and the patrol driver gave chase out on Burnside road. At Tillicum road Goucher put on speed, and by the time the wagon got to Tillicum and Gorge roads it had got so far ahead that the chase was dropped.

The coroner addressed the jury briefly on their duties and defined murder, manslaughter and accident. The jury were out for over half an hour, returning once to ask for an explanation as to the possibility of finding anyone guilty of causing the woman's death.

The coroner stated that there hardly seemed to be evidence to show who was to blame as the driver of the car, but if they wanted to implicate anyone, they could find there was manslaughter by some person unknown.

When they finally returned into court the foreman stated that they found that the deceased came to her death by being struck by an automobile, driven by some person to them unknown and, their verdict was one of manslaughter at the hands of that person.

The jury in the case was composed of John M. Robertson (foreman), John Mackenzie, Philip Pearson, Herbert Hall, Thomas Hawkins and Arthur Laity.

Goucher, who was admitted to bail

PORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL STATEMENT of The Royal Bank of Canada

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th November, 1915.

LIABILITIES

To THE PUBLIC:

Deposits not bearing interest.....	\$37,456,097.10
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement.....	117,519,330.87
154,975,327.97	

Notes of the Bank in Circulation..... 14,224,866.29

Balance due to other Banks in Canada..... \$ 381,748.82

Balance due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries..... 3,137,093.46

3,518,842.28

Bills Payable..... 323,073.76

Acceptances under Letters of Credit..... 105,817.29

\$173,148,927.59

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

Capital Stock Paid in.....	11,560,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	\$12,560,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	676,472.16
13,236,472.16	

Dividend No. 113 (at 12 per cent. per annum), payable Dec. 1st, 1915..... \$ 346,800.00

Dividends Unclaimed..... 6,923.64

353,723.64

\$198,299,123.39

ASSETS

Current Coin.....	\$15,946,289.65
Dominion Notes.....	12,977,390.75
\$28,923,680.40	
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve.....	3,000,000.00
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund.....	578,000.00
Notes of other Banks.....	3,057,650.64
Cheques on other Banks.....	6,516,759.08
Balance due by other Banks in Canada.....	1,264.21
Balance due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	5,235,606.58
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value.....	1,361,106.96
Canadian Municipal Securities and British and Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value.....	3,184,333.53
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value.....	14,083,602.09
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds Debentures and Stocks.....	9,136,509.96
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	9,815,950.01
84,894,462.43	
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	82,004,872.15
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	24,547,762.77
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for).....	517,865.05
107,070,499.97	
Real Estate other than Bank Premises.....	1,026,233.46
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off.....	5,077,836.61
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contracts.....	105,817.29
Other Assets not included in the foregoing.....	124,274.63
\$198,299,123.39	

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE:

We report to the SHAREHOLDERS of THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA: That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank. That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 30th November, 1915, as well as at another time, as required by Section 56 of the Bank Act, and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches. That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion a properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank. That we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A. Auditors
S. ROGER MITCHELL, C.A. of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.

Montreal, Canada, December 18th, 1915.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1914.....	\$ 614,062.25
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills.....	1,906,576.57
\$2,519,638.82	

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS—

Dividends Nos. 110, 111, 112 and 113, at 12 per cent. per annum Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund.....	\$1,387,200.00
Written off Bank Premises Account.....	250,000.00
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation.....	106,966.66
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward.....	676,472.16
\$2,519,638.82	

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, General Manager.

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There were some visitors at the door, and, as mother was not just ready to make her appearance, little Johnny was told to let them in and show them into the drawing room. This he did, and, while they all waited for mother to finish doing up her back hair, the small boy sat very still and embarrassed. Presently, seeing the visitors taking stealthy glances round the cosy little room, he remarked politely: "Well, what do you think of our furniture?"

LUNCHEON TO-MORROW TO LATE PREMIER

Citizens of Capital City Will Give Sir Richard McBride a Send-off

To-morrow afternoon Sir Richard McBride will be given a send-off by the citizens of Victoria, this to take the form of a luncheon at the Empress hotel, as was first arranged.

It was found that the engagements of the ex-premier would not permit of the nature of the function being changed to a dinner, as there would not be time for that, so at a meeting of the committee—J. O. Cameron, W. J. Shortt and J. W. Ambrey—yesterday afternoon it was decided to adhere to the idea of having a luncheon. This will be tendered to the late premier and coming agent-general in the ballroom of the Empress hotel at one o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and it is expected that a very large number of citizens of the capital, of which Sir Richard has been a resident for the last twelve years, will be present to testify their good wishes for his future success.

Colonel the Hon. E. G. Prior, as president of the board of trade, under the auspices of which the luncheon is being given, as representing the business interests of the province, will propose a toast to the guest, and his worship Mayor Stewart, on behalf of the citizens generally, will support this. Tickets for the luncheon were placed on sale this afternoon and may be obtained at Hibben's, Victoria Book and Stationery Co., O'Connell's, Ltd., Cochran's drug store, D. E. Campbell's drug store, Great West Loan company, Shortt, Hill & Duncan's jewelry store, Victoria and Island Development association offices, the Board of Trade, or from any member of the Board of Trade committee named above.

Father and mother were having a little chat by the fire before retiring for the night. The future of their little ones was the interesting topic of their conversation. "Then what—about Harold?" said father presently. "Ah, Harold," sighed mother, a shadow crossing her sweet face. "I sometimes wonder what will become of Harold! He seems to take a fendish delight in hurrying his brothers and sisters!" "Is that so?" said father promptly. "They would better make him a dentist!"

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OFFERS PROPOSAL FOR NEW TERMS

Dr. G. A. B. Hall Meets Suggestions of Council by Part-Time Engagement

In connection with the negotiations for a new arrangement with the city health officer, the accompanying letter was read in estimates committee of the city council last evening from Dr. G. A. B. Hall, the incumbent of the office:

"With reference to the conversation of the special committee and myself this morning, regarding my position with the city, I beg to say I have given the matter careful consideration and have the honor to submit the following proposal:

"For a consideration of the sum of \$225 per month I am prepared to undertake the duties of medical health officer for the city, provided I am permitted to engage in private practice, or in any pursuit I may see fit, in utilizing my time that will not be required in discharging the duties of medical health officer; provided, also, I shall be allowed the use of the city car for my own use, but that the expense of maintenance (except repairs) shall be borne by myself.

"In addition to the outside work, I will spend two hours daily in the city office for consultation, or a proportionate amount of time during city hours, on such days as the city hall is open for business.

"You will pardon me for again referring to my position in connection with the militia; I do so because I feel I have been placed in a false light. Your honorable body will recall that shortly after war was declared you encouraged enlisting as far as possible. It was discussed in council, and announced in the press, that any city servant who wished might join the colors, and every endeavor would be made to keep his place open for him on his return. The question of allowing all city servants who enlisted half-pay while away serving their country was discussed, and almost adopted. I have no doubt it was this spirit, exemplified by the council that influenced his worship and the chairman of the health and morals committee to express the belief that the council would not object to my taking on my present military duties, provided they did not affect my civic work, and I can assure you that the city has in no way suffered as a result of my duties, and in some respects it has been an advantage.

"Considering the above circumstances, gentlemen, it naturally came as somewhat of a surprise to me to learn that at least one alderman was objecting to me holding two positions. I have stated, heretofore, that my present military position was not one of choice, and when I accepted it I did so to enable a good surgeon, and a man of 18 years' military experience to go to the front, and by so doing I felt I was helping my country in a better way than if I had gone myself, as I had proposed to do. I am not going to accuse any alderman of intentionally being unpatriotic, but I would like to point out that if one is prevented from doing 'his bit' in this national crisis, it is coming mighty near to assisting the enemy. If the exodus of medical men from the province continues a little longer to the same extent as it has been, each one left will not only have to hold two positions, but will be called upon to do even more.

"I trust, your worship, I have made my position perfectly clear, and I wish to say in conclusion, if my proposal, as

set forth above, is not satisfactory to your honorable body, I will ask that you relieve me of my civic duties as medical health officer until the war is over, as under the present circumstances I feel my first duty is to my country."

After a lengthy discussion the council decided to recommend to the incoming council some arrangement on the line indicated above, although Alderman Todd was adverse to giving more than \$200 a month.

Alderman Fullerton and Porter renewed objection to having an officer who was on part time engagement.

SUCCESSORS MUST DEAL WITH ISSUE

Aldermen Fail to Pass Recommendation on Publicity Vote

The publicity vote always stirs up discussion in the city council as well as on the street. The estimates committee session last evening was no exception to the rule, and recognizing that no resolution could be passed recommending to the new council any definite policy on the matter, the aldermen contented themselves with simply leaving the amount in the estimates to go forward without any recommendation either way.

Alderman Porter, president of the Victoria and Island Development association, defended the grant, while Alderman Todd stated that while usually an advocate of retrenchment, he believed the vote for publicity purposes was "a little bit too small." He supported the administration of Commissioner Cuthbert, but said there appeared to be strong objection taken in certain quarters to the appropriation. It was disheartening, he said, because the work did not receive the support of the citizens in the way it should.

Alderman McNeill said that not a dollar was paid out before it had been properly authorized. The overhead charges were to be reduced in the coming year.

Alderman Fullerton wanted some more information before the council voted on the matter, to show what revenue would be received from promised subscriptions through the Rotary club movement. The city's vote could be reduced proportionately.

Alderman Todd declared that money was subscribed independently of the city grant, on the understanding it was for direct publicity work.

Alderman Dilworth thought the best kind of advertising was low taxation. Till ferries were in operation, or the railway bridge built to the mainland no results could be expected. "You get a few tourists," he said, "but what in the name of common sense does that benefit? We cannot show anything definite that has been done in the last twelve months for the amount of money expended, or benefits received. How many people have you got here by its means? How many concerns that employ labor? And what have you developed?"

Alderman Bell deprecated the council declining to pass the resolution on to its successors without indicating any policy.

Alderman Sargent pointed out that opposition to the grant was not surprising when a number of taxpayers could gain no possible advantage from it. Its benefits must be limited to certain professional and business classes. However, no resolution was passed on the matter, which goes forward asterisked "No recommendation."

ANOTHER REPORT WANTED

Engineering Staff Question is Unsettled Still; Engineer's Salary.

The situation in the engineering department, which has been the subject of Retrenchment association arguments and of letters to the press for some time, was before the aldermen in estimates committee last evening.

Finding that with the information before them it was impossible to obtain a basis of agreement, the aldermen decided to secure a report on the subject from a committee composed of the sewers committee and Alderman McNeill.

Alderman Porter said there would be a considerable expense in coming years to provide for faulty work done in the past, and a certain amount of supervision would be required.

The mayor said that Mr. Rust, while pointing out that he had come to Victoria on a fixed salary basis, was willing to stand a further reduction to \$4,500.

Alderman Porter defended the engineering department, pointing out that that good results were now being obtained.

Alderman Sargent said that whatever terms had been made with Mr. Rust, conditions had changed, and looking over the list of salaries paid to city engineers in coast cities, they would find a general reduction everywhere.

"This is awkward—I flirted with a young man at the seaside in the summer, and we both pretended to be rich. Now I find he lives in our suburb." "But you needn't see him if you don't want to." "I can't well get out of it. It seems he collects the payments on our piano."

Professor—"Illustrate the fact that Germany is a militaristic country, America a commercial one." Student—"The German boy wants to be a field-marshal, the American boy wants to be a Marshal Field, the millionaire."



REVERSES OPINION ON DIVERSION BY-LAW

Council Takes Changed View After Favoring Idea; City as Salesman

The most surprising change of course taken by the city council this year occurred last evening, when the Garbally road yard by-law was introduced. The council, with one dissenting, gave permission for the introduction of the by-law, and later decided to leave the matter on the table for consideration by the next council.

The by-law would have given permission, by a vote of the ratifiers, for the diversion of some unexpended balance remaining from other by-laws, to put up a store building at Garbally road in order to consolidate the city stores.

What appeared to change the council's intention to proceed with the matter was a statement from the chairman of the streets committee that the pound would have to be removed, a proceeding which would involve expense.

The Civic Retrenchment association had written on the same matter, advocating the diversion to general taxation. Alderman McNeill, in alluding to the matter, said his policy was to effect economies by concentration and thereby reduced taxation.

In adopting the report of the Johnson street bridge committee thanks were expressed to Alderman Okell for his successful management of the negotiations.

Objection was taken by the mayor to the sale of brass goods to Spanish for waterworks purposes, as this would be entering into competition with Victoria merchants. It was pointed out that local merchants did not carry the goods in stock, and unless the city came to the assistance of Spanish, some outside firms would secure the business through local agents, and the local men would only profit through the commission.

The matter was referred to a committee with power to act. Arising out of the flood at Skinner's flats, Victoria West, reported in Friday's Times, a claim has been lodged for damage to a basement by flood from surface water.

The questions which the Retail Merchants' association desires to take up with the council will be heard at a committee meeting on January 7.

The announcement from the B. C. Telephone company that it was applying for a Dominion charter as the Western Canada Telephone company was referred to the Union of Canadian Municipalities, whose officials watch legislation at Ottawa.

THE 16TH (IRISH) DIVISION.

The completion of the 16th Division's training really marks a sort of epoch in the reconciliation of Ireland to the empire. This division, though no religious or political tests have been imposed on its membership (as is the case with the Ulster division), is the most direct contribution of Nationalist and Catholic Ireland to the war. It has been recruited mainly from the ranks of the Irish National volunteers, and it includes among its officers a number of Nationalist members of parliament, including Mr. John Redmond's brother and son. It is not the only division of the new armies recruited mainly from Nationalist Ireland; the 10th Division, which has fought splendidly in the Dardanelles, was drawn from much the same sources, and, indeed, its casualties were repaired by volunteers from the 16th. Nor do these two divisions represent anything like the whole contribution made by the Irish race to our army and navy, a contribution which Mr. Redmond estimated last week in the house of commons to be between 300,000 and 400,000 men. But more than any other fighting unit the 16th Division stands for those Irish elements, whose fighting prowess was specially shown, and whose traditional military glories were won under Sarsfield and at Pontenoy—not on our side, but against us. These elements now take their stand as comrades with Englishmen, Welshmen and Scotsmen, under the common flag, the representatives of their ancient and martial race, long alienated by the tragedy of its history, and now reconciled by the pledge of its restored freedom. It is a marvelous transformation, which only the signal political courage of Mr. Redmond and his colleagues has made possible.—London Chronicle.

A short time ago an Englishman, Scotsman, and Irishman were at work together. During the interval for dinner the two former determined to play a joke on their companion. Therefore, seeing his coat hanging up, they drew on it a representation of a donkey's head. Pat did not notice anything until the time arrived for putting on his coat. The first thing he saw was the caricature. Then, turning to the two men, he said sadly—"Which of you wiped your face on me coat?"

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