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IS HE THE BEST? Mr. Bowser is the best Attorney-General in Canada to-day. (Cheers.)

As the Attorney-General himself is notoriously reckless in his public utterances, there was something peculiarly appropriate in the extravagance with which he was extolled by the gentleman who presided over the Conservative convention in Vancouver.

Mr. Bowser is the best Attorney-General in Canada to-day. (Cheers.) I say this advisedly. I say it discreetly. One of the most brilliant lawyers in the city, and he is on the other side of politics, told me that there was no Attorney-General in Canada to compare in ability with Mr. Bowser, and he knew them all from east to west.

How are we to know whether Chairman Maitland's after dinner eulogium is deserved? We shall have to consult the record. Since Mr. Bowser assumed the office of Attorney-General a large number of cases in which the province was concerned have gone to the Privy Council.

Every session of the legislature sees the amending of badly drawn laws placed on the statute books in the previous meeting of that body. A rising young Tory in this city, spoken of as a possible candidate, was a victim of one of these crudely prepared ordinances.

The "best Attorney-General in Canada" was asleep on his job when the land laws were violated wholesale. How did he measure up to the perfection claimed for him when the Dominion Trust bill of 1913, drafted by the firm of which he is the senior partner, was passed by the legislature?

Mr. Bowser reports, were implicated in the operations which led to the collapse of the company? Why are so few malefactors caught in this province? Why are the laws openly and flagrantly violated by people of high and low degree without hindrance?

public mind against unfavorable impressions, one of the latest being the suppression of all the facts connected with the "flurry in cows" until it was known that the Minister of Agriculture would have to resign his portfolio.

Had Mr. Maitland said that Mr. Bowser was the only Attorney-General in the empire who continued to engage in practice as the private solicitor for interests doing business with the government of which he is a prominent member, he would have been within the mark.

When Sir Robert Borden was leader of the opposition he promulgated a policy for his party known as the Halifax Platform. In dealing with the necessity for civil service reform the opposition chief said:

"To use the power of filling positions in the public service as a reward for party service and without regard to the character and capacity of the individual selected is a gross breach of a solemn public trust.

"Since Sir Robert Borden has been in office there have been approximately 10,000 dismissals, resignations and deaths in the service and 21,000 appointments. The regulations adopted by the Laurier administration, which established a competitive system for the inside service, such as exists in England, under the supervision of an independent commission of which Dr. Adam Shortt is a member, have been callously ignored in spite of the public and private protests of the commissioners.

"We have nothing to do with apportioning the blame or glory of civil service administration as between the two parties in parliament. But we have a responsibility as to the members of the organized and indeed of the unorganized service as well. This responsibility prompts us, as a positive duty, to point out that the public service is over-manned to a remarkable degree and on account of this over-manning of inefficient organization, of duplications and other kinds of waste, there is a loss, conservatively estimated, of over \$5,000,000 a year."

Finance Minister White expects to raise \$8,250,000 by increasing the duty on British goods imported into Canada. This amount could be realized by eliminating such waste as that described by "The Citizen," and the civil service actually would benefit in effectiveness. The total increase in revenue from new customs duties and special taxes is estimated by Mr. White at \$30,000,000.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

The Colonist, dear old thing, wails that it is sadly misunderstood. It goes on from day to day "printing all the news that is fit to print, and yet it is bitterly assailed with 'indiscriminate abuse' because it wisely discriminates between what it is fit and proper the public should know and what, for obvious reasons (chiefly political and personal) ought to be suppressed.

The lecture of F. Napier Denison last evening before the American Society is said by those who were fortunate enough to hear it to have been intensely interesting. The lecturer's subject was "Popular Astronomy of To-day," which he illustrated by a series of beautiful slides exhibiting photos taken in the greatest observatories of the world.

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GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

The Berlin press unstintingly praises the heroism shown by the defenders of Przemyśl. This reminds us that complimentary references to the Austrians from the Germans are few and far between. In fact, Austria's failure to do to Russia what Germany herself has not been able to do, has become a life-sized Prussian grievance.

When the war began Germany hurled practically her whole military power against France. The ratio of her superiority over the French, British and Belgian armies at that time was six-to-ten in numbers and about twenty to ten in preparedness and equipment. On the east front she left three corps of first-line troops and some landsturm under von Hindenburg who, not being a prince or duke or the friend of a prince or duke, had been put on the retired list as so much deadwood.

The job was too big for Austria and she lost one-third of her first army, the greater part of Galicia, while a large force was isolated in Przemyśl. The importance of sending assistance to their ally never appealed to the German leaders, who, however, took care to send an additional four corps from the west to protect the Junker estates in East Prussia.

Neutral military authorities have frequently expressed surprise that Germany neglected to make herself and her ally secure against Russia before beginning her offensive campaign in the west. By holding, with a moderate force, the Vosges from Luxembourg to Switzerland, she and Austria could have launched the bulk of their armies against the partially mobilized Russian corps, established themselves impenetrably on the Vistula and San, and enabled the soldiers of Francis-Joseph to overrun Serbia at their leisure.

But the professors, grand dukes, lesser dukes, princes and so forth, who have been running the war for Germany, had Paris on the brain. Forty millions of people were to be "crushed" in three weeks. The Germans were to dine in the French capital on August 17. And so preoccupied were they with this programme of frills and fripperies that they made no effort to save Austria from the throttling grasp of the bear.

The day's official report on fighting in the Dardanelles further emphasizes the great military value of aeroplanes. The search out and locate for the allied fleet hidden shore batteries they have had to fly close to the ground and become exceptionally exposed to crippling shots from the enemy.

Notice is hereby given that the Esquimalt Dog Tax is due on or before March 31st, 1915. Owners who have neglected to pay the tax by that date are liable to legal proceedings without further notice. R. H. WILSON, Collector.

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FIRE ALARM EQUIPMENT. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. Monday, March 29th, 1915, for Fire Alarm Equipment.

MACHINE SHOP EQUIPMENT. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 29, 1915, for the equipment of the Machine Shop at the Garbally Road Yard.

TENDERS FOR WATER METERS. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. Tuesday, April 6, 1915, for the following water meters:

NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Mrs. Margaret Janet Galloway White, Late of South Saanich, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the above estate are requested to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of March, 1915.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. In the Matter of the "Winding-up Act" Being Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, and Amending Acts.

In the Matter of the Western Motor & Supply Company, Limited. The Creditors of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 8th day of April, 1915, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to W. Curtis Sampson, Langley Street, Victoria, B. C., the Official Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing of the said Official Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chambers of the presiding Judge at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or, in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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LINE UP WITH THE CROWDS AT 9 TO-MORROW MORNING

Men's \$1.50 Shirts 25c <small>Laundered, light and fancy colors. Worth to \$1.50.</small>	Men's \$2 Hats 25c <small>Soft Felts, all colors; one lot worth to \$2.00, at.....25¢</small>	\$1 Work Gloves 25c <small>Leather, one lot worth to \$1, go at.....25¢</small>	DOORS OPEN AT 9 TO-MORROW MORNING	Men's 50c Suspenders 15c <small>All kinds, one lot; worth to 50c, at.....15¢</small>	Men's 75c Ties 35c <small>High-Grade fine silk Ties; worth to 75c.</small>	Men's 25c Socks 10c <small>Men's 25c Black Socks, cut to, pair.....10¢</small>
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UNIFORM STRENGTH
NOTED IN LOCAL LIST

Gains General To-day With B. C. Copper Hardened in Price

Stocks of the local list showed uniform strength, and where gains did not take place steadiness prevailed, not one instance of weakness being noted.

B. C. Copper showed a well-maintained position with bids higher and offers raised five cents, there being only minor quantities for sale at present prices.

Dominating influences in the financial world are being expressed in rising security values.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and various stock symbols like Blackbird Syndicate, B. C. Refining Co., etc.

REACTION OCCURS ON WHEAT MARKET

Winnipeg, March 23.—The wheat market opened 1/2c. to 1c. lower; oats 1/2c. lower, and flax 1/2c. and 2/3c. lower for May and July.

Following opening there were further declines to the extent of 1/2c. on May and 1/2c. on July in the first hour of business, when a reaction occurred.

Table showing wheat and flax prices for May, July, and October, including cash prices and futures.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table showing cotton market data for Jan., March, May, July, and Dec., including open, high, low, and close prices.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, March 23.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal, 44.80; molasses sugar, 41.12; refined firm.

METAL MARKETS

New York, March 23.—Lead steady, 44.00; tin nominal, 57.00; copper firm, 115.00; zinc nominal, 41.00; iron steady and unchanged.

WALL STREET CENTRE OF BULLISH SENTIMENT

Stocks Show No Uncertain Strength as Advances Are Recorded

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, March 23.—The market bore a decidedly strong appearance and advances were more general than since the commencement of the present bull rise.

Bethlehem Steel was subject to reeling following opening strength at 73 1/2, the level being forced under 70, at which price some bear pressure became evident.

Table with columns: High, Low, Bid, and various stock symbols like Alaska Gold, Anaconda, etc.

HESSIAN FLY TALK WAS PREVALENT FOR SESSION

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, March 23.—Spot wheat at Liverpool was unchanged to 1/2c. lower.

There was nothing in the early English cables to give the market force one way or other. Considerable bearish feeling was carried over from yesterday and this caused the dip. Strong houses took the offerings out of market around bottom prices.

Table showing wheat and flax prices for Chicago, including cash prices and futures.

RECOVERING BODIES AT BRITANNIA MINE; FIFTY-SIX WERE KILLED

Another Slide May Occur; All Men and Boys at Scene Are Hard at Work With Picks and Shovels; No Warning Preceded the Disaster

Britannia Beach, B. C., March 23.—Working with feverish energy, in mortal terror of another avalanche such as swept away the little cluster of homes around the mine buildings at the Britannia mine, every man and boy to handle a shovel is laboring today in an effort to recover the bodies of those who were carried to their death by the awful slide of rock, mud and snow at 12:03 o'clock yesterday morning.

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When companions found him he was almost demented and was digging frantically in the place where he thought his home had been located.

Without any warning the whole side of the mountain directly above the mine broke away. The miners were just in the act of changing shifts, and a number of them were emerging from the tunnel mouth when they were buried beneath fifty feet of rock and snow.

The greatest number of fatalities occurred in the big bunkhouse where it is estimated forty lost their lives. A number of those killed were Austrians, and their relatives are not known.

When the slide occurred the sudden head thrown back on the motors and generators at the power station, and the slackening of the pressure on the air compressors told of trouble up the mountainside, but it was some little time before word was received from the half-way station, two miles up the hill, that the break had occurred further up the hills.

A party set out from the hillside station to locate the trouble, and had traveled far before they encountered the slide which had come to a stop but a few minutes' walk from the half-way tunnel camp, having traveled a distance of over two miles, leaving a path cleared of every sign of vegetation in its wake.

It is an impossibility to convey on paper the awfulness of the tragedy. The residents of the camp here do not yet realize the full significance of the catastrophe. They are stunned and dazed by its terrible suddenness, and have not yet had time to grasp the enormity of the disaster.

One of the saddest cases reported from the mine is that of Mrs. Appleton and her two children. She had but recently given birth to a child, and on Sunday morning Mr. Appleton came down from the mine and conveyed her and her two infants, for the oldest child was scarcely a year old, to the camp. They had scarcely lain down to rest when their home was buried beneath thousands of tons of rock and snow.

PRZEMYSL PRISONERS TOTALLED 120,000

Russian War Office Issued Official Statement To-day

Petrograd, March 23.—The Russian war office announced to-day that 117,000 men were captured at Przemysl. The statement follows:

"According to figures given by General Kusmanek, late commander at Przemysl, the number of prisoners who surrendered to the Russians was nine generals and ninety-three officers of the general staff, 2,500 officers and officials, and 117,000 men.

The number of guns and other war material captured is being calculated to-day.

London, March 23.—Charged with the murder of three women, George Joseph Smith, in the Bow street court to-day heard Public Prosecutor Bodkin charge him with making away with three of his wives. Each woman, it was charged, had been murdered shortly after Smith had married her.

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MAN FACES THREE CHARGES OF MURDER

Alleged That He Married Three Women in Turn and Killed Each

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Smith described himself as a man of independent means. According to evidence in the possession of Scotland Yard he made use of various fictitious names in his matrimonial ventures.

Verdicts of accidental death were at first returned, but later certain of the bodies were exhumed and charges of murder preferred. The names of the three women and the dates of the alleged murders were given by the public prosecutor as follows:

Beatrice Mundy, July, 1912; Alice Burnham, December, 1913, and Margaret Lofty, December, 1914.

According to the evidence at a preliminary hearing Smith was married under the name of John Lloyd to Margaret Elizabeth Lofty at a registry office at Bath in December, 1914.

The police also have had the body of another woman exhumed. This woman also died in her bath, shortly after her marriage at Hurn Bay, was married to a man who gave the name of Henry Williams and who is believed by the police to be George Joseph Smith.

Paris, March 23.—Standing at salute and shouting "Vive La France," the officers and crew of the French battleship Bouvet, sunk in the Dardanelles on March 18, went down with their ship, according to the Tenedos correspondent of the Athens Press, who thus describes the action in which the Bouvet and the Gaulois were engaged:

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Stone Dust and Sand

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 22, 1915, for approximately 225 tons of stone dust and 1,400 cubic yards of sand...

The Victoria and Island Development Association

The first annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Board of Trade rooms, on Thursday, March 25, at 3 p.m., to receive reports of the Executive.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Estate of William Templemen, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the late the Honorable William Templemen, of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, who died on or about the 15th day of November, 1914, at Victoria, made his will, bearing date the 15th day of June, 1914, and the said will contained the following bequest: "To Robert Dunn, Ben C. Nicholas and Hugh B. McKay, all employees, two thousand (2,000) dollars each..."

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WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRITICISM? PUNCTURE FRIVOLOUS LABOR COMPLAINTS

Alderman Todd Doubts if Civic Retrenchment Association Executive Was Consulted. Allegations of Alien Labor Are Disproved; "Austrian" Was a Greek.

"I think perhaps it would be well to ascertain by whose authority the letter was written," observed Alderman Todd last evening, when a letter was read from the Civic Retrenchment Association protesting against any additional expenditure, and particularly against the extra grant of \$1,500 for publicity at the Panama Pacific exposition. "I have spoken to a number of members of the association, and they profess ignorance of it. I think it looks as if some individuals have taken advantage of the name of that association so that they can take a shot at a certain individual, and I do not think it is right. On the other hand, if the letter is a bona fide one, then I think the council should feel gratified and flattered that in arranging the large expenditures of the year, they can only find the small item of \$1,500 to get anything definite out of us."

SERIOUS PART TO COME

Major Geo. Ager Writes Interesting Letter From "Somewhere in France." Writing from "Somewhere in France" to his wife in this city, Major George Ager emphasizes the opinion that by far the most serious part of the war is yet to come. "In an entertaining letter he says: 'Sir John French inspected us yesterday, and said that if we are as good as we look, there are going to be sad days coming for the Germans.' At the time of writing the major had not gone into the trenches, but was billeted in a village from which the Germans had been driven by the British early in the war. 'Up to now,' he concludes, 'it has been a case of "war made easy."

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RAISE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE OF SAFETY Menace of Storage of Volatile Oils on Waterfront Property; A Resolution

The recent prosecution for the storage of gasoline on a float in the inner harbor (not the portion under water for which a permit was issued, but for other liquid stored in quarters in the boathouse) raises an important issue. While the city council declined to intervene last evening and supported the action of the fire chief, the position is a difficult one with the large amount of gasoline used for motor boats. The subject has been one of growing importance on the Pacific coast, and at the meeting of the Pacific Fire Chiefs' association held here last fall, the subject came up for discussion. As a result the convention appointed a committee to draw up a resolution, which was eventually adopted by the convention, deprecating the storage of volatile and fuel oils on or near waterfront property. The resolution said: "Whereas the standard requirements for the storage of fuel oil in large quantities demand that it be on land in permanent and substantial tanks usually of steel, and 200 feet from any large body of water, that these tanks be surrounded by a fire proof and substantial wall or embankment, without openings and enclosing an area capable of holding from one and one-third to one and one-half the entire contents of all tanks within the enclosure. "And whereas oil companies not wishing to go to the expense of installing the above safety requirements are trying to induce our coast towns and cities to amend their ordinances so as to allow fuel oil in quantities of 10,000 or 12,000 barrels to be stored in tanks or barges or other floating vessels, permanently in our harbors, and sometimes near combustible buildings or docks. "Therefore be it resolved by the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, in convention assembled, that we strongly favor the old requirements for the storage of large quantities of fuel oil, and would limit such storage to tanks on land, properly protected against any possible flow towards water; that we consider the permanent storage of fuel oil upon water as a menace to waterfront property and shipbuilding, in case of a large fire nearby, the breaking adrift of the barge, or vessel, or any accident which might release the oil upon the water of the harbor; that we call upon our

TWO YOUTHS ARE SENT UP FOR TRIAL Jackson Arraigned in Provincial Police Court on Three Charges and Green on Two

Charles Jackson, known as "Dynamitus" Jackson, and Herbert Green, were 53rd committed for trial at a preliminary hearing in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon on charges of housebreaking in the vicinity of Victoria. The accused are alleged to have entered the house of a number of Hindus on Moore & Petrick's ranch in the Malahat district, and the section-house of two Chinese in the same district. Jackson appeared alone on a third charge of having broken into the shack of Der Yuk, a Chinaman, living in Saanich. Mahanda, Dallo and Deva, three Hindus, gave evidence that their house had been broken into and they identified a number of articles which the provincial police had discovered in the shack in which Jackson and Green were living. The Hindus left their house at 7 o'clock on the morning of March 13, and when they returned at noon found that some one had rifled their belongings. An entrance had been effected through the tearing away of a number of planks near the door, which had been securely locked. The Hindus lost one trunk, one suit-case, several suits of clothes, razors, one revolver, a quantity of canned goods, a bank-book and a number of other articles. King Man and E. Poy, two Chinese sectionmen, said that their shack had been broken into the same day, and many small articles had been taken. In the Saanich case direct evidence against Jackson was furnished by the police through the finding of a pair of running shoes, which had a peculiar design on the soles. The shoes were found in the accused's shack, and the foot-prints around Der Yuk's shack in Saanich, and on top of a barrel on which the thief had stepped to enter through a window were said to coincide with the soles. The Chinaman identified some of the articles displayed in court as belonging to him. The two were arrested in a shack on Finlayson.

Help For the Unemployed

The Central Employment and Relief Committee earnestly appeals for help for over 1,400 unemployed in its register. The majority of these are married men with families. What is asked: 1. Gifts of money to be used only in providing work of a remunerative character. 2. Work, odd jobs and permanent positions. All kinds of labor can be had at once. Employers, ranchers and contractors are invited to use the Bureau, which is free. 3. Citizens to join the employment club. Members undertake to supply so much work or its equivalent in cash weekly; an hour's work or 25 cents; four hours' work or \$1.00, and so on. Call up Dr. Millar, the Bureau Superintendent. Phone 1637. Cheques to be sent to Alderman Porter at the City Hall.