

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 3 p. m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong westerly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pastimes Theatre, Vancouver; Royal Victoria, Redemptio; Dominion, The Auction Block; Variety, Main From Painted Post; Rex Theatre, Unionist Meeting; Seaman's Institute, Unionist Meeting.

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MESSAGE OF STRENGTH TO FRONT IS CALLED FOR BY CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER

Urges People to Add to Feeling of Victory by Their Decision at the Polls Next Monday; Finishes Campaign at Meeting in the Capital

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Sir Robert Borden concluded his campaign here last evening. The Russell Theatre, where he spoke, was packed and outside hundreds were unable to secure admittance.

Sir Robert strongly denied charges that the Union Government was an alliance against any community or against any province. "It is not an alliance against any person or any thing," he emphatically declared, "except against the enemy."

"I want to say," he continued, "that so long as I am in power there shall be no referendum. You can not win the war on a referendum."

He indicated a revision of the income tax next session if his Government is returned, "so those enjoying large incomes may expect to contribute more largely to the public Treasury, and a continuance of the tax on war profits."

RUSSIAN STRUGGLE GOES ON BOTH SIDES MAKING CLAIMS

London, Dec. 14.—The struggle for power in interior Russia is growing more bitter. Advantages in the civil warfare are claimed by both sides. The Bolsheviks claim success in the fighting with General Kaledines's Cossacks in the vicinity of Bielgorod, south of Moscow, while the Cossacks are reported victorious at Rostov-on-Don, capturing the city and forcing the Bolshevik troops to retreat across the Don.

Petrograd, Dec. 13, 6 p. m., via London, Dec. 14.—In the battle near Bielgorod, according to a Bolshevik staff report, General Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated. They retreated to Vasilki.

In connection with the battle at Rostov, the evening newspapers report the Cossacks as victorious, the Bolshevik forces having retreated across the Don River to Bakhitcheva.

Towns Occupied. London, Dec. 14.—Bolshevik troops have occupied Tamanovka and Kaluga, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Tamanovka is near Bielgorod, in Kursk Province, about 250 miles south of Moscow. There is a railroad town named Kaluga in the province of the same name, which lies about 100 miles southwest of Moscow.

"Death Battalion" Beaten. Petrograd, Dec. 15.—Via London, Dec. 14.—Bolshevik forces have defeated a "death battalion" in the vicinity of Bielgorod, where the fighting with the Korniloff and Kaledines forces centres. In the Orenburg district, where General Duff has a large force of Cossacks, there has been little fighting and the Bolsheviks have sent agitators to work among his troops. It is reported that Kaluga has been taken by Bolshevik troops after the defeat of a counter-revolutionary "death battalion."

CLAIMS "GARABED" GREAT INVENTION

American Discoverer Says It Will Drive Battleship Without Fuel

Washington, Dec. 14.—A special rule for consideration immediately after the passage of the pending post office appropriation measure of a bill to authorize investigation of the mysterious "Garabed" discovery was approved today by the House Rules Committee. The bill provides for protection of the rights of the discoverer, who claims "Garabed" is a power that will drive anything from an aeroplane to a battleship without fuel.

The features which caused President Wilson to veto a similar measure last session have been eliminated.

Railway Problem. Major Brookhart of the Iowa State Railway Commission, urged Government ownership of railroads to-day before the joint Congressional-Railroad Committee. Statistics were presented to show that public owned railways and street railways not only furnished service at less cost, but also pay higher wages than those privately owned.

Suffrage Amendment. Majority Leader Hitchin sought consent of the House to-day to vote January 7 on the constitutional suffrage amendment, but Representative Walsh, of Massachusetts, objected, and that ended it for the time being.

Legislators of U. S. Intend Navy Shall Be Kept Up to Mark

Washington, Dec. 14.—A House Sub-Committee to investigate thoroughly the conduct of the war by the navy was created by the Naval Committee to-day in executive session. Hearings will be arranged soon. Secretary Daniels, bureau chiefs and officers who have been on duty abroad, will be called.

Russians Electing Army Officers; Plan of the Bolsheviki

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—Via London, Dec. 14.—The People's Commissaries continue to attempt to carry out their programme. It is announced that elections of officers of the army, for which all men are eligible, will begin to-day. A decree abolishing all ranks and titles will become effective to-morrow.

BERLIN NOW ATTEMPTS TO SIDE-STEP ON FACT JUST MADE PUBLIC BY BALFOUR

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The German Government received through a neutral Government last September an inquiry in regard to its war aims under such circumstances as to indicate that the inquiry was made with the sanction of the British Government, says an official announcement issued here to-day.

The announcement was issued in reply to the statement of the British Foreign Secretary, A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons on Tuesday that Great Britain in September had received through a neutral diplomatic channel a communication to the effect that the German Government would be glad to get into touch with the British Government in regard to peace. The statement follows:

"At the beginning of September the German Government, through the medium of a neutral Government, received an inquiry relating to the German war aims. The communication of the neutral Government was couched in such a form that, according to international usage it might be supposed with certainty that the neutral inquiry was made with the knowledge and sanction of the British Government. Moreover the circumstances under which the inquiry was made allowed the conclusion to be drawn with greatest probability that the British Cabinet had been informed of this step, and that it had been sanctioned by at least the most important of its allies.

Two Courses. "The German Government was ready in principle to answer the inquiry, and to do this two courses were open, an indirect or a direct reply. "The decisive objection against an indirect reply through the medium of the neutral power was that any one-sided presentation of the German attitude, even to a neutral mediator, might constitute a one-sided restriction of German policy without any guarantee in regard to the opponent's attitude. That being so, a direct verbal reply through the intermediary appeared to be the most opportune course to follow.

"The trend of subsequent events, however, forced the conviction with the German Government that on the part of our opponents nothing was being done to facilitate such a direct reply to the inquiry. "Regarding the utterance of the British Government mentioned by Foreign Secretary Balfour about its readiness to receive any communication from the German government, the first news of this reached the German Government only in Mr. Balfour's statement to the House of Commons. "A further step in this affair was not made on the German side."

The facts given by Mr. Balfour were outlined in a dispatch received from London last Tuesday, which said: "Foreign Secretary Balfour told the House of Commons to-day that a communication had been received by Great Britain from Germany last September through a neutral diplomatic channel, to the effect that the German Government would be glad to get into communication with the British Government in regard to peace. "The British Government replied it was prepared to receive any communication the German Government might decide to make and to discuss it with Great Britain's allies. "The German Government returned no reply, Mr. Balfour added."

HOW THE BOLSHEVIKI HANDLE IMPLEMENTS FOR FARM PURPOSES

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—Via London, Dec. 14.—The People's Commissaries have declared all agricultural implements a Government monopoly and all machines will be distributed for the equitable farming of all lands.

LANSING SCOTCHES NEW GERMAN STORY

Washington, Dec. 14.—Persistent repetition of a story that a woman spy had been executed in the United States has caused the State Department to send an official denial to American consuls and legations in the European neutral countries. The story originated in Germany; and its widespread use is regarded as another case of propaganda. The name of the woman was given as Anna Huttem. Ordinarily no attention would have been paid to a story so palpably false, but in this case credence appeared to have been given to it in neutral countries.

EMPOWERED TO TRY TO ARRANGE PEACE

Delegates Authorized by Bolshevik Leaders. If Armistice is Signed

CIVILIAN GERMAN PRISONERS RELEASED

London, Dec. 14.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, has announced that if an armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk, the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

Negotiations Resumed. Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—Official German and Austrian statements say that the Russian delegates arrived at Brest-Litovsk Wednesday, and the armistice negotiations were resumed yesterday.

Prisoners Released. London, Dec. 14.—The Russian Bolshevik authorities have ordered the release of all civilian German prisoners in German prisons, according to a dispatch forwarded by the Petrograd correspondent of the London Post.

It is reported reliably, the dispatch adds, that the Russian troops have been ordered to evacuate Finland. The commander of the fortress at Sveaborg is said to have acknowledged officially the independence of Finland.

Protesting. Petrograd, Dec. 12.—(Delayed.)—The Constituent Assembly is determined to protest against the arrest of Prince Dolgoroukoff, A. I. Shingareff and M. Kokokhin by the Bolsheviki despite their membership in the Assembly, because this position brings immunity.

The Bolsheviki have brought another regiment to Petrograd to strengthen their forces. The election committee of the Provisional Government which was arrested Sunday has been released. It went to the Tauride Palace and sought to resume its duties, but was dispersed again by the Bolsheviki.

The city is quiet, although there are rumors of contemplated demonstrations and probably strife. The Bolsheviki are taking the utmost precautions to prevent rioting.

Sobriety Necessary. In connection with the order to destroy all liquor in Petrograd, a general proclamation will be issued to the soldiers, urging them to refrain from drinking as sobriety is necessary for the salvation of the revolution.

One hundred Bolsheviki Cossacks have been sent to southern Russia by the Bolsheviki. It is intended to have them enter the ranks of General Kaledines's Cossacks to urge the Cossacks to desert Kaledines.

RIFLE SUPPLY OF AMERICAN FORCES

Chief of Ordnance Blamed by Some Senators for Delay

Washington, Dec. 14.—Statements regarding the prospective delivery of rifles considered confidential by the War Department and other matters he declined to discuss publicly yesterday were given to-day by Major-General Crozier, chief of ordnance, at an executive session of the senate military committee's inquiry into alleged delays in supplying the army.

General Crozier's examination to-day went further into details of the rifle and machine gun situation. Several Senators sharply questioned him in what were described as "somewhat heated" exchanges. Some of the members were said to be inclined to attribute to General Crozier himself responsibility for the reduction of 50 per cent. in rifle production at private plants due to the change in type.

Failure to use appropriations for the purpose intended was developed from General Crozier. In particular, an appropriation of \$5,000,000 made in August, 1916, for small arms and intended by Congress for rifles, General Crozier said was used for pistols, some at high royalties from private contractors.

General Crozier reiterated that rifle production will increase so that no American troops sent abroad will be without surplus arms, and that soon there will be ample for training purposes.

After nearly four hours of questioning of General Crozier, Chairman Chamberlain said: "Generally the information given shows a reasonably satisfactory condition, considering the state of affairs at the beginning of the war." General Crozier will resume his testimony to-morrow at another executive session to deal particularly with heavy artillery.

PREDICTION OF BLOW IN GERMAN PAPERS CURIOUS DEVELOPMENT AT PRESENT

Pointed Out Muzzled Enemy Press in Past Has Not Been Permitted to Discuss German Offensives in Advance; Gain By British Troops

London, Dec. 14.—Attention is attracted by the fact that the German press is being permitted to predict a German offensive on the Western front, a rather unusual prelude to any new aggressive move by the Germans, especially immediately preceding one.

Of actual infantry fighting on this front there has been little in the last 24 hours. Field-Marshal Haig announces that the British were successful in improving their position as the result of their local operation in the Cambrai area east of Bullecourt. Violent artillery actions in the region of Maisons-de-Champagne are reported by the Paris War Office.

The text of the report from Field-Marshal Haig follows:

"Our troops improved their position slightly east of Bullecourt as a result of the bomb fighting in that locality reported in last night's communique. "Enemy troops raided one of our posts last night south of Pronville. A few of our men are missing. "On the remainder of the front there was nothing of special interest during the night."

FORCES OF ITALY ARE STANDING FIRM

Teutons Able to Show Very Little as Result of Big Attack

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 13, via Rome and London, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—After three days of fighting on the mountain front between the Brenta and Piave Rivers the enemy is holding some trenches on Col Beretta and the summit of Monte Spinacotta, but all the rest of the Italian line is in its original position. This is the enemy's third successive attack with the object of breaking through to the plains.

The backward season continues to be a strong factor. A downpour in the last two days has filled the Piave, which had nearly run dry, obliterating the water barrier as it existed with the enemy trenches only a few hundred yards away.

The water in the inundated section along the lower Piave also had fallen from five feet to a foot. The rains have effectively flooded it again. Taking advantage of the lower water, Austrian troops occupied a villa near the Lagoon of Venice, in the vicinity of Borocavallino. The Italian destroyer Sauro managed to work into the lagoon and landed a party of sailors, who destroyed the villa, together with the telephone and machine guns which had been installed.

German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 14.—At isolated points between the Brenta and Piave Rivers, in Northern Italy, the German War Office announced to-day, violent artillery fire supported minor operations.

BOLSHEVIKI HURRY TOWARD PETROGRAD TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

Petrograd, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 14.—Bolsheviki delegates to the Constituent Assembly are hastening toward Petrograd from all parts of Russia in response to an appeal from their headquarters here. None of the Bolsheviki attended the preliminary organization meeting of the Assembly. It is believed they are holding off until control is assured by sheer force of numbers.

The preliminary meeting was attended by about 70 delegates, mostly Social Revolutionists. Mayor Schreider, of Petrograd, who presided, made a speech in which he declared that the Assembly had been opened, but that delegates later compromised by adopting a resolution declaring that the Assembly would have all power after it was legally opened, which, according to their view, would be when a quorum as fixed by the old committee should be present. It was determined to hold sessions daily in the meantime.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS GET MESSAGES FROM NEW GOVERNMENT

Lisbon, Dec. 4.—The Government established here in consequence of the recent revolution, has telegraphed greetings and messages of encouragement to the Portuguese troops who are fighting the Germans in France and Africa.

The Portuguese legations have been informed of the establishment of the revolutionary Government. Bernardino Machado, the deposed President, has been asked whether he desires to leave Portugal by land or sea, it having been determined that he must live abroad until the expiration of the term for which he was elected. The Cabinet has not decided what disposition to make of former Premier Costa and former Foreign Minister Soares, who are being held aboard a warship.

BRAN AND SHORTS FOR THE NEEDS OF THIS COUNTRY FIRST

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—In order to assist the campaign for greater production, the Food Controller announces that not a ton of bran or shorts will be allowed to be exported until the Canadian requirements are fully met. Mr. Hanna also is considering the question of fixing prices for such products.

OLGA ROMANOFF IS ILL AT TOBOLSK

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—It is reported from Tobolsk, Siberia, that Olga Romanoff, the eldest daughter of former Emperor Nicholas, is seriously ill.

OUTBID BY CANADIANS FOR SUGAR SUPPLIES

Eastern American Refiners Have Adhered to Agreement With Hoover

Washington, Dec. 14.—Declaring that there is no shortage of sugar in the United States and that the famine is local to the Atlantic seaboard, President Spreckels of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, testifying to-day at the Senate Committee's investigation, placed the responsibility on the Food Administration. Sugar, he declared, was now passing through New York for Canada because of higher prices.

"The world supply is approximately the same as in former years," said Mr. Spreckels. "The available supply of the United States is the same. There is no shortage of sugar in this country except in spots." Mr. Spreckels said there still were 900,000 tons of last year's crop unused and estimated the 1917-1918 crop exclusive of that produced by Germany, her allies and Russia as 1,250,000 tons in excess of the amount produced in the same territory last year. "While the 900,000 tons of old sugar exists, it is a question of tonnage in distributing it," he said. By eliminating Java, there would be 150,000 tons less than the available in sight last year, Mr. Spreckels said. He estimated the Cuban crop this year at about 600,000 tons more than ever before.

Higher Price. The sugar going through New York, Mr. Spreckels said, was raw, and the Canadian refiners paid a higher price. "We entered into an agreement with the Food Administration to pay a certain price for raw sugar," said Mr. Spreckels. "We adhered to that agreement and the product normally imported into this country went abroad because better prices could be obtained. We were forced to close our refineries for lack of supplies."

"If you could pay a higher price now could you open your refineries?" Senator Reed asked. "Not at once. Much of the supply has gone abroad and it would take time to get the raw product here."

Until Early in 1918. New York, Dec. 14.—George M. Ralph, Federal Sugar Administrator, announced yesterday that it was probable the sugar shortage here would continue until the first of the year. Consumers in the east are not paying prices for sugar that those in the west, he said. While temporary relief might be provided, Mr. Ralph declared there was no prospect of filling the market demands this month. Nine thousand bags of Venezuelan sugar and 11,000 bags of Cuban sugar soon will be ready for distribution, it was announced by the International Sugar Refiners' Committee. Distribution of 7,000,000 pounds of sugar was completed here yesterday, the committee said. Licenses of two wholesale grocery establishments were suspended by the Food Board yesterday as penalties for overcharging in sales of sugar.

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RAISING OF FOOD URGED IN STATES

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 14.—John Burke, United States Treasurer, in an address before the convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange here yesterday, appealed to the delegates to raise the maximum amount of food to make victory over Germany certain. He declared his belief that the Allies will triumph in the war, but said that had not the United States entered the struggle when she did it probably would have been over now with Germany victorious.

"Germany," he added, "would then have been in possession of the navies of the Allied countries and the United States would have been her destination. This war must go on until it ends in enduring peace."

FIRE AT ST. JOHN.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 14.—St. David's Presbyterian Church here, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Other buildings caught fire, but were saved. The church building was valued at \$75,000, and insured for about \$40,000. Only the walls are standing.

AUSTRIAN FISHERMEN ALONG COAST OF U. S.

Tacoma, Dec. 14.—More than 200 Austrian fishermen at a meeting here last night affirmed their loyalty to the United States. The meeting was called to determine the sentiment of the Austrian residents, all but two per cent. of whom have taken out first papers and more than two-thirds their second papers. They voted to go in a body to Seattle this evening to attend a mass meeting of all Austrian fishermen of Puget Sound, where steps will be taken to protect themselves from restrictions that may result from suspicious acts by former countrymen. The Austrians desire the privilege of fishing and working along the docks.

CAPTURES CLAIMED BY THE AUSTRIANS

London, Dec. 14.—An official Austrian statement reviewing the recent attack on the Northern Italian front says that in four days' fighting in the Meletta region, 63 Italian officers and more than 16,000 men were made prisoner. The capture also is reported of 23 guns, 22 machine guns, four quick-firers, 81 mine throwers and a quantity of other materials.

FRENCH WAR WRITERS VISITED AMERICANS

Saw Army From States; More Than Ever Convinced of Victory

With the American Army in France, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—A number of war correspondents of important French newspapers have visited the American troops and followed the lines of communication from the sea to the advanced camps. After interviewing Gen. Pershing, who expressed to them his unalterable confidence in an Allied victory, the journalists summarized their impressions in the following statement:

"We have come to a striking realization of the American power. We have the fullest confidence in the aid which the army of the United States will render us, and we are more than ever convinced of victory. We have been struck particularly by the brotherhood in arms of Americans and Frenchmen, and nothing rejoices us more than the vigor, high spirits and enthusiasm of our Allies from overseas."

The party made a long visit to a camp of former National Guardsmen, where the writers partook of the soldiers' mess. They also visited and had long talks with the troops returned from the trenches, especially those who were wounded.

Y.M.C.A. Work

With the American Army in France, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—To strengthen mutual sympathies, arrangements have been perfected by which the British Y. M. C. A. in France is to send influential and well-known British public men, such as Viscount Bryce, to speak in the American Y. M. C. A. huts. The American Y. M. C. A. in turn will provide well-known American lecturers to speak in the British huts. The interchanges of speakers will begin probably about the first of the year.

800,000 SUBSCRIBERS TO THE VICTORY LOAN

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Responding to a resolution of thanks tendered him at a luncheon of the Empire Club for his services as chairman of the provincial committee of the Victory Loan campaign, Norman Sommerville, the president, announced that although all the lists had not been checked up, the figures to date showed that \$15,000,000 had been subscribed by 800,000 subscribers, or 100,000 more subscribers than was announced at the Victory Loan meeting in Convocation Hall here.

AID FOR HALIFAX.

London, Dec. 14.—The British Red Cross has donated \$125,000 to the Halifax sufferers. The London Mansion House fund has reached \$175,000.

PLANS OF ENTENTE IN SOUTH AMERICA; ARGENTINE FEELING

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 14.—Sir Reginald Tower, the British Minister to Argentina, has had an extended conference with Hipolito Irigoyen, the President of Argentina, relating to the interview recently given out here by the British Minister, in which he was quoted as saying that the Entente intended to favor Brazil and Uruguay in return for their support in the war, even though that support might be harmful to those South American republics which have not seen their way to break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

At the conclusion of the conference the Government announced that the British Minister had explained that he had intended no reflection against the policy of the Argentine Government when he made the statements attributed to him.

The British legation later gave out a formal statement saying that Sir Reginald had expressed to the Government his regret that his statements should have been interpreted by the Government as being the advancement of opinions which might offend either the Government or the Argentine people.

After the conference with President Irigoyen the newspaper which printed the interview asked the Minister if it had misquoted him in any way, to which he is reported to have replied: "Absolutely nothing of the sort."

The Argentine Foreign Office was considerably agitated by the interview and thinking Argentine publicists and statesmen do not hide their uneasiness at the report that the Entente intends to do its trading in Montevideo instead of at Buenos Ayres.

The statements of the British Minister have served to re-awaken the insistence of many newspapers that the Argentine Government align itself with the Entente and thus put itself in an unfavorable position as that now occupied by Brazil and Uruguay.

FACTS GIVEN BY SIR ERIC GEDDES

London, Dec. 14.—In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that of the ships torpedoed in home waters since June, the salvage operations had been abandoned, and there had been only one ship which it had been decided not to repair for the present. In June 27 per cent. of the total salvaged tonnage on hand was under repair, while to-day 99 per cent. was undergoing the repairing process.

Since August the output of ships repaired in drydocks had increased by 6 per cent.

The First Lord described three new national shipyards which were being built on the Severn river. The first, he said, would be laid there during the early part of the year of a more highly standardized ship than had heretofore been undertaken. A great deal of the steel work would be done in British yards, and a considerable part of the labor would be performed by prisoners of war and unskilled help.

These yards, he said, would provide thirty-four shipbuilding berths of the facilities there for the more comfortable housing of the workmen. The cost of the new yards would be \$3,887,000.

In the year 1913, continued Sir Eric, Great Britain had launched 2,525,000 tons of shipping, of which 1,520,000 tons was merchant tonnage. That, said the First Lord, was the highest output ever reached. If the output for December was as good as that in November the tonnage launched in this year, he said, would be equal to that of 1913. The rate reached during November and thus far in December was eighteen per cent. higher than in 1913.

GERMANS GATHERING MATERIALS FOR NEW ATTEMPT IN WEST

Geneva, Dec. 13.—Via London, Dec. 14.—Swiss travelers crossing the frontier from Germany tell of immense preparations going on there for an offensive on the western front. Ammunition, provisions and materials of every kind are being concentrated in upper Rhine towns, through which military trains pass frequently, bound west. Ordinary freight traffic has been suspended for ten days.

BRITISH REPORT

London, Dec. 14.—Field-Marshal Haig reported last night: "A hostile post south of Villers-Guislain was successfully attacked by us this morning. The men composing its garrison were killed or taken prisoner."

"East of Bullecourt bomb fighting has taken place this afternoon in a portion of trench into which the enemy penetrated yesterday. A few additional prisoners were taken by us."

"The enemy's artillery has shown some activity at different points south of the Scarpe and also north-east of Ypres."

"Aviation—In spite of low clouds and mist on Wednesday a great many of our aeroplanes were in the air. Enemy troops were engaged with machine gun fire during their attack on our positions near Bullecourt, bombs were dropped and low reconnaissances were carried out. There was much fighting in the air, in which one Gotha and one other German machine were brought down. Three others were driven down out of control, and another was shot down within our lines by anti-aircraft gun fire. All our aeroplanes returned."

GERMAN STATEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 14.—An official statement issued here last night said there was nothing new of importance on any of the fronts to report.

BRITISH BALLOON LANDED IN HOLLAND; NO CREW ABOARD

London, Dec. 14.—Dispatches from Holland agree that the aircraft which descended in a Dutch village yesterday was not an airship, but a British army balloon which is said to have drifted across the North Sea from England.

A dispatch last night said it was thought the aircraft was a zeppelin. Its crew had left it.

GEN. ODLUM IS MADE VANCOUVER COLLECTOR

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—A special to The Vancouver World from Ottawa says: "The application for superannuation made by J. M. Bowell, Customs Collector for the port of Vancouver, has been granted and will take effect immediately. Brig-Gen. Odium, D. S. O., has been appointed to the vacancy. At Brig-Gen. Odium's urgent request, he has been granted leave of absence indefinitely while he is engaged acting collector in the interim."

J. M. Bowell was called to the East two weeks ago by the serious illness of his father, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who has since passed away. It was therefore impossible to obtain any confirmation of the above dispatch locally. Mr. Bowell has been collector of customs for over twenty years and has seen the port grow while under his charge from very small beginnings to its present proportions.

VIOLENT STORM ALONG COAST OF OREGON.

Portland, Dec. 14.—A violent rain and wind storm raged last night over the Oregon and Southwest Washington coast section and considerable damage to property was reported at several points.

At Astoria, Ore., a waterspoken hillside slid and brought down several tons of rock on a bankhouse where a county road gang was sleeping. Although one end of the bankhouse was badly wrecked, no one was injured. Another slide in Astoria carried out a trunk line water main.

The Coos Bay district was cut off from communication intermittently during yesterday due to prostration of wires. Heavy washouts had occurred there.

TAKING OF JERUSALEM FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Wonderful Organization Work Was Done, Says Maj-Gen. Maurice

London, Dec. 14.—Major-General F. B. Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations at the War Office, in his weekly talk with the Associated Press outlined the campaign that resulted in the fall of Jerusalem.

"General Allenby has entered Jerusalem," said Gen. Maurice. "The campaign which led to this has been carried out mainly by British troops, supported by small bodies of Australian and New Zealand mounted men and British Yeomanry."

"In the campaign as a whole the great accomplishment has not been the defeat of the Turks, but the conquest of the Sinai Desert. The troops who fought at Gaza drank water from Egypt pumped through a pipe line and were supplied over a broad gauge railroad laid clear across the 150 miles of Sinai Desert which has defeated almost everybody who tried to conquer Egypt for centuries. Every ounce of material for the pipe line and the railroad came either from Great Britain or the United States."

"All the time this conquest of the desert was going on the official communications were able to say only 'nothing to report,' and the public thought we were idle. The fall of Jerusalem was made possible by industry and organization and the aid of materials from the United States."

MONTEREAL TRIBUNALS.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—A total of 46,000 cases has thus far been disposed of by the exemption tribunals in the Montreal Military District, of which number 2,644 have been refused exemption. There are still about 25,000 to be heard, which will necessitate the tribunals continuing in operation well into January.

COTTON IN STATES.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumption during November was 590,763 running bales, the census bureau announced to-day.

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MANITOBA GIVES \$25,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Premier Norris announced yesterday that the Provincial Government had made a grant of \$25,000 to the Halifax relief fund.

QUEBEC FROM QUEBEC.

Quebec, Dec. 14.—The Quebec Cabinet yesterday decided to ask the Legislature to vote \$200,000 toward the relief of the Halifax sufferers.

SWISS PRESIDENT.

Berne, Dec. 14.—Felix Calonder, Vice-President of the Republic and head of the Department of the Interior, yesterday was elected President of Switzerland for 1918.

FUNCHAL SHELLED.

Lisbon, Dec. 14.—Funchal, capital of Madeira, has been bombarded by a German submarine. Forty shells were fired, killing or wounding a number of persons and damaging several buildings. The submarine fled on being attacked by patrol boats.

GLOBE SUES.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The Globe has entered action against J. Dickenson, of Wentworth, to recover \$25,000 for alleged slander, in which he said that that paper had been bought by the Unionist Government.

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VON BERNSTORFF AND THE S. ANNIE LARSEN

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Count von Bernstorff, then German Ambassador to the United States, demanded the release of a cargo shipment of thousands of rifles and millions of rounds of ammunition, seized by the United States because of its suspicious destination, according to evidence introduced into the trial here yesterday, of a number of Hindus and others charged with fomenting a revolutionary movement against British rule in India.

Three letters written by von Bernstorff to Secretary of State Lansing in 1915 protesting the seizure of the steamship Annie Larsen and the sequestration of her cargo of guns and ammunition by the United States were introduced into the evidence. Von Bernstorff held in the letters that an opinion of the Attorney-General that the seizure was legal was null and void because the destination of the shipment was plainly announced as German East Africa.

The Government is endeavoring to connect the shipment with an alleged conspiracy to arm and equip native forces in India to set up a revolutionary government there.

SAFETY ARREST.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Ahmed Farid, who said he was a physician and a native Egyptian, was taken into custody here late last night by a secret service operative and police officers, pending an investigation into his alleged frequenting of a local hotel where wing-niggers in the so-called Hindu conspiracy case are quartered.

Farid was charged with vagrancy. He said he had been here several months, had no money and was out of work.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The Prime Minister has received cablegrams of sympathy with the sufferers in the Halifax disaster from the Lord Mayor of Manchester, England; Rt. Hon. William Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, and Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

MONTEREAL TRIBUNALS.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—A total of 46,000 cases has thus far been disposed of by the exemption tribunals in the Montreal Military District, of which number 2,644 have been refused exemption. There are still about 25,000 to be heard, which will necessitate the tribunals continuing in operation well into January.

COTTON IN STATES.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumption during November was 590,763 running bales, the census bureau announced to-day.

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For Canada and the Empire To the Electors Nanaimo Federal Riding

As Unionist Candidate for this Riding, duly selected by Convention as representative of the Liberals and Conservatives, Labor, Win-the-War League, Returned Soldiers, and Farmers, I call upon you in the name of Canada for your whole-hearted support. We all have a duty to perform, not only to Canada, but to the whole world in the cause of LIBERTY and FREEDOM. A great National peril has arisen in this WORLD WAR, and the opportunity of choice is here before us to survive as a Democracy or become lost in a state of Feudalism.

Russia is out of the war in a state of Anarchy—the fate of Italy trembles in the balance, with France and the two great Anglo-Saxon nations left to bear an almost insupportable burden. The great issue before us is a very simple one. Do we wish to retain our nationality? If so, we have come to the point where we must fight for it with our men and with all the resources of the whole country. We have given, and we must continue to give, if we wish to survive as a Nation.

With compulsory military service, there should be the same measure of conscription of wealth. This is not a mere figure of speech—wealth can be reached as easily as men and can be more readily spared and can be replaced, whereas life cannot be restored.

PROFITTEERING MUST CEASE. It is regrettable that human depravity can be so low as to stoop to the taking of undue and unfair profits on war supplies, when men are giving their lives to the cause of Freedom. This must cease, and I here pledge and charge myself to make war upon those trafficking with the vital resources of the country by conspiring all war profits, past, present and future.

PARTY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THE CAUSE. UNION GOVERNMENT IS THE REMEDY. The remedies are now being applied as witness effective Government control of prices, control of profits, and the controlling of food prices. We have no room for the alien in Canada who is not prepared to be one with us at this time.

LET US TEST THE ISSUE. Would the Germans prefer a Union Government with a fighter Canadian Nation behind it, or a Government fortified only by a referendum? **LET US STAND TOGETHER THEREFORE, stand as the Roman stood in the days of old, when NONE were for the Party, and ALL were for the State.**

J. C. McINTOSH, Unionist Candidate.
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Women's Meeting

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SOLOIST—MR. L. A. KNIGHT MEN ARE INVITED

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NANAIMO FEDERAL RIDING

Mr. Hector Allen Stewart, of Tye Siding, the Liberal Candidate for the Nanaimo Federal Riding in the forthcoming election, is a lumberman with large interests in the district. He is opposed to the so-called Union Government, and is supported by Sir Robert Borden, but actually by Sir Clifford Sifton and the Big Interests of the East, in the hope that the predatory interests of Canada and the hosts of profiteers that have been fattening on the war since the beginning of the war, may be allowed to continue their work as long as the Great War lasts. He declares that the Conscription Act, introduced at the last moment, on the eve of an election, was designed for the purpose of rescuing a thoroughly discredited Government from certain defeat. This Act is unfair as against British Columbia compared with Quebec and some other Eastern Provinces, in that a much greater proportion of our laboring population is being drained and their places being taken by foreigners, mostly Orientals. We have already sent overseas a greater percentage of our population than any other Province. Exemption tribunals in Quebec, appointed by the Government, and supposed to carry out the policy of the Government, are exempting 94 per cent. of all who are actually in Quebec are applying for exemption. This is permitted there, while in B. C., where already 14 per cent. of the population have enlisted, further drafts are being made without regard to equality throughout Canada and without regard to industrial and labor requirements. It is an "Election Act" pure and simple, and not an Act for national service. Let it be emphasized again that from B. C. we have already sent 14 per cent. of our white population, while Eastern Provinces have sent



MR. HECTOR ALLEN STEWART, Tye Siding. The Liberal Opposition candidate for the Nanaimo Federal Riding in the forthcoming election, who stands opposed to the so-called "Union Government," a cabinet consisting of fourteen Conservatives and eight Liberals.

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NEUTRALITY OF FOOD DEPARTMENT REFUSED

Body at Petrograd Declines to Work Under People's Commissaries

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—Via London, Dec. 12.—The employees of the food supply department called to-day at the Smolny Institute, the Bolshevik headquarters, and urged that they be declared a neutral department. Otherwise they would decline to work under the People's Commissaries. Their demand was refused.

The Senate, the highest Russian Court, which had been abolished by the Bolsheviks, to-day held a secret meeting at which it was determined that the members would continue in their offices. Striking employees of the Government Departments announce that they are ready to go to Kiev if the Constituent Assembly is dissolved and the railway union decides also to go to Kiev. The Socialist newspapers appeared this morning without advertisements, but they carried a long protest against the Bolshevik advertising monopoly.

Instigated by Germans. London, Dec. 14.—The Moscow Workmen's and Soldiers' Council has suppressed the newspaper Kuzkoe Slovo for publishing a rumor that Ensign Krylenko's seizure of general staff headquarters was instigated by German headquarters, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. The office of the newspaper is occupied by soldiers and the plant and the paper has been sequestered for the needs of the workmen and soldiers. Recognition Refused.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—(Delayed.)—According to the Novaya Zhitn, the Central Army Committee, in the absence of a generally recognized democratic authority, refuses to recognize Ensign Krylenko as Commander-in-Chief. The committee, the newspaper adds, declares that Krylenko's arrival at headquarters will be superfluous unless it is made in a private capacity. The committee also protests against the attempt of Alexander F. Kerensky to come to headquarters with an escort, and by so doing, to threaten civil war.

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—Via London, Dec. 12.—Civil offenders in the Petrograd prisons have been removed to jails in the provinces to make room for counter-revolutionary suspects, who are being arrested continually. Countess Panin, former Vice-Minister of House Welfare, has been arrested. She is charged with having returned all the Ministry funds to the state bank, leaving the safes in the Ministry office empty when the Bolsheviks took control. The lodgings of Mme. Kerensky, wife of the former Premier, were searched to-day. She was told that she had better notify Kerensky to come to the Smolny Institute voluntarily or she would be in great danger of lynching if found. Members of the Constitutional Democratic party now in prison will be tried by revolutionary tribunals. Bolshevik leaders express the opinion that the probable penalty will be exile abroad for one year or more.

PROOF SITUATION AT HALIFAX IMPROVED

Halifax, Dec. 14.—With the relief situation so well in hand that its services no longer were required, the Massachusetts unit, first on the ground here after the great fire and explosion, went home yesterday. The departure of the delegation, members of the general committee declared, meant that the city of Halifax, profiting by its help and its counsel, was prepared to handle its own problems. The big public funeral service planned for yesterday was postponed until Monday because of the difficulty of opening graves due to the continued cold.

SLACKERS' SCHEME IN STATES IS EXPOSED

Patriotic Private Overheard Physician Tell Man About Certain Injections

New York, Dec. 14.—Another scheme of "slackers" to defeat the draft law with the connivance of unscrupulous physicians has been brought to light through the courage of Louis Whitestone, 28 years old, an enlisted man in medical corps No. 3. It is announced at the office of the director of the draft.

Whitestone reported to Dr. Alexander Hoffmeister, of the medical corps, that he had overheard a physician explain to a would-be slacker ways in which it was possible to obtain exemption by injection into the system of drugs which cause the symptoms of certain diseases. Dr. Hoffmeister told Whitestone it would be necessary to know positively that the injections would produce the results stated before action could be taken. "Try on me," said the medical corps private. "I don't mind taking a chance for Uncle Sam."

GREAT SLEET STORM EAST OF VANCOUVER; DAMAGE REPORTED

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—A tremendous storm of sleet last night did considerable damage to the wires of the C. P. R., Canadian Northern and B. C. Electric railways in the vicinity of Mission and Chilliwack. No telegraph news could be sent over these wires and messages had to be sent from points in the interior of British Columbia and the prairie provinces to the Coast via Winnipeg and American points. It was said late last night also that the dykes on the south side of the Fraser near Chilliwack had broken down and that there was serious danger from floods in the surrounding districts, but because the wires were down the report could not be confirmed. It was reported that the B. C. Electric wires and poles between Huntington and Sarsa were down and that the tracks of that railway at Yarrow were covered with water.

LIEUT. COLLISHAW RECEIVES MENTION FOR BRAVE DEEDS

London, Dec. 14.—Many hundreds are mentioned for distinguished service in dispatches from Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, including the following Canadian names: Flight-Lieut. Raymond Collishaw; J. J. Malone, Regina; P. G. McNeil, Toronto; Brig.-Gen. G. S. Denison, Engineers; Capt. A. E. Grabett; Lieut.-Col. B. J. Hayter; W. C. G. Hencker; A. C. Joly de Lotbiniere; Lieut.-Col. W. B. Leslie; Brig. F. W. Flemmsden; Major-General L. J. Lipsett.

GRAIN STANDARDS.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 14.—More than 50 millions drawn here from Utah, Oregon, Idaho and other Western states are in conference here to-day with Government officials relative to federal standards for wheat and corn. The conference is one of a series of 17, being held in various parts of the country at which the Department of Agriculture invites constructive criticism on grain standards, and the rules and regulations for their enforcement. The series of conferences will conclude at a big national meeting of Government officials and representatives of grain interests in Washington, D. C., on December 22. Seven officials of the Department of Agriculture are attending to-day's conference.

CAILLAUX CASE.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Premier Clemenceau will be heard to-day by the committee of eleven appointed by the Chamber of Deputies to report on the demand for the suspension of the immunity of Deputies Caillaux and Loustalot. After he has appeared, M. Caillaux and M. Loustalot and other Deputies are expected to question the competence of a court martial to try the two accused men, which they believe only the high court is qualified to do.

AMERICAN BUNKER COAL.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Export and foreign bunker coal prices were fixed by the Fuel Administration of the United States yesterday at \$1.25 a ton higher than the domestic price scale. Heretofore export and bunker coal has sold at the figures set for sales within the United States. The new price will apply to all countries except Canada and Mexico.

FUND FOR NEGROES.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The National Colored Soldiers' Comfort Committee announced to-day that an equitable portion of the \$2,000,000 being raised for dependents of negro troops will be used for the relief of families of the 12 infantrymen hanged at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and the 41 given life sentences for participating in the Houston riot. Captain Lauretti has presented to the R. F. C. the machine on which he flew from Turin to London without a stop.

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Perrin's Kid Gloves—Black with white points. Special at \$1.90	Fleece Wool-Lined Mocha Gloves, tan or grey, at \$2.25	
Perrin's Tan Cape Kid Gloves, good quality. Special at \$1.75	Heavy Cape Kid Motor Gauntlets, tans and browns. Special at \$3.00	
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- Women's Extra Heavy Black Silk Hose, with yellow garter top, at, per pair \$2.25
- "Kaiser" Heavy Quality Black Silk Hose at, per pair \$2.50
- Fancy Striped Silk Hose, black, white and colors. Special at, per pair \$1.95
- Fancy Silk Hose, with white and black clockings, at, per pair \$3.25
- Fancy Silk Hose, colors of grey and champagne, with black clockings, at, per pair \$1.75
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GOLD WEATHER IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 14.—Most of this country was in the grip of storms and cold weather to-day and under cover of snow through out its northern parts almost from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Rail and wire traffic were much impeded. The unseasonable cold extends to the Gulf States. Snow was heaviest in the East from the Great Lakes to the Coast, with a fall of a foot or more in interior New York. The second pronounced storm is moving southeastward from British Columbia, causing rains in Washington and Oregon and snow over the north Rocky Mountains and plateau regions. In the South temperatures were very low for that region.

JEWS IN STATES DO RELIEF WORK

New York, Dec. 14.—Jewish labor unions of Greater New York announced last night that the members had agreed to work on Washington's birthday, a legal holiday, and give their pay for that day to the \$5,000,000 fund which is being raised in this city for war relief and welfare work. It was estimated that the contributions of the workers would amount to at least \$1,250,000. Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador of the United States to Turkey, also announced that the State Department had decided to send Dr. Otis A. Glasebrook, formerly United States consul at Jerusalem, back to that city at once to take charge of the disbursement of relief funds.

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PENNSYLVANIA HAS BAD WINTER STORM

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Railroad and street car traffic throughout this state was badly crippled by the sleet, rain and snow in last night's storm, followed by freezing temperature. Telegraph and telephon wires are reported down all along the path of the storm, while in the coal regions the snow was so heavy that through trains were stalled for hours. It was feared here to-day that the coal stringency would be aggravated because hundreds of coal mines were held up by frozen switches.

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If a person entitled to vote has not been registered by an enumerator he or she can qualify on application at the polling station in the section in which either may reside. The thirty-eight enumerators will be in attendance at the various stations for the purpose of giving voting privileges to those who can show they are entitled to them and to give such information as may be required. Men and women who have been missed by the enumerators, but who have the other qualifications, should bear this in mind. We desire to impress it especially upon the women relatives of soldiers, eligible under the Act, many of whom, no doubt, have been overlooked in the enumeration, but who will have an opportunity of voting by satisfying the enumerator as to qualification on election day.

WATCHING US.

The New York Times, a powerful champion of the Allies since the outbreak of war, says the result of the election in Canada will be awaited with anxious interest by all the countries opposed to Germany, and by none of them more anxiously than the United States. "It can hardly fail," our contemporary adds, "to have its reflex here for good or ill, for encouragement or discouragement." The Times, after quoting Sir Wilfrid Laurier's declaration, "we all want to win the war," points out that a curious way to help the winning of the war is by opposing or delaying reinforcement of the Allies.

Canadian electors probably will be surprised at the revelation of the importance attached to this election throughout the world. If they reflect for a moment they will realize the inwardsness of the comment of The New York Times. Our Allies are thinking of the moral consequences of the result more than of the material effect. They know that the defeat of the Union Government would be trumpeted by German sympathizers and propagandists the world over as an indication that Canada had withdrawn from the war. No importance could be attached to Sir Wilfrid's declaration of his intentions in the light of the speeches of his lieutenant, Rodolphe Lemieux and other candidates in the provinces of Quebec and the suspension of the Military Service Act. However the issue may be clouded and misunderstood in Canada, it will not be misunderstood by our Allies. By the enemy, both of whom know that a nation cannot be half in such a war as this and half out of it.

Henri Bourassa's newspaper has been frequently quoted in Germany and Austria as representing the attitude of Quebec. If the Union Government were defeated the interpretation given to the result in hostile countries would be that the Nationalist agitation had been successful, that Quebec had imposed a halt on Canada's war effort, that the conquerors of Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele, the defenders of Ipres, would soon be withdrawn, that the world-famed storming units of Canada had been abandoned by their own country. That interpretation would be given to it by our Allies as well. And it would be the correct interpretation. Every vote on Monday next will have a significance such as no vote in a Canadian election ever had before.

A HUN PLOT?

Was the explosion in Halifax harbor the result of a German plot? The arrest of the Johnsons and the Belgian relief ship which collided with the vessel carrying munitions, following the apprehension of a number of Germans resident in the district, indicates the determination of the authorities to probe the terrible affair to the bottom. If it be found that the disaster is another manifestation of German Kultur nobody at all familiar with the importance of Halifax in a military and naval sense, or a Hun method, will be surprised. Indeed, it would be surprising if the calamity was found to be due to accidental causes. Halifax is not only a base of operations and supply, but it is a point of departure for troops from Canada and the United States, which the enemy, of course, very well knows. It is vital to Germany that the movement of troops and munitions from this continent, particularly from the United States, should be delayed as much as possible pending the big offensive she is about to undertake on one of the fronts in Europe. She has been making special efforts in her submarine campaign, according to British Admiralty reports,

and it is scarcely to be expected that she will leave any stone unturned on this side to facilitate her plans. The fact that she developed on a second munitions ship the day after the explosion may be only a coincidence, but remembering the disclosures made by The Providence Journal and the Washington Secret Service, we should take no chances on coincidences. That there are German agents, German propagandists and German money operating in Canada there can be no doubt. Nobody is foolish enough to believe that they are all in the United States or that the net which President Wilson has thrown out for these emissaries of Prussianism has gathered all of them in.

AN UNUSUAL PRELUDE.

If the Germans contemplate launching a big offensive on the West Front they are going about it in a very unusual way. All their newspapers are announcing it, while the German news agencies in Amsterdam and Switzerland have been enlightening the world on the intentions of von Hindenburg and von Ludendorff for a fortnight. More suspicious still, Major Morath, the Berlin military critic, is considerably informing the Allies of what is coming. Now, nations planning aggressive military action in any particular theatre do not call upon press-agents to advertise the details. Germany's policy has been to use her press at home and her agents in neutral capitals to foreshadow military operations where none was intended in order to distract attention from the real objective. It is not likely she is altering her tactics now and actually warning Great Britain and France that she is coming against their front unless it is to buoy up the determination of her people with the promise of peace following a tremendous victory in the West, or preparing them for the violation of Swiss neutrality. But whatever may be the meaning of her press announcements, they are not likely to deceive the Allies, either on the West Front or—and this may be worth watching—on the Macedonian Front.

A BISHOP'S APPEAL.

Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, Roman Catholic Bishop of London, Ont., whom eastern athletes of a past generation will remember for his prowess on the football field, and others will recall for his strong opposition to Bourassa on the bilingual question, has issued an impressive appeal for support for the Union Government. In this statement Bishop Fallon says:

"I am profoundly convinced that what every one concedes to be a crisis in the world's history has become, by reason of our war time election, a national crisis in the history of Canada. Therefore, despite the misunderstanding or misrepresentation to which this expression of my view is certain to expose me, I feel it an obligation of conscience and a duty of citizenship to make plain my own personal position and to influence, so far as my words may influence, those who have any confidence in my deliberate judgment. "Nothing, moreover, is farther from my mind than to associate myself with any accusation or insinuation of insincerity or disloyalty that may be made or suggested against the venerable and illustrious candidate who leads the opposition, or against that section of the Liberal party which accepts his leadership. "Yet it will not be denied that every element opposed from the beginning to Canada's participation in the war, every element desirous that Canada should now withdraw from the war, as well as those who hold it as a principle, that Canada is not concerned in the war, are united in their opposition to the Union Government, and in their desire to bring back to power, for their own unworthy purposes, the great leader, who disclaims all sympathy with the principles they profess. "In the approaching election the issue which dwarfs all others is Canada's effective continued participation in the war. This is the issue which compels us to disregard all others, however important they might be at another time. "Shall we commit 'the crime of slacking in our purpose' after all the sacrifices we have made? Can any Canadian honestly deny that the defeat of the conscription government would mean a real slackening of our purpose? Will not the whole world so interpret such a result of our election? Will it not bring aid and comfort to our enemies? Can we pretend to consider a message of encouragement to our friends and allies? What will be its effect on that one of our allies which is nearest to us and with whose efforts and difficulties we are most familiar? We remember with what thrill of exultation we heard that the great American republic had joined us in the struggle for the defence and preservation of democracy and Christian civilization. "The vast population of the United States is more heterogeneous even than our own, the consequent lack of national cohesion is an embarrassment which we ought to be able to understand. Even in his latest message to Congress President Wilson, constrained to say, 'I hear the voices of dissent,' who doesn't? 'I hear the criticisms and the clamor of the noisy, thoughtless and troublesome. I also see men here and there fling themselves in impudent disorderly against the calm, indomitable power of the nation.' "Can we placidly contemplate a verdict of the Canadian people at the polls which will strengthen these forces of disunion and disloyalty in the United States?"

Has Bishop Fallon overstated the case? Has he exaggerated the issue?

Read the speech of the Honorable Rodolphe Lemieux, as reported in Le Canada, a prominent newspaper of Lemieux's own side:

"We have no interest on the other side of the sea. Why have the Tories imposed conscription in Canada? To create a precedent in order that Canada may become for England a reservoir of men for the wars of the future. That is the basis of Imperialism. I say that before doing more—and we have already done enough—we ought to wait until the United States has furnished at least 1,500,000 men."

What headway could Sir Wilfrid make in a war-effort campaign in Quebec against such mischievous agitation as this? What chance would a recruiting campaign, even though conducted by Sir Wilfrid, have in districts which sent representatives to Parliament on the platform that Canada had done enough in the war?

THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

The next House of Commons will have 234 members, an increase of thirty-four over the membership of the popular branch of Parliament. The five eastern provinces will lose nine members, being left with 177 against 188, while the West will gain twenty-two, increasing its representation from thirty-five to fifty-seven. The re-arrangement of membership prescribed by the redistribution legislation of 1914 is:

Ontario 82, a reduction of four. Quebec 65, unchanged. Nova Scotia 16, a loss of two. New Brunswick 11, a reduction of two. Prince Edward Island 3, a reduction of one. Saskatchewan 16, an increase of six. Manitoba 15, an increase of five. Alberta 12, an increase of five. British Columbia 12, an increase of six. Yukon 1, unchanged.

The West might determine the result of the election on Monday and the leaders of both parties, therefore, are manifesting more concern over the representation this side of the Red River than they ever manifested before. It was not four ago when one side, with a solid Quebec, and the other, with an almost solid Ontario, recorded the results of elections in the Prairie provinces and British Columbia as little better than formalities, for the margin in a contest over thirty-five seats could not be large enough to alter the decision reached by the electorate in the East. This time, however, the West cuts "lots of ice." There are fifty-seven seats instead of thirty-five and those fifty-seven might furnish a working majority for one party or the other.

Five years from now, or after the next redistribution, the representation of the West will probably be eighty or more, and if the two sides should take it into their heads to drop their family quarrels and demand far-reaching reforms and a proper measure of consideration in the preparation of national policies, they would be in a very strong position. The reactionaries in both parties—and there are reactionaries in both parties—are commencing to appreciate the shift of the balance of political power towards the West.

After the anti-Unionists have finished charging the Unionists and their supporters with bribery, corruption and so forth, will they kindly enlighten the public as the source of their own funds? In the East they are pouring out money like water. Where did it come from? Have the big interests, with one eye to Frank Carvell and another to the new war profits tax, switched again? Who is financing the elements that say Canada has done enough in the war? By the way, who would gain most by financing them?

A VETERAN'S APPEAL.

(From The Toronto Globe). "There is an unstarred pathos in this letter to The Globe, from one of the survivors of the First Canadian Contingent still in the trenches: "To the Editor of The Globe,—I am writing you on behalf of myself and comrades who are left from the first original Canadian contingent that left Canada. There are but a very few of us left in the line at present, and those of us who are would like to see a petition to the Government to obtain a furlough so that we could get to Canada to see our wives and children, fathers and mothers, whom we have not seen for three years. Imagine the hardship to a man to be kept from his wife and children for that length of time. It sometimes seems to us, after what we have done and endured, that we cannot be living in the twentieth century. I can assure you most of us are run down, and suffer more or less with rheumatism, etc. I have had two years and nine months' continuous ser-

vice in France and Belgium. I am at present on leave. My leave previous to this was eighteen months ago. If you could get a movement on foot for our benefit we should appreciate it very much.

"A CANADIAN IN FRANCE."

"Nov. 13, 1917." Appeals of this kind speak more clearly and compellingly to the soul of Canada than the rhetoric of the politicians. Very recently the war-worn veterans of Canada and Australia were officially denied the home furloughs for which, in the words of the song, "their hearts are yearning." The British soldier may be with his wife and children, his father and mother, in less than a day's journey from the trenches, but the home-hunger of his brother from Canada or the Antipodes must go unappeased.

The Globe can only reply to its correspondent that it is doing all it can for himself and his comrades by advocating a policy that will insure the reinforcements needed to give relief to the heroic and hard-pressed Canadian infantry.

THINK IT OVER.

Halfway Chronicle. To Liberals, then, who may hesitate to join with other Liberals and cooperate with the Union Government "for the period of the war," this paper says, think it over. Give it your best consideration and we are convinced that you will come to the conclusion that it is better for your country, better for your party spirit and join with countless other Liberals and countless other Conservatives in serving your country by ceasing to engage in useless political and fratricidal strife while the Hun is at the gate.

POLITICAL MEETINGS.

Unionist—Rex Theatre, Esquimalt, to-night at 8. Unionist—Marshall's Hall, Gorge, to-night at 8. Unionist—Seaman's Institute, James Bay, to-night at 8. Labor—Princess Theatre, Saturday, 8 p. m. Unionist—Royal Victoria, Saturday, 8 p. m. Laurier-Liberal—St. Luke's Hall, Cedar Hill, Saturday, at 8 p. m. Unionist—St. Mark's Hall, Bole-skine Road, Sunday at 8 p. m. Unionist—Metehosin Hall, Saturday at 8 p. m.

OPIUM RAID.

Premises of Chinese Club Are Entered by Police, and Three Men Taken.

The police made an early morning call on the Chinese Club to-day by way of the windows, and dropped in on a quiet opium party. The club is located in a suite of rooms known as the second and third storeys of 557 and 561 Fisguard Street. A ladder was the means of entry from the street.

The Chinese were annoyed at this sudden entry, but were alive to the occasion and a number of men were found in the kitchen among the cooks with coats off and aprons on fixing up dishes of rice and fish. Some of them had made a bolt from the policemen and the metamorphosis was too abrupt to be convincing.

The officers engaged were Inspector Healey, Sergeant Fry, Constables McPherson, Varney, Acreman and Elder. Three men were before Magistrate Jay to-day, and fined \$15 and \$250 costs. The paraphernalia was confiscated.

OUR LETTER BOX.

THE EGGS WERE O. K. To the Editor:—I would feel much obliged if you would allow me a small space in your paper to state that in the recent Police Court proceedings I was prosecuted under "The Eggs Marks Act," which, to be brief, provides that all eggs sold must, under this Act, have a card displayed on the eggs at the time of sale, stating "B. C. Fresh," or "B. C. Storage." Through error this card had not been put back when the basket had been refilled. Owing to the way the case was reported the public might be under the impression that I was prosecuted for selling stale eggs for fresh. This is not the case as was shown by the report of Mr. Terry, inspector, who stated that the eggs were of the first grade. We would like to point out to the public that during our many years in business we have not yet been prosecuted for selling inferior goods. As our goods are of A1 grade as our increasing business shows.

J. W. GILLIS, Of the New England Market. JARDINE'S OUTBURST. To the Editor:—I am informed by Mr. J. C. McIntosh, the Union Candidate for Nanaimo constituency, that the statements made by John Jardine at the joint Labor and Liberal meeting at Esquimalt on Wednesday evening that Mr. McIntosh some years ago offered his services to the Conservative

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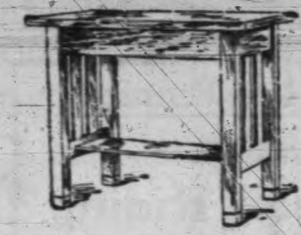
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Ladies' Desks Here is a splendid opportunity to secure something useful for gift-giving. Take your choice of any Ladies' Desk at a third off regular prices. From \$8.50

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party for a certain sum of money are without foundation. This information was conveyed to me to-day by Mr. McIntosh by phone from a point in the northern portion of his constituency, and I am satisfied that he states what is absolutely correct. The mere fact that John Jardine withdrew a portion of the statement he made is proof to me that the whole is without foundation of fact. Most of us know the political history of Mr. Jardine; as a political acrobat he has no equal in Western Canada, and it becomes Jardine to criticize any politician. Mr. Jardine was elected to the Provincial Legislature as a Liberal, but he threw his party down, and supported the Conservative Government under the leadership of the late Sir Richard McBride. Again, Mr. Jardine was a delegate to the Convention recently held at Nanaimo for the selection of a Union Government candidate for Nanaimo constituency. Mr. McIntosh was the choice of the said convention, but apparently this was not satisfactory to Mr. Jardine, and he has now turned another curve and poses as a Labor-Liberal supporter.

time that those who are, not from their own choice, but on a call to duty, placed in public positions of trust by the representatives of the Imperial Government, are always open to attack by irresponsible people through motives that are anything but loyal to the duties calling every real, true British subject at this time. Mr. Henderson's wild statements are, I regret to say, only one of many such statements that have been circulated in respect to my associates and myself. I only wish to say in reply to these statements, however, that Captain Troup, Mr. Ross, or myself have not benefited in any way so far as salaries or fees are concerned, in fact we have paid all our own expenses of any nature, and any statements or insinuations to the contrary are absolutely false. A. R. BUTCHART, Director, Wooden Shipbuilding Department, Imperial Munitions Board, December 12, 1917.

THE RIGHT YOUNG. To the Editor,—What's in a name? Quite a lot if one is to judge by the numerous insulting messages delivered over the phone to the wife of Private J. W. Young, 915 Pandora Street, in regard to the utterances of the two Youngs who are so strongly advocating the abandonment of the boys at the front. Private J. W. Young wishes the public to know that he is a member of the Great War Veterans' Association, and a strong supporter of the Union Government, and has no connection whatever with the "Youngs" above referred to. Private J. W. Young has already lost a son at the front, and has himself returned from France. Would you mind giving the names of the "Young" orators when reporting their utterances and thus save Mr. J. W. Young and his wife being annoyed by remarks intended for those who would desert the boys in France. COMRADE J. W. YOUNG, 915 Pandora Street.

MR. BUTCHART'S DENIAL. To the Editor:—Referring to Mr. Stuart Henderson's statements as printed in the press, it may be inferred that Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans, Ltd., of which Captain Troup, Mr. Ross and myself happen to be shareholders, have been authorized to make purchases for the Board, or have, through our connection with the Board, secured the business, under circumstances that would brand us as grafters and traitors, or profiteurs, at this time. I feel it my duty, particularly in respect to my associate in this work, Captain J. W. Troup, to make a statement in reply to Mr. Henderson's attack, and say that I have never taken any interest in politics, and therefore, am not attackable from party motives. My associates have likewise endeavored to mind their own business in the past, and not look for any political influence. It is our purpose to continue the work and duty that may be put upon us in this way until our work is concluded, in any case, until the war is ended. The performance of our duties in regard to the Wooden Shipbuilding Department of the Imperial Munitions Board I trust so far has, and will always be worthy of the confidence shown by the Imperial Munitions Board in placing this work in our hands. We have done our duty conscientiously, and any business that Evans, Coleman & Evans have secured from the Board has been an absolutely straightforward business line. Through our connection, however, they have not been given the consideration that would have been given them had Captain Troup, Mr. Ross or myself not been connected with them as shareholders. It would seem rather a pity at this

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO DAY

Victoria Times, December 14, 1902. Ottawa.—Sir John Thompson's Cabinet has been sworn in, the only Minister from the West being Hon. T. M. Daly, of Manitoba, Minister of the Interior. St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, Ont., has extended a call to Rev. A. B. Winchester, superintendent of the Presbyterian Chinese Mission in this city. At the next sitting of the Legislative Assembly an application will be made for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of operating telephone lines between the cities of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster and other places.

with a hundred, as they hunt out their nests at breeding time and eat both eggs and young birds. One season I lost over forty young chickens that were carried away by crows and by the idiotic decrees of district councillors I am debarred the use of a shotgun for the protection of my property. The law savors of Kaiserism, which is not British, and should be altered. ED SCROPE SHRAPNEL, R. C. A.

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To-night You Have a Chance to Buy Suits at \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00

Which were formerly priced from \$10.75 up to \$35.00. Some of the best grade Suits to be had in this city. Some of the materials are practically unprocurable to-day at any price. Each Suit is cut on correct lines, perfect fitting and beautifully tailored. Suits that were bought carefully and well for our regular season's business, but on account of the rebuilding operations now in hand, and the necessity of removing the department from this section of the store, we have been obliged to sacrifice this stock.

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Men's \$20 Overcoats Clearing at \$10

We have cut the price of these Overcoats in half to make sure of an immediate clearance. We don't want to carry one over when we remove the department to another section of the store.

It's like giving these Coats away to sell them at this ridiculously low price, but out they must go—and this price will do it.

They are smart, stylish models, in broken checks and plaid effects—some finished with velvet collars and slashed pockets. Nice medium weight, suitable for dress or street wear.

All Our Shower-Proof Cloth Coats Clearing at \$15

Good serviceable models, tailored on stylish lines, featuring the Raglan sleeve and Raglan shoulder effects. Perfect fitting and splendid wearing. The Coat for the business man. Regular values to \$25.00 now \$15.00.

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Former values to \$22.50 now \$15.00. Former values to \$16.50 now \$10.00. Former values to \$8.75 now \$5.00.

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Our Great Rebuilding Sale of Boys' Clothing Will Start Monday Morning Sharp at 8.30

Full details will be announced on this page to-morrow. See Window Displays on View and Douglas Streets.

Children's Millinery Clearing Saturday Morning, 50c, \$1.50

Splendid bargain values in Children's Millinery ready for sale to-morrow morning. Shop early and have first choice.

Children's Soft Cloth Hats, in all colors, clearing at 50c. Children's Hats in soft shapes and in shades blue, red and brown. Values to \$2.50 clearing at \$1.50.

—Millinery, Second Floor

Gift Suggestions for Children

White Woolen Gaiters, in plain and fancy designs, a pair, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Stockinette Gaiters, to-button over knee, a pair, 75c and \$1.00. Colored and White Corduroy Gaiters, sizes 2 and 3 years, a pair, 75c and \$1.00.

White Muslin Pinafores, assorted designs, trimmed with embroidery, sizes 2 to 10 years, each 50c to \$1.25.

White Muslin Dresses, in all the newest styles, also spotted voiles and muslins; sizes 2 to 14 years. Each, \$3.75 to \$7.50.

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Separate Caps, in white and colors. Each, \$1.00.

—First Floor

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A worthy successor to "Till the Boys Come Home." A Song that has made a big success in Britain. Hear it at our Music Department. Published in 4 keys, a copy, 40c.

—Music, Main Floor

Women's New Coats Representing Great Value at

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Great value, because these Coats were made to sell at \$25.00. But, coming along a little late in the season, while our great Rebuilding Sale is in progress, we have included them in this special price offering for a quick sale.

They are beautifully tailored Coats, from good serviceable tweeds and medium weight astrachans. The Tweed Coats are nicely lined, also finished with big convertible collars, wide belts and side pockets.

Coats that are smart and stylish, also most serviceable for winter wear.

—Mantles, First Floor

\$1.25 Folding Doll Buggies on Sale Saturday Morning at

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30 only to go at this price, so early shopping advisable. A nice handy size for little girls and such as will give them endless pleasure.

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Autos—Regular \$11.25 for \$9.68. Autos—Regular \$12.50 for \$9.98. Wood Bod. Express Wagons—Regular \$4.50, for \$3.98; regular \$2.50 for \$1.98; regular \$1.75 for \$1.50.

"Cyclia"—We have it. —Toyland, First Floor, Douglas Street

Men's Shirts Suitable for Gifts



Real Pongee Silk Shirts, finished with turned down reversible collars attached, band cuffs; full size, in body; sizes 14 to 17 1/2. Each \$5.00

Negligee and Outing Shirts, in fancy stripes, also white, with collar band and starched cuffs, or with collar band and separate soft collar to match; sizes 14 to 17. Each \$1.25 to \$2.25

Japanese Silk Shirts, finished with plain neckband and double soft cuffs. Separate collar to match. Coat shape and full size. Each \$4.50

—Selling, Main Floor

Boot Bargains for Men at \$4.85 a Pair

Splendid grades of Men's Footwear, all thoroughly reliable and strongly recommended for wear and service. Boots for every purpose in this assortment. For dress, street or work.

Included are fine Velour Calf Lace Boots, with Good-year welted soles, made on narrow toe last.

Gummetal Calf Blucher Boot, with medium toe.

Box Calf Blucher Boots, with broad toe and Brown Grain Leather Blucher Boots with plain toe. A splendid work boot.

Come in and examine this footwear, men. We consider them the best in the trade at their regular values.

Very special sale, a pair, \$4.85. —Men's Boots, Main Floor

Men's Black Cashmere Socks

With fancy embroidered clocks, a pair, 85c.

Men's Cashmere Finish Socks, with fancy embroidered clocks, all sizes, a pair, 50c.

—Selling, Main Floor

Couch Covers \$2.90

In beautiful Persian designs and in dark shades of red and green. Smart and serviceable.

—Draperies, Third Floor

Boxed Handkerchiefs, 50c, 75c, \$1

Just arrived, another big shipment of Christmas Gift Handkerchiefs, all done up in pretty boxes, ready for sending to your friends.

Splendid grade Handkerchiefs, neatly hemstitched and embroidered designs. A big variety to choose from.

Last Few Hours of the Annual Two-Week Linen Sale



To-night or Saturday morning is your time to buy Table, Household and Fancy Linens if you want to buy to best advantage. We are offering some of the old standard quality goods at prices considerably below to-day's market values—in many cases below the wholesale cost. There are other quality Irish Linens in our stocks that cannot be made to-day—the war restrictions on the use of flax prevents it.

In buying Linens to-day you buy to best advantage—in prices, in quality. Note the following offerings. Come and see the goods. Many of your gift problems can be solved here.

Manufacturers' Sample Range of Linens—Bought to great advantage and offered at this sale at worth-while prices. There's a very wide assortment and some of the daintiest centres, runners, table cloths and doilies all included and priced from 25¢ up to \$5.50.

Hand-Embroidered Irish Linens—Regular stock goods, made in Ireland and 100 per cent. linen. A grade unprocurable from the mills to-day. Hand-embroidered designs neatly hemstitched or with scalloped edges. Reg. values, \$2.50 to \$12.50. Rebuilding Sale prices, \$2.25 to \$8.75.

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The large tea room at the Y.W.C.A. was the scene of a jolly gathering on Wednesday evening when the Victoria Business Girls' Club held their cafe chautauq and bazaar.

About two hundred and fifty people, of whom a large proportion were khaki-clad members of the C.A.M.C., filled the room when Mrs. J. Herbert Pendray, honorary president of the club, performed the opening ceremony at 8 o'clock.

The club colors, green and yellow, were reproduced in the decorative scheme of the various booths set in the room itself, hung with ivy and festoons of yellow crepe paper. At the work booth, in charge of Miss Hammill, assisted by the Misses Richards, Lamphere, Campbell and Walters, the various articles donated by club members, found a ready sale. A novelty was introduced in the form of a "Touch and Take" booth, managed by the Misses Sinclair and Webster. Delectable confections found ready purchasers at the candy booth in charge of Miss Burley, assisted by Miss Pratt and Miss Turnbull. Miss Henry delved into the future at a fortune-telling booth, and delighted her hearers with her mystic prognostications.

Several raffles were held, one of the most popular and novel being the drawing for an order for one dozen photographs donated by W. Gibson. A box of apples given by Dan Poupard was auctioned by Private Lovelace of the C.A.M.C. and helped to swell the proceeds of the evening.

In addition to the bazaar, a splendid cabaret entertainment was given, to which musical numbers were contributed by Miss Gray, Miss Dorrell, Ernest Ryndell, Jack and Stephen of the C.A.M.C.; recitations by Miss Kathleen Boyd and Mrs. Hinkins, and a humorous sketch by Corporal Lee, assisted by several of his comrades of the C.A.M.C.

Good Results. During the evening refreshments were served, the arrangements being in charge of Miss Richards, assisted by the Misses Sewell, Gavelly and Knappett.

The club is to be congratulated upon the success which attended its efforts, as a result of which a sum in the neighborhood of \$125 will be available to provide a Christmas treat for the returned men at Quilcum-Convallescent Hospital.

WELL-KNOWN PLAYERS IN THE AUCTION BLOCK

Though the story is, of course, the "star" of "The Auction Block," an unusually strong and capable cast of players is seen in the picturization of the story as shown at the Dominion this week.

First and foremost is Ruby De Remer, who plays the role of Lorelei Knight, the beautiful little country girl whose greedy parents and scheming brother bring her to New York to put her on the auction block for sale to the highest bidder. Miss De Remer, virtually a newcomer in motion pictures, was for two years a favored beauty of the Ziegfeld Midway Roof. Rex Beach calls her New York's most beautiful girl.

Another important feminine roll is in the hands of Florence Deshon, last year one of the featured players in David Belasco's production of "Seven Chances." Miss Deshon, too, is new to the movies. Her work in "The Auction Block" stamps her as a coming favorite on the stage.

Tom Powers, who plays Mr. Beach's juvenile hero, Boh Wharton, won Broadway fame in "Mr. Lazarus" and "Mile-a-Minute-Kendall." He played the leading role in "Oh, Boy!" the musical comedy hit. Mr. Powers, though still a youngster, is a veteran in pictures. He was in the first Vitaphone company to be sent to the coast when that concern made its first pictures in Los Angeles.

EVELYN NESBIT AND SON AT THE ROYAL

In a leading magazine an article on photoplays of the day by a well-known writer said:

"Redemption" is not forgotten over night. A person leaves the theatre after witnessing this wonderfully interesting play so vividly impressed by its irresistible sentimental appeal, its graphic picture of actual life, that the desire increases to see it again and again. It grows upon one. It is of the plays, few in number, that stand reputation, and therein is the more enjoyable.

This writer understood the enduring quality of "Redemption." It has proved itself the most popular drama presented this season. Miss Nesbit's work on the screen is a revelation. She has beauty, charm, and personality, which all go to make a successful screen star. Added to these qualities she has proved herself an emotional actress of great ability. Julius Stoeber, who is responsible for Miss Nesbit's debut in pictures, has surrounded her with an excellent cast of players, and it is this masterful direction as well as Miss Nesbit's cleverness that go to make "Redemption" the success that it is. "Redemption" will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria for the last time to-night. A special matinee will be given to-morrow afternoon at 2 and 4. No performance will be given on Saturday evening.

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Social Personal

Miss Anne Robertson, of Duncan, is visiting Mrs. R. Dunn for a few days.

Mrs. G. Lemmy and Miss F. Lemmy, of Mission, B. C., have arrived in Victoria to spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howard, of 144 Government Street, have as their guest Mrs. E. Heritt, of Stellarton, Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, who have been visiting in the city for some days, have returned to their home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morris, who left recently on a trip to the Sound cities, are among the guests at the Hotel Washington, Seattle.

Hon. H. C. Brewster underwent a minor operation at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning and expects to be about again at the beginning of next week.

Mr. R. W. Hanington, President of the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club, has announced that the next informal musical tea of the Club will be held at the Empress Hotel on Saturday, December 29.

Preparations are being made by the Canadian Club to lunch a large number of members on Wednesday next, when Col. Lord Montagu, of Beauville, will speak on War and Aviation. As is customary on these occasions the members of the Women's Canadian Club will have the privilege of hearing the address.

Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahey, Mrs. Jessie Longfield, W. Anthony Williams and James Hunter, will be the soloists in the production of Rossini's beautiful religious work, "Stabat Mater," at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday next, December 18. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken up in aid of Halifax relief.

Following the precedent set by the Women's Canadian Club of Ottawa, the executive of the local Club last night decided to open an office in the business section of the city for the registration of Victoria women for various classes of work. The object is to relieve men for military service. The location of the office has not yet been determined.

Recent arrivals in the city include Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Fee, whose marriage took place in Vancouver on Monday. The bride was formerly Miss Alexandrina Leckie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leckie, of Kitsilano. After a honeymoon spent in this city they will return to Vancouver to take up their residence.

Mrs. Douglas Macdonald and Miss Tiny Monteith are appealing for dolls to send to the Halifax children who, as a result of the recent disaster face a "Santa-less" Christmas. Intending donors are requested to leave gifts at the office of P. R. Brown, Broad Street, and where necessary the dolls will be re-dressed and sent to Halifax next week in time for Christmas Eve.

Miss Emma Wald, of Seattle, who is contributing to the programme of the Navy League cabaret to-morrow is a native of Victoria, who left some years ago for New York to study the Terpsichorean Art. She graduated from the Louis H. Challé Normal School of dancing in New York City in 1913, received a teacher's certificate from the Vestoff Normal School of San Francisco (now of New York) in 1915, and became a member of the American National Association Masters of Dancing in 1915.

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LADIES' MUSICAL GIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Delightful Programme at Empress Hotel Last Night Included Christmas Hymns

In an atmosphere of Christmas, enhanced by the setting of the stage with its cozy fireplace and homelike arrangement of furniture, the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club last night gave their eagerly anticipated Christmas concert before a large and enthusiastic audience.

Happily chosen were the old Christmas hymns and equally happily sung by the carol singers, Misses Denise Harris and Lotus Griffith, Madeline Stringer, Duncan Campbell, Wain and Hinks, and Messrs. E. Petch, J. Petch, W. Melville and Gideon Hicks. The favorites, perhaps, were the beautiful old airs, "Good King Wenceslas" and "The First Nowell," so reminiscent of the days when carol singers were an essential accompaniment to the Christmas festivities. The organ accompaniment played by Edward Parsons gave the finishing touch of perfection to the artistic singing of these semi-religious songs.

New Artists. A feature of the programme was the introduction of two artists new to a Victoria audience, Madame Bennett-Brook and Private A. M. Tyndall, C. A. M. C. Madame Bennett-Brook has a voice whose quality and artistry reveals her Italian training. Exquisitely rendered was "Sappho's Farewell" (Gounod). The singer was presented with a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums at the close of her first number. Private Tyndall demonstrated his abilities as a pianist with wonderful powers of interpretation, in his Chopin numbers, and in his double encores, Raff's "La Flicuse" and Liszt's "Nightingale," two dainty selections which revealed his fine technique.

French Chansons. Of the vocal soloists, Miss Denise Harris contributed a group of three French "chansons" which revealed the youthful sweetness of her voice. In Mendelssohn's "I waited for the Lord," sung in duet with Miss Lotus Griffiths, the possessor of a voice of beautiful quality, both voices blended in exquisite harmony.

Mrs. Duncan Campbell has a powerful contralto of fine quality. Her number, "Christmas Bells," with its piano accompaniment of chiming bells, played by Mrs. Wain, was warmly encored, in response to which she sang with fine feeling "The Star."

From the Messiah. By special request Gideon Hicks gave that favorite air from the Messiah, "Why do the Nations," in fine dramatic style, and as an encore "All through the Night," sung with the finish for which Mr. Hicks holds such a prominent place among local vocalists. Edmund Petch was warmly received in his singing of "The Heavenly Song" and "Last Night I was Dreaming," both of which suited his pure tenor to perfection.

Musical Readings. A novel feature of the programme was the series of musical readings by Mrs. Gideon Hicks, who is an elocutionist with a fine dramatic sense. Peculiarly appropriate was her choice of Longfellow's poems, "The Day is Done" and "Christmas Bells," the latter with its theme of peace and good will predominating over the sound of battle being particularly suited to this, the fourth Christmas of the war. Mrs. J. R. Gibson provided the music for this and accompanied the vocal number in her usual finished manner.

NAVY LEAGUE CABARET

Changes Made in Programme to Be Given at Empress on Saturday Night.

Owing to indisposition, Mrs. Harry Pechin is unable to sing at the Navy League I. O. D. E. cabaret at the Empress Hotel on Saturday night, and her place will be taken by Miss Eva Hart. A welcome addition to the programme will be the singing of Eric Randell, who is coming over from Vancouver to assist. The programme has been changed in consequence and will be given as follows: Opening Chorus—Jolly Good Luck to Everyone.

- Song-Selected..... Eric Randell (of Vancouver)
- Quartette.....
- (a) The Frog.....
- (b) Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes.....
- H. J. Davis, E. Petch, D. C. Hughes, Cpl. Hale.
- Whistling Solo—An April Morn..... Mrs. J. Hinton and Miss Forbes With Mandolin Obligato.
- Duet—Sunshine of Your Smile..... Miss L. Haggerty and Cpl. Hale
- Oriental Cymbal Dance..... Miss Emma Wald, of Seattle
- Song—The Amorous Goldfish, from the Gelsia..... Miss Eva Hart
- Duet—Hob, My Dearie..... Mrs. McCann and Miss M. Fraser
- Song—Selected..... Eric Randell
- Song and Chorus—Rule Britannia..... Mrs. H. Briggs

TO WOMEN VOTERS

For the benefit of women voters who are unaware of what will invalidate a ballot, the following instructions on marking a ballot will prove of interest:
1. Be sure to use only pencil provided in booth and attached to a string, no other will answer. If indelible or colored pencil be used it will invalidate ballot.
2. No mark must be on the ballot other than the plain X placed absolutely within space provided. If any other mark of any kind be on it, it will be thrown out; or if in marking a hole should be made through the paper.
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Major-General R. G. Edwards Leckie, C.M.G., G.O.C. M.D. 11, Victoria, will visit Camp Lewis, Wash., on Saturday as a guest of Brigadier-General Irons, Acting Camp Commander. General Leckie will remain for the military pageant and will be the first foreign officer of his rank to visit Camp Lewis. It will be remembered that General Irons and more than 150 other Camp

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WOMAN APPEALS TO WOMAN FOR VICTORY

"The Canadian Lines Will Be in Your Hands on Monday"

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Mrs. Spofford Sees Great Epochal Movement for Good in War

It was not so much apprehension as to the way the women would vote next Monday, but a fear lest there should be any of the newly admitted electorate who failed to realize the responsibility which accompanied the extension of the franchise, that appeared to be the dominant note of all the speeches at the Women's Mass Meeting held in the Princess Theatre last night. Despite the elements a goodly number gathered with a few of the male sex here and there. That everyone present had made up his or her mind to vote for Dr. Tolmie on Monday was reflected in the heartiness of the reception of the candidate himself and the rapt attention and applause accorded to the speakers on his behalf.

It was made perfectly clear from the platform that upon the women of Canada largely depended the verdict of the polls. In their hands lay the power to determine whether or not this Dominion would send a message of cheer to the battle line or announce to the world that Canada had done enough. Mrs. Galbraith as chairman, Mrs. Foulkes, Mrs. Spofford and Private Luxford were the other speakers, while Dr. Tolmie went fully into the essential features of the campaign and again told in plain language the stand he had outlined for himself should he be accorded the requisite majority of votes on Monday next. Miss Eva Hart delighted the audience with patriotic solos with a special note of appeal in support of Union Government in "Women Who Wait."

Emulate Soldier Spirit.

Mrs. Galbraith said that women had been held responsible for many things, but no stretch of the imagination could lay the cause of the war at their feet. Nevertheless, the fact that the Empire was in the war made it all the more necessary that every individual should do his or her best to secure a victory that could be followed with the sort of peace demanded by the Allied nations. One of the chief factors calculated to bring that about as far as Canada was concerned was support to the Union Government. The spirit of Union harmonized with the spirit shown by the men of Canada, who had rallied to the colors over three years ago. Grit and Tory, Jew and Gentile, Orangeman and Mason, rubbed shoulders in the common cause and did not indulge in a catchism. It was enough that they understood their cause and, knowing it was right, looked only one way. That was the spirit for the people of Canada to emulate to-day. In her appeal to the women to grasp the issue with a will she pointed to the noble part being played by the fair sex in the nation's war work. Three thousand five hundred were engaged in Canadian Banks, 3,000 were making munitions, while more than 5,000 were actively in service as nurses in the base hospitals in the various war theatres.

Statesmen Wanted.

Mrs. G. L. Foulkes, who spoke next, agreed that the present century was indeed the women's century, and with the newly granted privileges she urged a full realization of the attendant responsibilities. It was the duty of every thinking woman to support to her utmost the aims of the Union Government, the first practical way being the opportunity afforded by the ballot on Monday next. A vote for the Union Government meant an expression of the desire to send the much-needed reinforcements to France, without which there was the melancholy picture of Canada failing in her duty to the heroes whose politics when the call came was summed up in the one word—Canada. Mrs. Foulkes could see an enormous power for good in the land if the 400,000 women voters on Monday followed the only logical course at the polling booth. As well as tipping the balance in favor of the men in France she also saw the dawn of a power that would ultimately purify political life and the bringing into the open of more real statesmen and less partisan politicians.

Every Vote Wanted.

In view of the fact that in Quebec alone there had been applications for exemptions from military service amounting to 24,000, every woman must vote Union so that the offset could be provided. She devoted her particular attention to the woman who sat back and adopted the attitude that "her vote didn't matter." Every vote mattered, just as much as every volunteer mattered in the early days of the war. "We women must be the reserve army," she declared, "and I appeal."

Everybody understood, continued Mrs. Foulkes, that the war had to be won, for it was impossible to contemplate defeat. For that reason it was necessary for Canada to redeem her pledge. "A Britisher's word is his bond, and we Canadians are Britishers. In December, 1915, we promised the Motherland that this Dominion would send 500,000 men; no far we are a hundred thousand short. What are we going to do? Are we going to drop to the level of the German, whose pledges are made to be violated? No, there could be no thought of that," Mrs. Foulkes could not believe that

Canada would forget Ypres, Festubert, the Somme, Vimy Ridge and Lens. The memory of the departure of the First Contingent would not fade and the thought of their sacrifices for Canada and the Empire would ensure the success so urgently needed. Support for the Union Government meant reinforcements—the referendum meant the voice of the slacker parliament! Victoria, then, would assuredly vote for Dr. Tolmie and Currie's home town would be true to the gallant Canadian commander.

Had Been There.

With a first hand knowledge of war and its horrors Private Luxford told in a few meaningful words how a depleted battalion was required to "carry on" as if its numbers were full ten hundred and forty strong. The new line had to be held once they had gone over the top. He desired to refute Mr. Henderson's statement that Canada had 160,000 men in France. From his own knowledge he knew that to be impossible. There were not more than 45,000 in the fighting lines.

He pointed to the utter uselessness of the system of a referendum. "Next Monday is Canada's referendum day," he declared. He went on to recite specific incidents where men had been wounded time and time again and had continued to return to the battlefield. The voluntary system had utterly fallen down he was convinced from the published figures which showed a ghastly disparity between wastage and enlistments in any given period during the present year. Therefore it was necessary to vote for a Union Government and send Dr. Tolmie to Ottawa. He knew that the Doctor would be a friend to the returned soldier and to the dependents of the men who were still fighting the great fight.

Woman's Contribution.

"I have been on many platforms in British Columbia," said Mrs. Spofford, the next speaker, "but this is the first time I have been on a platform political." In her allusion at the outset to the part woman had played in the present struggle and the culmination in acknowledgment of that service by the extension of voting privileges, Mrs. Spofford was glad to note that the men folk had come to realize that woman had a contribution to offer to the national life. Epochal movements had characterized the history of human life and the great struggle in which the world found itself to-day was the greatest of all movements and underlying it was the principle of right.

Down through the ages the peoples of the world has seen the overthrow of old forms of government and the birth of new ones; old ways had been made subservient to more modern legislation, and so on. One of the happiest features, however, of that veritable somersaulting of national ideals and national institutions was the triumph that the world had emerged the better after each succeeding overthrow. During the last three and a half years history had been repeating itself. Canada, the Empire, and the world in general was in the midst of the greatest conflagration yet. From this point Mrs. Spofford took her hearers back to the incident in that remote southeastern corner of Europe where in the days of June, 1914, the almost unheard-of town of Sarajevo suddenly took on a new importance. The blame for the ignition of that spark which sent the world at the throats of men was by no means obscure.

Restrictive Legislation.

There had been, continued Mrs. Spofford, more restrictive legislation during the last three years than ever before submitted to by democratic people. Food and drink had been regulated as never before. But there ex-

isted the absolute necessity to sacrifice some of the liberties of democracy so that the freedom provided by democracy might be preserved. The women of the Empire had thrown away their creeds of the past. There no longer existed on her part the desire to see just how much service could be rendered to her "I serve," was now her motto. Men had discarded their politics; they had ceased to bow down in worship of the old political idols. "My Party" had yielded away to "My Country." "We are gradually learning the spirit of necessity. Men and women during the last three years have been experiencing their Gethsemane and their Golgotha."

Only One End.

"When we went into this war we went into it to a finish," continued Mrs. Spofford. "We have not come to that place yet where we can discuss that phase of this great world struggle and safely say that we shall emerge on the higher plane which has signalled the great epochal movements of the past." Nevertheless the speaker went on to show that by the exertion of the full effort of the Empire, which of course meant Canada, there could be a peace assured that would be synonymous with that character of forward movement which had signalled the past. "But if only a partial solution to the trouble is found, then it will be a mere healing of the body. The poison will still be there ready to break out again at any time," said Mrs. Spofford as she interpreted the thoughts of her audience. It had to be conceded that much of the glamour had gone. Never would martial music have the same appeal as it had done. "The real tug of the war is coming now. The great strain of the struggle is at hand. The war is getting nearer all the time and we have to stand to our guns and see that it ends the way it must end."

Support Union Government.

Weighing up the situation from all its angles Mrs. Spofford could see one way whereby Canada could take her full share in securing that victory so desired and so necessary. The women of the country could go to the polling booths on Monday and cast their votes for the Union Government. That was one of the courses which should ultimately result in providing the machinery by which Canada could get the limit of her efforts for the prosecution of her share of the war. The ballot was the new and sacred privilege of the women, and its proper exercise would tend to the desired achievement. She dealt with all phases of organization necessary, in addition to the enlistment of manpower. She would strongly urge the complete organization of Canada's labor as the guarantee that the men would be adequately supported, and that the economic fabric would tend to the strengthening of the moral fibre of the country. Mrs. Spofford as she reviewed the amount in foodstuffs absorbed by the manufacture of alcoholic liquor.

Dr. Tolmie.

Victoria's candidate, who spoke last, said he could not understand if Sir Wilfrid possessed the almost hypnotic power to get recruits from Quebec, he had not done so in 1914. After all it was a patriotic duty, and the carrying out of that duty should not be dependent upon the holding of any specific office. There was no argument in favor of a referendum unless all thought of the boys in France could be more or less suspended for several months. The Doctor pictured to his audience the thinning lines in France, and unless the Military Service Act was enforced there was the melancholy contemplation of still greater thinning, and eventually the passing of the Canadian army as a fighting force, a condition that would not reflect credit on

Canada. "On Monday next the fate of those lines will be in your hands," said he as he appealed for united support of the Government pledged to send aid to France.

The Doctor reiterated his general stand on the issues before the country, dealing at length with the question of food production and conservation, the conscription problem and the advocacy of a special department of demobilization for the more effective handling of post bellum problems. He quoted von Ludendorff's declaration that wars were won by the spirit of the people, and he felt sure that the people of Victoria and the folk of Canada would not be found wanting in the spirit that meant help to the boys, weary and worn by many months and years in the trenches.

DECLARES LOYALTY OF INDIA IS NOW FULLY ESTABLISHED

B. H. McClain International Y. M. C. A. Official Was in Mesopotamian Campaign

NOT ENTHUSED WITH THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Of the many Britishers serving their Empire in the vast expanses of the Arabian desert and the tropical wastes of Asia Minor few have passed through this city to tell the story of heroic exploits that for months have battled beneath the scorching rays of the desert sun and the burning blasts of the eastern gale. In regions far removed from the European Theatre, brave dusky Indians, but nevertheless Britishers to the backbone have, side by side with their white brothers dared not only the Sultan's hordes, augmented by the Prussian leaders but have withstood the privations of tropical warfare in an empire's cause.

B. H. McClain an international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., passed through Victoria yesterday on his way to New York, after almost six years of service with the Association in the Orient. Recently Mr. McClain has been with the British and Indian Expeditionary forces operating in Mesopotamia, as an official representative of the Y. M. C. A., the work of which has been mentioned recently in staff reports from that scene of activity. His story of India is a complete denial of those rumors which would have the world at large believe the eastern empire a traitor to the Motherland. As Mr. McClain spoke to a Times representative he summed up India's attitude to Great Britain in the Great War in two words, "Loyalty, loyalty."

Master Stroke.

Of the campaign in Mesopotamia he was unable to speak too highly. Its significance in the struggle was wonderful but the manner in which it had been carried out was a master stroke. He referred to the early expedition of General Townsend. From superior numbers his forces were compelled to retire. The story of how for five months those heroes held out against overwhelming odds; for many weeks subsisting on but one-fourth of a

pound of food a day would be immortalized in the pages of history.

Referring to the advance of General Maude on Bagdad, Mr. McClain declared that it was a magical piece of strategy but its accomplishment was only made possible through the perfect organization of the services under Sir Percy Lake. The conditions of hardship in that campaign could never be fully appreciated. It was a fight against the Turkish forces excellently equipped and fully trenchant. The winter campaign was terminated with floods and followed by the pests of a cruel summer. Thousands of brave men were stricken down with cholera, dysentery and scurvy. The desert temperature registered 130 and 135 degrees in the shade, yet dying men covered themselves with blankets to seek shelter from the tormenting blast of the desert wind.

Sixty Centres.

When the great advance on Bagdad came there was no voice raised to say "someone had blundered." It was a complete victory. As a member of the Y. M. C. A. accompanying the army Mr. McClain could say that within a few hours of the entry, the Association was serving lunches to the wearied victors, while in the space of four days the "Y. M." as it was commonly called, had been established in one of the most magnificent hotels of the famous city. As that victory was continued the Association had also advanced, and at the present time had no less than sixty centres established on the Persian Gulf.

Garden of Eden

"No-one who has visited Asia Minor has it left in his heart to censure Eve for making the expulsion from the Garden of Eden a necessity," was the unexpected utterance of Mr. McClain. "I had the privilege of visiting that spot during my stay in the East, and I can assure Victorians that its character has been sadly changed. At the present time it is famous for four very distinctive attributes: flies, floods, fleas and filth."

Needless to say, Mr. McClain's sojourn in the first spot inhabited by man was no longer than the circumstances of his surroundings demanded.

Significant Changes

The Mesopotamian campaign had, he said, wrought many significant changes in the East. Its moral effect on the half million Indian troops serving in that theatre had been marvellous. Its accomplishment had quelled the uprising of the wild, fanatical tribes of Mohammedans in North India, and in addition had subdued the insurgents of ungoverned districts of Afghanistan. But above all this its importance from the standpoint of overland communication could not be exaggerated. It had made possible the fullest development of trade in war supplies from India to Europe. For many months wheat and rice in large shipments had been supplied by the Eastern Empire. The conquest had the continuation of that traffic secure. The completion of the Bagdad Railway would make the overland route from London to Delhi possible within the space of eight days. Mr. McClain was of the opinion that the conquest by Prussia of Arabia and the breaking of overland communications between India and Europe was the German War Lords' first object. The British victory had destroyed that dream forever.

Change in India

One very significant development was noticeable in India, due directly to the war activity. Unity in educated public opinion was an ever-growing factor in the life of that Empire. Coupled with that was a steady and irresistible movement in

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the direction of home rule. At the 31st Indian National Congress held last Christmas at Lucknow, 6,000 Princes and officials had assembled. On that occasion the banner of the day bore the words, "Good Government is no Substitute for Self-Government." In this regard Mr. McClain stated that one of India's highest officials of the civil service had stated but recently that British authorities would look with favor on those national aspirations. Indians were, he said, steadily assuming positions of responsibility. Just as fast as capable native Indians were found they were appointed.

Prejudices Fading

Religious prejudice and the distinctions of nationality were, he said, fast crumbling. This remarkable development was particularly noticeable with respect to the attitude of Indian Princes to the work of the Y.M.C.A. On numerous occasions British and Indian officials had united in discussing plans for the permanent establishment of the Association in the East. Large subscriptions had been received from Mohammedans for the support of the Y.M.C.A. officials with the army, and many of the secretaries were graduates of Indian Universities. The services of the Y.M.C.A. to the Indian soldiers had, Mr. McClain concluded, completely won the hearts of the men who but a few years ago were hardened against the very name of Christian.

Evening Christmas Shopping.—Impression has been given that the retail stores would not be open for business on Monday evening, December 24. This is an error as the retail stores are arranging to keep open every evening until 9:30 o'clock, starting Tuesday evening next December 18 and continuing up to and including Monday evening, December 24, as has been the custom in former years.

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MEMBER OF ANDERSON PARTY BACK IN CITY

Pte. James Sullivan, Who Was With Canadian Arctic Expedition, Returns

News of the activities of some members of the Canadian Arctic Expedition was brought to Victoria yesterday by Private James Sullivan, who was attached to the Anderson or Southern party.

Mr. Sullivan was the first of this section of the Stefansson expedition to reach Victoria in September. He arrived in September, 1916, and shortly afterwards enlisted, and went to the front. He is now invalided out of the service. On his way home he called on the officials of the Geological Survey at Ottawa, particularly those with whom he was associated in the North.

Another member of the Anderson party, who came out at the same time as George H. Wilkins, the photographer, He had a splendid reception on his return to South Australia, where his family reside, and since has joined a branch of the Australian force. Mr. O'Neill told him that Wilkins, though living at the time of the last communication, had had some very narrow escapes from being buried alive.

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CAPT. STRATFORD IS NOW MASTER OF AMUR

Well-Known Salvage Skipper Has a Most Envious Record

Capt. F. C. Stratford, of this city, has entered the service of the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Company, and is now in command of the steamer Amur. He left here yesterday for Union Bay, where he took over the new command. Capt. Stratford is probably one of the best known salvage experts on the Coast, and was for many years associated with the British Columbia Salvage Company as master of the steamer Salvor. He has figured in many important salvage jobs on the Pacific Coast, extending from South America to Alaska, and his skill and perseverance has time and again saved vessels of large tonnage from total loss.

The syndicate at the back of the final scheme, recognizing Capt. Stratford's ability as a salvage expert, sent him to Guatemala and what was accomplished is now part of the marine history of the Pacific. It was a great salvage feat in which Capt. Stratford and Capt. W. H. Logan shared the honors. The Sesostris, formerly of the German Kosmos Line, was brought to Victoria, afterwards taken to Seattle and repaired, subsequently being rechristened the Frances L. Skinner.

SALVED STEAMER IS NOW COMING SOUTH

Spokane is Expected to Reach Seattle To-morrow Convoys by Salvor

Convoys by the steamer Salvor, the steamship Spokane, of the Pacific Steamship Company, which drove ashore at Idol Point on November 22, and was afterwards floated and beached at McLaughlin Bay, according to advices from Bella Bella, left there yesterday on her way to Seattle. It is expected that the Spokane, which is coming down under her own steam, will reach Seattle to-morrow, when she will be turned over to her owners by the Salvor.

It is estimated that permanent repairs to the Spokane will cost over \$100,000. The vessel was seriously damaged forward when she became wedged on Idol Point, and considerable time elapsed after she had been floated and beached, in affecting temporary repairs to put the vessel in seaworthy shape to make the voyage south. The salvage job proved to be a difficult one as the floating of the Spokane was delayed by reason of the fact that at the time of the accident a suitable salvage ship was not available, the steamer Salvor being in Alaskan waters attempting to save the Mariposa.

When the Mariposa was broken up in a heavy gale the Salvor was ordered to aid the Spokane. When she arrived at the scene the floating of the vessel was quickly accomplished, but the heavy pounding in bad weather had got in its work, and it was necessary to beach her and patch up the damage before attempting to come south.

The salvage of the Spokane was carried out under the supervision of Capt. W. H. Logan, local representative of the London Salvage Association. Capt. A. Bissett, of the Vancouver Dredging & Salvage Company, also co-operated in the work.

OLYMPIC'S COMMANDER. Capt. B. F. Hayes, R. N. R., commander of the White Star liner Olympic, has been created a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

FURTHER RECOGNITION FOR LIEUT. LANGTRY

Brother of Victoria Lady Gets Royal Humane Medal for Saving Life



LIEUT. W. LANGTRY

Lieut. W. Langtry, brother of Miss Muriel Langtry, secretary to Capt. W. H. Logan, won his commission and the military medal for conspicuous gallantry displayed on the field during the action of the Somme.

Miss Langtry learns that a further honor has been bestowed upon her brother, who, in recognition of bravery shown in rescuing two of his brother officers who had become exhausted while bathing in the firing zone, has been presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal and parchment. Lieut. Langtry resided in Victoria with his sister for two years prior to the outbreak of the war. He was among the first to offer his services after the commencement of hostilities, proceeding to Calgary, where he enlisted as a private in the 31st Battalion. He was through many of the famous actions in which the Canadian troops covered themselves with glory and has been twice wounded.

It was after the great Somme battle that he was singled out for promotion, his first action after being given a commission being Vimy Ridge. Lieut. Langtry has had several very narrow escapes. After the battle of Passchendaele he was with two other officers when a bomb dropped from an enemy aeroplane instantly killed the companions. Lieut. Langtry, escaping with but a few scratches, Lieut. Langtry was born in Dublin 30 years ago. He has a brother serving with the British forces in Egypt, and another sister is a nurse in a Dublin military convalescent hospital.

EXCURSION RATES ARE BEING QUOTED

Reduced Fares Over C. P. R. Steamship Lines During Holiday Season

In anticipation of a large amount of travel incident to the approaching Christmas and New Year holidays the C. P. R. announces special excursion fares over its coast steamship lines. Ordinary one-way first class fare and one-third for the round trip is quoted covering the steamer services between Victoria and Vancouver, Nanaimo and Vancouver, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Union and Comox, Vancouver, Powell River, Union and Comox and the Gulf Islands.

The going dates for the New Year holidays are, December 29, 30, 31 and January 1, Victoria and Vancouver and Nanaimo and Vancouver services; December 28 to 29 inclusive, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Union and Comox route; December 29 to 30 inclusive, Vancouver, Powell River, Union and Comox route, and December 26 to January 1 on the Gulf Islands route.

IN CHARGE OF FERRY. Capt. J. L. Read, who navigated the Canadian ice-breaker J. D. Hazen and might to Archangel, following the purchase of those vessels by the Russian Government, has been appointed to the command of the car-ferry Prince Edward Island, operating between Cape Tormentine, N. B., and Port Borden, P. E. I.

CHARTER OF TUGS. An order-in-council has been passed authorizing the Minister of Customs to issue licenses permitting foreign tugs to be chartered for use in Canadian waters without payment of customs duties, during the period of the war.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF SHIPPING

Has Requisitioned for Charter About 97 Per Cent. of Ocean Freighters on Register

From the commencement of the war the British Government has steadily been requisitioning vessels of all classes and operating them in the national interest, says the Canadian Railway and Marine World. The rate paid to the owners soon became very much lower than the freights earned by free ships, and British shipowners, therefore, were unable to rely on earning the same freights as their competitors. It therefore became necessary recently for the Government to take complete control of all British shipping in order to ensure the employment of every vessel in the manner and on the terms as to rate of freight, most consistent with the national interest.

With the exception of a few vessels engaged in distant waters on work of importance for British dominions, and of vessels chartered to France and Italy, the British Government has requisitioned for hire at Government rates, about 97 per cent. of the ocean going tramp steamships on the register of the United Kingdom. All British liners have been requisitioned, and are being operated on Government account, the owners receiving hire at Government rates, and the profits derived from private freight carried at market rates go to the Government and not to the shipowners. Every ocean going voyage of British steamships is directed by the Government, which has regard only to the question of how to obtain essential imports from the nearest sources, and disregard both interests of the shipowner and the exporter. Many trades built up in distant waters and sustained by British industry, have had to be abandoned to neutral owners, who have gladly sought employment for their vessels in waters immune from war risk.

Limitation of Rates. The coasting traffic of the United Kingdom has been under review for the purpose of withdrawing vessels which can be used for ocean going service, and of bringing about a limitation of rates wherever possible. Vessel owners have placed all their organizations and resources at the Government's disposal for running the requisitioned vessels, and have also agreed to pool their organizations, thus necessitating the closest co-operation between what may have been competitive interests before the war.

It should also be borne in mind that the officers and crews of merchant vessels have run, and are running extraordinary risks in the operation of their vessels. The areas round the British Isles have been singled out by the enemy for special attacks, but officers and crews have not made any difficulty about taking their vessels through the most dangerous routes.

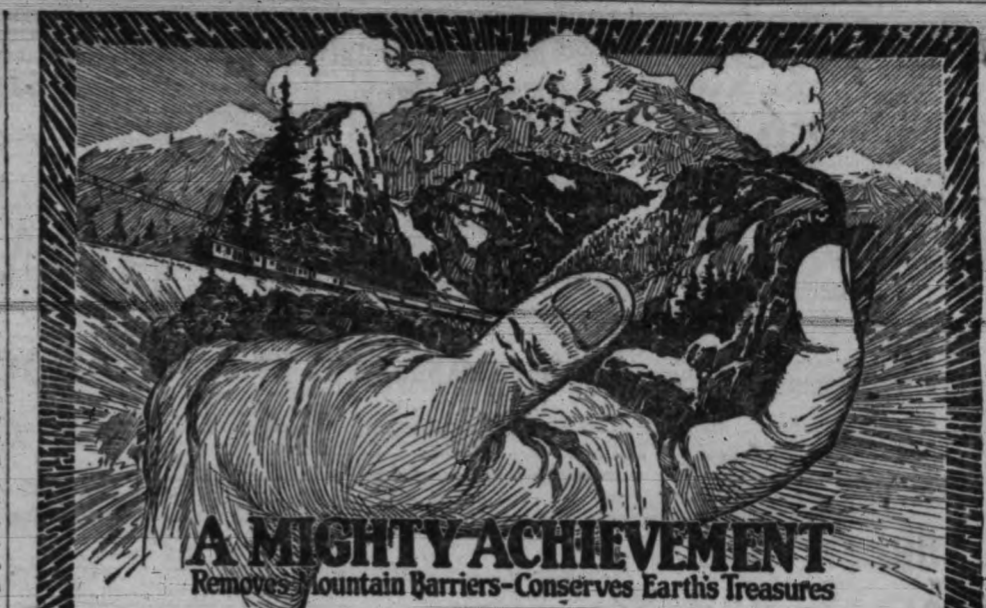
Imports Curtailed. Of necessity, British imports have been severely curtailed. Prior to the war the British imports averaged about \$200,000,000 a year; in 1916 they fell to about \$4,000,000, and in 1917 they will be considerably less. Of the amount imported before the war, rather less than 25 per cent. consisted of foodstuffs, while in 1916 nearly 70 per cent. of the imports consisted of foodstuffs and munitions, the balance in each case being of an industry productive nature. In 1917 the British imports were valued at \$78,000,000, of which about \$24,000,000 were from countries with which we are now at war. In 1916, the imports were valued at \$249,000,000, enemy countries of course now being eliminated. In 1913, the United Kingdom exported goods to the value of \$225,000,000, and in 1916, \$508,000,000, but it is stated, that if the 1916 exports were valued on the same basis as those of 1913, the amount would be only \$288,000,000.

WIRELESS REPORT

December 14, 8 a. m. Point Grey—Overcast; S. E., fresh; 28.5; sea moderate. Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 28.4; 38; sea smooth. Spoke str. Chejoahn, 10.15 p. m., entering Seymour Narrows, southbound. Pachena—Overcast; W., fresh; 28.4; 46; sea moderate. Estevan—Overcast; calm; 28.3; 35; heavy swell. Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 28.2; 38; sea smooth. Triangle—Rain; N. W., strong; 28.4; 43; sea rough. Spoke str. Spokane, 4.30 p. m., off Cape Calvert, southbound. Dead Tree Point—Snow; N. W., light; 28.6; 38; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Rain; calm; 28.7; 40; sea smooth. Prince Rupert—Snow; S. W., light; 28.9; 29; dense seaward. Nopon. Point Grey—Cloudy; S. E.; 28.7; 47; sea moderate. Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 28.6; 42; sea smooth. Pachena—Cloudy; W., fresh; 28.8; 42; heavy swell. Estevan—Rain; S. W., fresh; 28.2; 42; heavy swell. Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 28.2; 42; sea smooth. Triangle—Overcast; S. W., strong; 28.4; 40; sea rough. Spoke str. Gray, 10.45 a. m., at Rose Harbor; spoke str. Prince George, 10.50 a. m., abeam Alert Bay, 5.20 a. m., northbound. Dead Tree Point—Snow; N. W., light; 28.2; 32; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E., strong; 28.7; 37; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Snow; S. W., light; 29.2; 29; dense seaward.

SCHOONER HERWARD FOUNDERED AT SEA

A Gulf Port, Dec. 13.—The American schooner Herward, with a cargo of horses, sprang a leak and sank at sea last Sunday while en route here from Cuba. Her master, who was rescued with the crew, has arrived here.



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ANYOX WILL ATTEMPT TO FLOAT BARRACOUTA

The steamer Anyox, recently built on Puget Sound to ply in the ore trade from Anyox, is on her way to Seaward to attempt to float the barge Barracouta, which recently went adrift in a northern gale and piled up.

The barge dragged her anchor and went adrift in Resurrection Bay, and she was so deeply coated in ice that search parties passed her by as she rested on the beach. She struck on a sandy bottom and it is believed that the Anyox can tow her off without trouble. Thus the Anyox, on her maiden voyage, becomes a salvage vessel. Both craft are owned by the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Company.

STEAMSHIP KURLAND SUNK IN COLLISION

London, Dec. 14.—The steamship Kurland has been sunk in a collision, according to announcement by Lloyds. According to available shipping records, there were three steamships named Kurland, one Belgian and two Russian. The Belgian steamship Kurland, of 1,964 tons, arrived in an American port on November 10.

DEMAND FOR SHIPPING

The demand for shipping is illustrated in a recent transaction on the Atlantic coast. A sailing vessel, five years old, which originally cost \$30,000, was purchased for \$50,000 and chartered to carry a cargo of fish to the Mediterranean. The insurance on the vessel was 25% and on the cargo 15%, and yet the vessel's freight on the outward trip will pay for her and leave a profit of \$5,000.

PENDING RATE INCREASES

The steamship companies operating out of Puget Sound to Southeastern and Southwestern Alaska have under consideration a general advance in both freight and passenger rates which will probably become effective at the beginning of the New Year. Still further increases in the cost of operation as a result of the war have made the advances necessary, it is reported.

"STATE CARGO SERVICES"

The Manchester Guardian says: "It is not improbable that the Canadian Government will, after the war, establish state cargo services both on the Atlantic and Pacific." The Dominion Government has already announced its intention of placing vessels of the auxiliary schooner type in a cargo service to be established between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, via the Panama Canal, and contracts were awarded for the vessels. These contracts, however, have been suspended for the present. As for state cargo services operating on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, there is no immediate prospect of the Dominion Government engaging in trans-oceanic service.

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Change of Name.—The new name of Peter McQuade & Sons, Ltd., will be The B. C. Gazette announces, Shipchangers, Ltd. The firm name of the Kootenay-River Lumber Co., Ltd., will be the National Spruce Mills, Ltd.

Mourning by Old Friends.—Pte. Eugene Allard, who left the city with the B. C. Battalion, and has been killed in action, was a son of James Allard, Langley, and a brother of "Billy" Allard, who has returned home. In a letter to deceased's father, Pte. H. Francis, of the same battalion to which Pte. Allard belonged when he met his death, says "your boy's death is keenly felt by all his pals in the company."

Provincial Appointments.—Provincial appointments announced in the current week's B. C. Gazette are: John Bullman, of Golden, to be Government agent at that point in place of William W. Bradley, resigned; Geo. E. Sanborn, collector of revenue and assessor to succeed Mr. Bullman; John Roberts, of Fields and Samuel J. Emanuels of Vancouver, to be justices of the peace.

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LOCAL PIPERS WILL ASSIST SEATTLE FETE

Party Under Lieut. T. F. Oliphant Will Leave on Sunday

A feature of the Seattle Girls' War Relief Bazaar to be held in the Sound city for the whole of next week will be playing by a band of pipers from British Columbia. A number of the local "kilties," under Lieut. T. F. Oliphant, will be joined by pipers from Vancouver, and the party, which will reach Seattle on Monday morning, will include fourteen pipers and five drummers.

The bazaar has been arranged for the purpose of raising \$100,000 for a base hospital in France and for civilian relief, and the bidders will figure prominently in many features of the six-day campaign.

On Monday night they will be stationed outside the entrance to the bazaar on Fifth Avenue and the University Street, and to quote The Seattle Daily Times, "the music committee has faith in the ability of the pipers to skirt every person who comes within hearing distance straight through the gates to the delights within."

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Previously acknowledged	\$2,765.29
Per Times	394.50
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A. R. Harness	5.00
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P. O. Gray	1.50
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Jas. Sherratt	5.00
Anon.	2.00
J. D. Virtue	5.00
J. L. Beckwith	20.00
Mrs. M. Lindner	5.00
J. E. Hamilton	2.00
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W. W. Shillinglaw	5.00
C. T. Mitchell	10.00
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W. Harris	5.00
Staff Imperial Bank	30.00
R. M. Hodgins	5.00
F. N. Beckton	1.00
T. Brown	5.00
Rev. Mr. Connell	2.50
	\$2,627.75

Correction.—A subscription of \$25 acknowledged in newspapers as from P. G. Forbes should have been credited to E. C. Foulkes.

The Royal Bank received a special subscription of \$200 from the Gish Temple which amount they telegraphed direct to Anherst, N. S., for the Halifax sufferers.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Thirty N. C. O.'s and Men Reached City This Morning From Western Battlefields.

Among the party of 142 returned B. C. soldiers who arrived at Vancouver last night were thirty men belonging to Victoria. These arrived in the city this morning, and reported to the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt. Included in the party are the following: Sergt. J. J. Johnson, 5th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. R. Wilson, 11th B. C. R.; Driver W. C. Jewett, 8th Battalion; Pte. G. B. Moore, Canadian Engineers; Pte. F. G. Butts, 4th Field Ambulance; Pte. W. E. Casner, 8th Battalion; Pte. W. J. Ince, 4th Pioneer; Pte. J. S. Fogarty, 11th Battalion; Sapper M. G. McLeod, Canadian Engineers; Pte. J. Meyer, Sergt. King, Pte. A. J. Griffen, Pte. G. C. Wilson, Pte. T. K. Ives, and Pte. Douglas.

Wool of All Kinds at The Beehive, 25c.

Returning To-day.—Privates Armstrong, Boag, Liddell and Edwards are the veterans returning from the front on this afternoon's boat.

Christmas Carols.—On Thursday next the girls of the Central School will give their usual Christmas festival, in the Metropolitan Methodist Church at 2.30. George Jay will preside and the speakers will include Rev. W. H. Osborne, Very Rev. Dean Quinlan and Rev. Wm. Stevenson. Miss Vera Rider will sing in solo, and Mr. Pollard will conduct.

G. W. V. A. Auxiliary to Help Halifax.—At the recent meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans' Association, it was unanimously decided to send the funds originally collected for providing Christmas cheer for soldiers' children, to Halifax for relief work in that stricken city. The meeting decided to refund the contribution of any person who did not wish it applied to the latter purpose. The toys, etc., will be distributed to the children of members of the auxiliary on a date to be decided later. For the purpose of ascertaining the number of toys required, members

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ANXIOUS TO BRING SWIMMER TO CITY

William Umack, of Frisco, Wants to Co-operate With Victorians

MISS DURACK ALMOST A CERTAIN VISITOR

Victoria will be one of the principal points visited by Miss Fanny Durack, the famous world champion Australian swimmer, when she tours the Pacific Coast next summer...

To-day Mr. Davies received a letter from Mr. Umack which is quoted in part as follows: "I am in receipt of letter acknowledging mine regarding the visit of Fanny Durack, and making the suggestion that I at once write you relative to the financial side of the visit, so that you can in due course bring my letter before the committee for the V.I.A.A."

"First of all as you know, I am an Australian, and my interest in this visit is purely that of one Australian deeply interested in swimming and anxious to have this world famous Australian girl come here to boost swimming with California girls, and for the public in general. In regard to a visit to your section, being a Britisher, I naturally want your people to have whatever benefits there are from such a visit of a world champion and fellow British subject."

Swim Before Leaving. "If your club can bring this girl to Victoria he will make that her last appearance and leave your city for Australia. Her appearance in Victoria would be about the end of August or early in September. I have good prospects of an appearance, at Seattle, and perhaps one at Portland, and if these can be arranged it will reduce the cost to you. As her manager, I am asking only an amount to cover her expenses; there is no profit for the tour figured at all. I feel that the Australian Swimming Association, which body I represent in this project, will be perfectly satisfied with this arrangement, and the girls will be delighted to assist in their way to boost swimming in the Dominion among their British brothers and sisters. Also, I feel that if there are any profits to be made your club can find a very good method to use them among the numerous war charities of Victoria. I am willing to assist you to make the visit of these girls one great success."

American Champions. "If you would like a promote a meet and have some of our American girl swimmers make the trip to compete against these Australians and your own girl swimmers I will be delighted to arrange for as many of our girl swimmers as you would want. We have two American champions right here in San Francisco."

"It is necessary that I complete my schedule as soon as possible and I

VETERAN ICE PLAYER



BARNEY STANLEY

Frank Patrick has received word from Stanley that he will report in Vancouver on December 29. Stanley is considered one of the finest forwards on the coast and will be a great help to the Millionaires this season.

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Best personal regards to Picca, Corike and the other boys. Hope Albie and Jumbo enjoyed their trip. They certainly made a hit with the members of the Olympic Club, and we have not yet finished talking about them."

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INTER-CITY SOCCER HAS BEEN ASSURED

Local Official Receives Acceptance of Offer Made to Mainland Footballers

Victoria's offer to the football association at Vancouver for inter-city soccer games to be played on New Year's Day on the mainland with the return contest here Good Friday has been accepted according to a statement by Secretary Ivan Day, of the Victoria and District Football Association this morning. The local official was in communication with Jack Spence, of Vancouver, last evening when Vancouver's attitude was made known.

The plan for financing the games as stated in these columns yesterday calls for each home club to guarantee \$55 expenses, and to keep the balance of the gate receipts if any.

The acceptance of the offer by Vancouver means that a Victoria representative team will journey to the mainland on New Year's Day to play a picked eleven of the Mainland Senior Soccer League. The Terminal City organization claims to be having a very prosperous year, and boasts some good soccer material among its lines.

MILLIONAIRES WILL HAVE STANLEY WITH SEASON'S PLAYERS

With the arrival of a wire at hockey headquarters from Barney Stanley, informing the Vancouver officials that he will be along next week, the Vancouver lineup is practically complete for the coming hockey race on the Coast. Stanley wired his acceptance of terms with the additional information that he will report for practice within the next few days. He is at present in Edmonton. He will be on the Coast for the patriotic carnival a week from to-day and will line up with Vancouver.

Mickey Mackay, "Cyclone" Taylor, "Speed" Moyses Whalen, Lloyd Cook and St. Germain, who have been training for the past week, will wear Vancouver uniforms in the patriotic match. Opposing them will be Riley, Ricker, Lester Patrick, Bernie Morris and a couple of other players from the clubs in the south. Hugh Lehman, goalkeeper of the Millionaires, may be along in time to play in the game.

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DEATH VALLEY SCOTT NOW AT CAMP LEWIS

Tells Interesting Incident of Baseball Trip Around the World

Another sport favorite has joined the list of athletes now in Uncle Sam's service at Camp Lewis. "Death Valley" Jim Scott, who twirled his way fame as a member of the White Sox team, has been commissioned a captain and is already at work at American Lake.

Scott brought his bride of a few days to the Northwest to live. He went through the officers' training course at Presidio and came out with a captaincy, with instructions to report to Camp Lewis.

Was Twirling Star. Scott did not participate in the recent world series game, but he was a star of Comiskey's team for several seasons. The White Sox twirler was training for the army when the Sox were battling with the Giants for the big honors, but he received a slice of the players' share anyway.

When talking about his pitching stunts, Scott recently said the most interesting game he ever pitched was in London.

"The game I pitched against the New York team in London before King George I will long remember," he said. "That was on the famous trip around the world, when the New York and Chicago teams visited all the foreign countries of note."

"How did the king act? he was asked. Too Busy Pitching.

"Well, to tell the truth," said the big soldier player, "I was so busy pitching that I forgot to watch him. Had I been on the bench that day I could have told you better. I know that he was surprised at first that a heavy wire screen had been put up to protect the crowd and that he fully understood what the screen was there for when a couple of fouls went his way. There were about 25,000 spectators there that day and they say the king was greatly amused at the badinage thrown at the umpire."

Before Scott broke into the big league he played in the Iowa State League. That was in 1907. In 1908 he played with Wichita, Kan., and in 1909 went to Comiskey. There he was for years the dependable man on the mound. His home is at Lander, Wyo. Mrs. Scott is with the captain. She will make her home in the Northwest while he is located at Camp Lewis.

ARENA CARNIVAL OFF FOR A WEEK AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—"I have just gone over the matter with my committee with regard to the ice carnival at the arena, and would much appreciate it if you would kindly postpone it until December 21, on account of the sad misfortune which has just happened in Halifax. I will consider it a great favor if you will kindly arrange this." On receipt of this letter from T. M. Barnett, manager of the Returned Soldiers' Club, President Frank Patrick, of the P. C. H. A., announced that the carnival scheduled for to-night has been postponed for one week. It will take place on Friday, December 21. The carnival is for the Returned Soldiers' Club. No change in the programme will be made, and just as good a time will be had by the crowd in attendance next week as they would have had to-night.

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENTS.

The Ottawas are not likely to have Frank Nighbor this winter, according to latest developments. Nighbor's forty odd goals will be missed, for outside of the Pembroke boy there is not a player on the capital city team who can be counted a wonderful sharpshooter.

IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1891.—Yankee Swartz was born on this date. 1910.—Young Britt and Biz Mackey fought six rounds, no decision, at Rochester. 1911.—Georges Carpentier, French, won the decision over Harry Lewis in twenty rounds, Paris. 1911.—Eddie McGoorty outpointed Harry Ramsay in six rounds at Pittsburgh.

JOINS U. S. NAVY.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Stuffy McInnis, of the Athletics, has decided to join Uncle Sam's forces. Stuffy is to become a yeoman at the Charlestown navy yard. He is the sixth player of the Athletics to join the colors. Stuffy will find Barry, Shorten, McNally, Gainer and Maranville at the navy yard ahead of him.

To-morrow's Programme For Sport Enthusiasts

SENIOR SOCCER Victoria Wests vs. Navy, at Beacon Hill; referee, Sergt.-Major Jones. E. M. C. H. vs. Garrison, at Oak Bay; referee, Wilkey. V. I. A. vs. C. F. A. M. C., at Royal Athletic Park; referee, Goward. 8th Regiment vs. 2nd Depot Battalion Infantry, at Willows; referee, Payne.

TEAMS THAT WILL PLAY TO-MORROW'S CONTESTS

Victoria Wests—Peden; Whyte, Copas; Allen, McKinnon, McLeod; Sherratt, Cummins, J. Peden, Shakespeare, Petticrew. Garrison—Hooper; Gale, Loughlin; Lynn, Wylie, Pickett; Hughes, Frankish, Filmore, Wells, Buxton. E. M. C. H.—Wish; McAdam, Gomm; Bowers, Pitts, Moncur; Southin, Tipper, Townsend, Bloom, Kroeger. 8th Regiment—Kent; Taitot, Dick; Urwin, Bester, Rossiter; Rossiter; Cassin, Hemstock, Hardie, Grant, McClintock. C. A. M. C.—Stephens; Bramley, Swan; Watson, Harwood, Duncan; McKay, Morgan, Draper, Gunn, Mackinnon; reserves, Farrington, Polonis, McDonald. V. I. A. A.—Jelliman; Elliot, Brown; Hay, Daniels, Ferris; Baker, Alcock, Knight, Stott, Lomas; reserves, Moulton, Fletcher, Robinson. Navy—Jasper; Cronin, Rutter; Lacey, Jenkins, Otranto; Otranto, Walters, Davis, Otranto, Cozier. Commercial—White, Cox, Whatman, Chester, Fanthrope, Newman, Hutchison, Jones, McArthur, Stewart, Johnson.

TO RAISE FUND.

New York, Dec. 14.—Delegates from large eastern bowling associations at a meeting here of the United States Bowlers' Relief Association announced that the organization would start a national fund, which is expected to amount to \$1,000,000, for the aid of bowlers who have enlisted in the war, and for needy dependents. A committee for collection and administration of the fund was named.

FAMOUS SPRINTER DEAD.

London, Dec. 14.—Alfred R. W. Bowles, famous old-time sprinter, dropped dead on the street recently. In his younger days he was a member of the London Athletic Club, and won the 220-yards championship contest between England and Ireland. He was the possessor of a very large number of cups. Physicians declared that the strain exerted by sprinting was the cause of the diseased condition of his heart.

RETURN SOCCER.

The R.C.R.'s and Commercial will play a return game to-morrow at Work Point, commencing at 2.30.

AT THE HOTELS

Mrs. F. N. McKay, of Chemainus, is staying at the Strathcona Hotel. C. J. Draper, of Calgary, is stopping at the Strathcona. R. F. Hardy, of Port Alberni, arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday. Mrs. Whidden is in the city and is at the Strathcona Hotel from Duncan. R. W. Fletcher, of Burdett, Alta., is registered at the Strathcona Hotel. James H. Whyte and Mrs. Whyte, of Brandon, Man., are guests of the Dominion Hotel. G. H. McGee and Mrs. McGee, of Regina, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes, of Ganges, are at the Dominion. Alex. Fairbairn and Mrs. Fairbairn, of Carnduff, Sask., registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday. Mrs. Forrest, of Oak Lake, Man., is at the Dominion Hotel. A. A. McCullough and Mrs. McCullough, of Port Alberni, are stopping at the Dominion. T. Morris and family, of Rosetown, Alta., are visiting Victoria and making the Dominion Hotel their headquarters. M. W. Heden, of Portland, Oregon, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday. F. J. Dubois, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday. R. N. Scott, of Montreal, is a guest at the Empress Hotel. R. Reade Davis, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Read and family, of Lipton, Sask., have arrived at the Empress Hotel. C. C. Craig, of Winnipeg, is registered at the Empress Hotel.

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TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. ENROLLED FOR SERVICE Out of Total Registration in B. C. Under the Military Service Act of 15,821. There are 1,654 exemption appeals scheduled in the office of R. S. Lennie, Provincial Registrar, at Vancouver, and of these, approximately 1,600 have been allotted to the courts, a large percentage of them having been heard and decided. The total registration in British Columbia under the Military Service Act was 15,821, of which 3,033 were service enrolments, and 12,788 claims for exemptions. Of the claims 10,964 have been heard, leaving 2,724 to be dealt with. Of those heard there were 6,785 allowed, and 3,278 refused, a percentage of 67.4 being allowed. As already pointed out the "allowed" totals include the medically unfit for Class 1, all Class B, C, D or E men whose cases have been considered, and also the cases where exemption has been allowed for certain periods. No appeals of Exemption Tribunal decisions will be heard on December 17, election day.

The WEATHER Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Dec. 14.—5 a. m.—The storm area mentioned yesterday has caused southerly and westerly gales on the Coast. Squalls and sound, and heavy rains have been general on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, while Prince Rupert reports 11 inches of snow and still falling. Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 41; wind, 24 miles S. W.; rain, 1.52; weather, rain. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.53; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .34; weather, rain. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; snow, .20; weather, snowing. Wire trouble, no other reports received.

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The only way to get in a good position for winning the house and lot in the Times competition is to make a systematic effort, just the same as in other lines of endeavor. One way of doing this is to carefully study the narrow on display in the Times Business Office window, decide on the minimum and maximum number of automobile parts, which, in your opinion, it contains, and then, starting with the minimum number, make your estimates until the maximum number is reached. The contest closes on December 31st, and, by making every dollar that is expended during that period, the members of a family will be able to cover systematically a big series of numbers. If, for instance, the members of a family spend seventy dollars a month—a very conservative estimate—it will be seen that they will be able to fill out 210 coupons during the three months. Hundreds of families, however, spend very much more than that in the aggregate, so that their chances of securing the big prize are consequently all the greater.

Laundries.
The merchants whose advertisements appear in the two special pages sell almost everything that is required by the average household to secure the aim of the Times was to induce the advertising with this end in view. There are three big steam laundries—the Victoria Steam Laundry, the New Method Laundry, and the Standard Steam Laundry. Their wagons are so familiar on the streets of Victoria that it is hardly necessary to call attention to them, and the high-grade quality of the work these three laundries do is also common knowledge. When it is remembered that the aggregate payroll of these three laundries reaches \$2,000 a week, and that only white heat is employed, it will be seen how important it is that they should receive splendid support from the Victoria public.

Drug Stores.
In the line of drugs—and every family has to buy them, at some time or other—there is the firm of Merryfield & Duck, with their three well-stocked stores at James Bay, Oak Bay and Oak Bay Junction, thus giving the residents in the outlying portions of Greater Victoria a splendid opportunity to compete. For downtown customers, Ivel's Pharmacy, always to the fore, and well known for the fine quality of its prescriptions, is represented.

Butcher.
The only exclusive butcher firm represented on the pages is that of the New England Meat Market, 1220 Government Street, with a branch at 1308 Gladstone Avenue. Mr. Gillis, who presides over the destinies of these stores, prides himself on the quality of his goods and service—an important point to remember in these days of the high cost of living.

Stationery.
The customers of the Macey Office Equipment Co., capably managed by Percy Abell, past president of the Rotary Club, will also have an opportunity to compete. The firm makes not only a specialty of office systems, but also has a special appeal at this time of year as a stationery and gift shop par excellence.

Groceries.
The big and enterprising firm of H. J. Kirkham & Co., is of course represented. One of the slogans of the firm—"Contented Cash Customers"—shows the aim of the institution. The varied lines of goods which the firm carries—groceries, meats, drugs, fruits, hardware, etc.—give its customers a big purchasing power in connection with the competition.

And then there is the People's Groceria, on Yates Street. It is an institution that is becoming increasingly popular, as any firm is bound to that eliminate the expensive and wasteful delivery system and gives its patrons the benefit in lower-priced goods.

Boots and Shoes.
For boots, contestants will be able to patronize the two stores of John Stewart—one at 1321 Douglas, and the other at 725 Fort. Mr. Stewart has the reputation of being the youngest shoe man in the city, and is certainly one of the most progressive.

Theatre.
The only theatre represented on the pages is the Dominion, the popular "movie" house on Yates Street. The Dominion, as a result of the contest, is saving its patrons considerable inconvenience by enabling them to purchase a dollar's worth of regular and Government tax tickets at a time, thus eliminating the annoying "waiting in line" on busy nights. This means that habitues of the Dominion will be able to participate in the contest, as otherwise they could not do. Rex Beach's great drama, "The Auction Block," is being filmed this week.

Hardware.
Hardware buyers will be able to go to Halliday's emporium, on Yates Street, or to the B. C. Hardware Co., 5th Fort Street—both progressive firms that are well worth patronizing.

Electrical Goods.
Two electrical firms are represented—the Carter Electric Co. and Hawkins & Hayward. It is well to remember that electrical goods make seasonal presents.
The B. C. Electric Co. is also participating. In addition to buying the electrical goods which the company

has on display, the citizens of Victoria will be able to use their gas and electric light and power receipts in making application for coupons.

More Groceries.
Two grocery stores are a little removed from the centre of the city are participating—James Adam, the "particular grocer, with two stores at Fort and Cook and Gladstone and Fernwood; and E. R. Jones, the "independent grocer," at the corner of Cook and North Park Streets. This arrangement gives their many customers in these districts a fine opportunity to increase their list of available coupons.

Furniture.
The Smith & Champion Institution is the only furniture firm in the competition. The store has as its slogan "the better value store." The firm, in addition to a fine line of furniture, etc., has a splendid toy department.

At Esquimalt.
The Esquimalt district is represented by Newell M. Spratt, who also has a store at Hillside, close to where the prize bungalow is located. Mr. Spratt is one of those enterprising merchants who is bound to succeed.

Photographs.
Photographs always make appropriate Christmas presents, particularly when the inducements of this contest are added. The Gibson and Meagen studios are each able to offer the opportunity of coupons with purchases.

Boys' Clothes.
Mothers will appreciate the inclusion in the competition of the Sam M. Scott store—the only exclusive boys' store in the city. It is managed very ably by J. F. Scott, who this year is vice-president of the Rotary Club.

Dye Works.
Those who in these economical days make their clothes last longer by having them cleaned, pressed and dyed are not forgotten, for the Victoria Dye Works, presided over by Mr. Gardiner, is taking advantage of the contest to increase his already large business.

Fruit.
The only fruit store represented on the two special pages is that of Dan W. Poupard, whose attractive little establishment is located near the corner of Fort and Douglas. Mr. Poupard gave his patrons added value recently by placing on sale the prize fruit display from Gordon Head at the Made-in-Victoria exhibition.

Printing.
The two printing firms represented—the Diggon Printing Co. and Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd.—make a special appeal at this time of year with tasteful greeting cards. Both establishments are a credit to Victoria.

Fuel.
J. E. Painter & Sons are taking advantage of the contest to place their coal and wood more prominently before the public.

Decorators.
Mellor Bros., the well-known painting and house-decorating firm, should not be lost sight of in connection with the contest, particularly as the public will find that it pays handsomely to have interior work done at this time of year.

Transfer.
Nor will it pay to forget the Victoria "Baggage Co., with its efficient motor truck service, ready day and night to serve its customers.

Music.
At this time of year, especially, one cannot do without music, and the firm of Heintzman & Co. is ready to meet the desires of the Victoria public in this regard from their fine stock.

Men's Furnishings.
Nor are the needs of the men forgotten. F. A. Gowen on Government Street and Cuming & Co., on Yates Street are telling in their ads of the splendid furnishings that can be secured from their establishments for the holiday season.

Tobacco.
The Two Jacks' Dope, also known as the workman's club, with its fine stock of tobacco and cigars, as well as excellently-appointed billiard and pool tables, is also in the competition, and in it to the limit.

Real Estate.
For those who are on the lookout for real estate bargains—and there is no better time than now to acquire property—Dunford's, Limited, at its new office on Government Street, is ready with some fine opportunities.

Motors.
The Beggs Motor Co. is also to the fore in the contest. Mr. Playfair, the manager, is building up a big business, and is evidently doing it to the satisfaction of an ever-increasing clientele.

Soap.
White Swan Naphtha Soap and White Swan Washing Powder have become actual household necessities. As everybody knows they are manufactured in Victoria by the old-established firm of W. J. Pendray & Sons—an additional reason why they should be found in every home. As the ad tritely puts it, they are "the winners of the house."

Flour.
Royal Standard flour is milled by the Vancouver Milling and Grain Co., Ltd., which has an extensive branch in Victoria. The company is doing an increasing business on the Island—unquestionably the result of the high quality of the product.

Nabob.
The well-known brand of "Nabob" specialties are always welcomed by the housewife. They are put up by the Kelly, Douglas & Co., Ltd., which also has a wholesale branch in Victoria.

Milk.
The Pacific Milk Co., it will be remembered, was represented at the Made-in-Victoria exhibition, where there was a fine display.
Someone has said the modern milkman is a tin can. There is a great deal of truth in it. And the tin of milk comes to have a larger place all the time.
No matter how carefully fresh milk is treated it cannot be kept free from contamination. Put up in this it is entirely free of germs and remains so. Putting up milk in this way has be-

come one of the leading industries of the province. Few places in America are so fortunate in this respect.

The Pacific Milk Co., Ltd., of Ladner, B. C., has one of the best plants in the west. It is a matter of local pride to have the factory the show place of the town. It is owned by local men, and operated by men and women of the town.

They seem to have a spirit that one seldom finds in an industry. Every one of them is as interested in having the name of their milk upheld as they are to keep the name of their little city above reproach.

Each person, except the fireman, must have a clean white suit every morning and the floors and woodwork around the plant are kept as clean as a kitchen floor.

It might be well to tell something of the method by which milk is put up. First the farmer drives up with his cans of milk. A sample is taken and tested to see it is rich enough. If he falls a point below the requirements the milk is shipped on to the city to be made into butter.

When it has passed it is weighed and goes to the evaporating pans at once. It is never touched by anyone. The appliances that conduct it to and from the pans are shining silver. The pans as they are called are big upright, airtight domes. The milk is evaporated in a vacuum. When the water has been removed in this vacuum chamber it is sent directly to the place where the tins are filled and the caps put on. In this one plant they will not use a soldered tin. They say solder has been known to cause lead poisoning. They have a special sanitary tin that is airtight and remains so, without the use of solder.

The milk as it goes to the cans looks and tastes exactly as freshly skimmed cream. That would seem to an observer to be what it is. It is the same milk with the water taken out and cream is little but that.

After it is sealed it goes to the sterilizer where every germ is killed. But during the whole time a white coated, doctor looking man runs around with some testing things and takes samples. He never seems satisfied that he will not find a mistake sometime. Even after the milk is ready for the market he goes around to each lot and takes a tin off to his room. He opens it up and puts it through his tests for butterfat and purity.

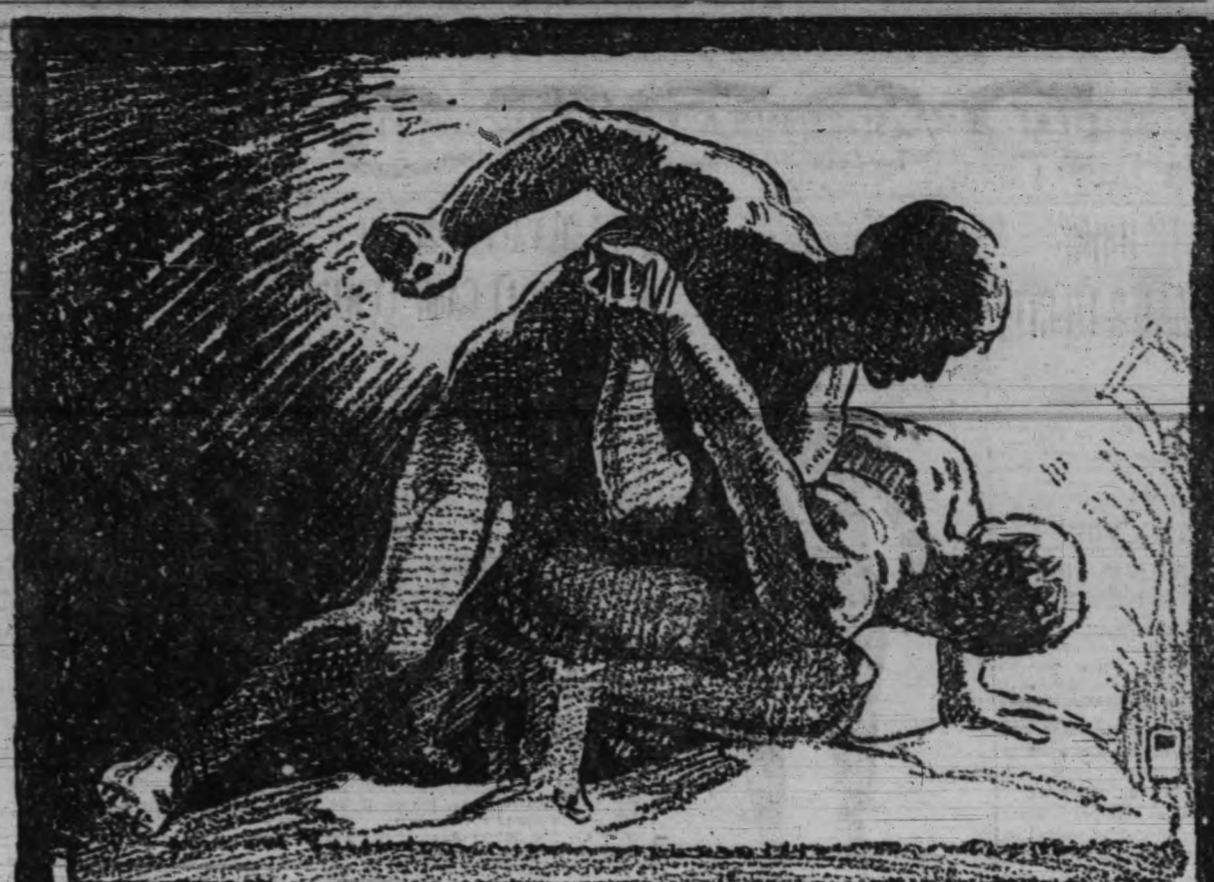
After seeing this local pride industry in full swing one person is convinced that Pacific Milk is certainly rich and wholesome and pure.

They have a card in the main part of this clean little factory that keeps working on the minds of each one who works there. It is good enough to repeat. Here it is "Like Fresh Cream."

Where to Buy.
It should not be forgotten that "Nabob" specialties, White Swan Soap and washing powder, Royal Standard flour, and Pacific milk can be purchased at any grocery store in town. All that is necessary is to bring the receipt bills, on which these products must be plainly indicated, to the Times office, and they will be duly honored.
Don't forget—one coupon for every dollar expended. Who will get the house?

Aid-French Red Cross.—An excellent entertainment has been arranged to take place in Scotch's Hall, Langford Street, on Saturday, December 15, in aid of the French Red Cross. The comedy, "A Gilded Youth," will be given by the Amateur Player's Society of Victoria West, both afternoon and evening, and between acts a number of singing and dancing specialties will be contributed by local artists. Following the evening performance a dance will be held.

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BORN BOURNE—On the 14th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bourne, of Esquimalt, a daughter, (Gertrude Lorna).

DIED McDONALD—On the 12th inst., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Morrison, 111 Cambridge Street, Mary McDonald, aged 91 years, born in Scotland, and a resident of Victoria for 39 years.

BROWN—On Dec. 12, at the residence, 1204 Clover Ave., Ellen Brown, relict of Wm. C. Brown, aged 55 years, born in Wales.

FENNEL—On Dec. 12, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Herman Hendrick Fennel, aged 51 years; born in Finland.

KNEESHAW—On Dec. 13, 1917, at the residence, 1022 St. James Street, Robert Henry Kneeshaw, a native of Scarborough, England, aged 62 years.

BOURNE—On the 14th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital (suddenly), Gertrude, the dearly beloved wife of H. F. Bourne, of Esquimalt. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband and three children, a father and sister in England, and one brother who actively serves in France.

NOTICE In the Matter of the Companies Act R. S. B. C., 1911, Chapter 39 and In the Matter of the Victoria-Vancouver Importing Wine and Liquor Company, Limited.

LAND REGISTRY ACT, SECTION 150 In the Matter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11), Renfrew District.

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DOZEN SUPPORTERS AT LAURIER-LIBERAL RALLY

"I brand Mr. Duggan a slacker, and the ladies supporting Union Government had better knit him some socks for he has a case of cold-feet," was the declaration of Sapper Young, of Vancouver, and late of the 1st Canadian Pioneer, who mounted the platform at Cloverdale last evening in support of Hector Stewart, Laurier-Liberal candidate for the Federal riding of Nanaimo.

Sapper Young, a returned soldier, declared that he wanted conscription, but the kind that would conscript a man's pocket as well as his blood. Sir Wilfrid had promised that moneyed men would have to pay, and that by voluntary enlistment reinforcements would be obtained.

The speaker declared that he had lost two brothers at the front. One he said was shot through the head by a German bullet capped with Canadian nickel, and that, after the war had been in progress over two years, he demanded of his audience if it still marvelled that he was against any administration led by Borden and his gang.

"I thought the boys at the front needed reinforcements? It is seven months since this Conscription Bill was first talked of, and not a man has been sent across. Every few weeks we hear that the calling out of the first draft has been postponed. Is that the way to support the men in France? If the Union Government is returned on election day this farce war-measure will continue to be enacted.

Whole Thing a Farce. "I tell you, the whole thing is a farce. Borden knew he would be defeated and so has called his ministry a Union Government. I have every respect for the men on the exemption tribunals, but after the way in which many cases have been handled I can only say that they must have received instructions from Ottawa to thrust men into the uniform."

that half the people of Nanaimo and the island had not registered, but no arrests were being made. He had understood that all these men were deserters and were to be rounded up under the Elections Act.

"On a par with the conscription measure was the Elections Act. In a country where people were loyal its enactment would have caused a revolution. The people of Canada had reached that stage when it was necessary for them to fight for democracy at home. The speaker had hopes for their future; they were beginning to awaken to their position. He was informed that the Elections Act would expend some \$3,000,000, but not one returned soldier appeared to have a chance in sharing that money.

"You can only judge a man's future policy by what he has done in the past," was the statement of Chairman R. F. Carlow. "In 1911 Sir Wilfrid Laurier went to the people on a policy of reciprocity and a Canadian Navy. Sir Robert Borden was his opponent and the past three years have shown which would have been the wiser course. Millions spent by the Allies in the United States could have been expended in Canada had it not been for the Conservative tariff wall.

The speaker recited the long series of narratives concerning the Canadian Northern Railway deals, and declared that the C. N. R. in the whole Government of Canada. The Ottawa policy under Borden had been, "Profits for the rich and let the poor fight." Canada's moneyed ring was the nation's curse, but election day would show gratifiers that their days were numbered.

Another Young Speaks. Pte. E. G. Young, of Victoria, having been in the trenches and having two sons there at the present time felt justified in expressing his views on some army questions. He declared that Australia with fewer enlistments than Canada had five full divisions at the front while Canada had only four, and those got up to strength. He told of the eight to ten thousand soldiers who were batmen to Canadian lieutenants. Over 100,000 men were kept in useless offices in England. They went to England for a free trip and an easy "job."

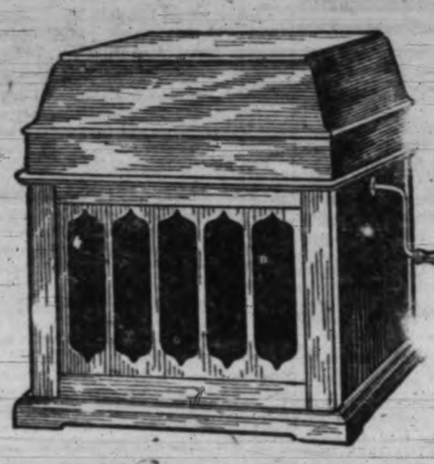
PRAIRIE VISITORS Entertainments for Tourists Are to Be Arranged During the Winter. The prairie residents of Victoria are to be asked to help the arrangement of entertainments for the prairie visitors. At a meeting this morning at the Victoria & Island Development Association's offices, it was decided to arrange two of such gatherings per month, or six in all throughout the winter, and to ask the Prairie Club to co-operate in this schedule.

GOLD AND SILVER Many Donations Thrown Into Barrels for Red Cross Fund. That the novelty of the "gold and silver shower" for the Red Cross is appealing to the people of Victoria was amply demonstrated at noon today when a glance into some of the barrels revealed numbers of unwrapped bracelets, rings, teapots, spoons and a variety of tantalizingly mysterious packages. It is anticipated that owing to the fine weather there will be a big crowd of shoppers tomorrow afternoon and evening, and the barrels will no doubt receive a number of donations as the result of predatory raids in cupboard and storeroom.



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TWO CHARGES UNDER PROHIBITION ACT

Can Second Be Taken Before First is Disposed of by Court?

That the prosecution should not proceed against William Bonallo for having cided on the premises of the Olympus Cafe, until the County Judge deals with the appeal in the Westholme Hotel case of a similar nature, was the plea put up by H. A. Maclean, K. C., when the case was continued in City Police Court to-day.

Mr. Maclean argued that the judges, who had been busy on military tribunal work for some time, must be given an opportunity to deal with civil business, and he hoped to proceed next month.

City Prosecutor Harrison resisted, on the ground that there was another charge against the accused, which could not be taken if the older case was incomplete and not disposed of.

Magistrate Jay did not see that any immediate hope of the appeal being dealt with, and fixed Tuesday to proceed with the hearing of the defence. Mr. Harrison would not go on with the second charge under the circumstances, although Mr. Maclean claimed that he was wrong in his understanding of the authorities. The second charge also stood over till Tuesday.

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Harry McBride Dead.—Postmaster Bishop has handed to the detective department a telegram which he has received from San Diego, California. It says: "Harry McBride died here today, notify his sister. The sister has not yet been found."

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BAD WINTER STORM EAST OF VANCOUVER

Telegraph and Telephone Wires Broken and C. N. R. Trains Delayed.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Transportation and telegraph companies traversing the country adjacent to Agassiz, Chilliwack and the Sumas Valley last night and today experienced the worst trouble in the way of a sleet and rain storm they have had to contend with for a long time.

F. W. Peters, general superintendent of the C. N. R. here, said this forenoon that as yet his office had not been able to learn the exact extent of the damage.

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Laurier on Coast; Ends His Campaign

Liberal Leader Reached Vancouver This Forenoon; Five Meetings There

INTERVIEWED PRESS REPORTERS BRIEFLY

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived here shortly before noon today for the purpose of addressing five meetings of electors on the political issues this afternoon. He is accompanied by Hartley Dewar, K. C.; Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. C. R. Mitchell and Hon. A. G. Mackay.

In exactly 29 seconds Sir Wilfrid interviewed newspaper representatives at the Hotel Vancouver. This occurred instead of the reporters interviewing the venerable Liberal leader.

The chief aim refused to make any prediction as to the result of the election.

The newspapermen were ushered in to the suite by F. C. Wade, K. C., and the interview ran along these lines: Sir Wilfrid—I am pleased to see you gentlemen, but you know I never give out interviews. I have been out of the world for two days, so tell me the news.

A Reporter—Well, there is an election on.

Sir Wilfrid—And how is it going. You do not know? The Lord only knows, eh? And He won't tell you? And He won't tell me. (Chuckle.) You can say I am very well for an old man. Your names? I am charmed to have met you. Good morning.

Hearty Reception.

Sir Wilfrid got a very hearty reception from his supporters when his special train arrived at the C.P.R. depot at 11.30 a.m., after making a splendid run of twenty-five hours from Calgary.

On the platform were the executive committees of the three local Liberal associations decorated with red badges bearing the words "Laurier and Victory, 1917."

The three Vancouver Laurier candidates, W. W. B. McInnes, Charles Macdonald and Patrick Donnelly, were present, and so were F. C. Wade, K.C., George McDonald, A. B. Buckworth, W. C. Brown, and the Hon. T. D. Pattullo.

After hearing Stewart's statements, Mr. Schofield of the tribunal said: "Personally, I think we will have to refuse your claim and ask you to appeal if you are dissatisfied. This will put the onus upon the appeal court to act in regard to your family service record. Our position is this, if we allowed your claim in the face of recent rulings upon family record, the military men would appeal it. We can do nothing regarding it apparently, as we would be overruled."

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TEUTONS MADE TO PAY BIG PRICE FOR LITTLE, ROME SAYS

Rome, Dec. 14.—After attacking all day on the line between the Brenta and the Piave, the enemy was only able to make an insignificant gain yesterday at one point, and this at an immense sacrifice, the War Office here announced today.

MALCOLM STEWART DENIED EXEMPTION

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Malcolm A. Stewart was denied exemption by Tribunal 61 here today and advised to appeal unless satisfied with the decision.

"A man cannot be a policeman one day and an agricultural expert of national importance the next. That is ridiculous," this was the comment of one of the tribunal officers in a closing commentary on the Stewart case.

Stewart applied for exemption upon three grounds—ill-health, national importance in occupation as an agricultural expert and upon educational and training demands. When he appeared in person before the tribunal for the first time to-day he added that of family services to the Empire. He said he had three brothers, two of them overseas and the third was a rejected volunteer. He also had one sister who is serving overseas with the nursing staff. Giving consideration to the three written claims, and also to that of family service, the tribunal decided that Stewart had a weaker case on the latter than those presented in two cases in which Justice Macdonald decided against the claimant on appeal.

Commenting upon the publicity attached to the case, the tribunal assured Stewart that it was free from prejudice, but that tribunals are open courts where the reporters may take down evidence. Stewart responded with the remark that reporters "are a disgrace."

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METHODISTS URGED TO SUPPORT UNION

Declaration by Executive of General Board of Social Service

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The Methodists of the Dominion are urged to support the Union Government in a declaration from the executive committee of the General Board of Social Service and Evangelism, issued by Rev. Dr. F. Albert Moore, general secretary.

This statement will be read from Methodist pulpits in Canada Sunday. It gives five outstanding reasons why the church committee believes that Methodists should support the Government. It also is recited in the declaration that the attitude of Methodism to the war has always been intensely outspoken. Upwards of 75,000 Methodists voluntarily enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force; more than 600 ministers of the church and 500 sons and daughters of ministers responded to the call of the colors.

The declaration continues: "At the polls on December 17, 1917, every Methodist elector, the women as well as the men, should conscientiously meet personal responsibility and both vote and work for the election of the candidates who stand with the Union Government, not for political advantage, but to enable Canada to do her full duty to the Empire, to herself, and to our noble soldiers in the trenches and in training, as well as those who have given their lives, or are suffering to-day through the awful casualties of the war. Duty and a sense of the value of our own freedom compel us promptly and unhesitatingly to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other democracies of the world."

The reasons given include the need for reinforcements, the necessity to preserve Canada from division and to support British ideals and tradition, the fact that the Union Government will be safely entrusted with the fair administration of the Military Service Act, and the protection of agricultural and industrial interests and the fact that liberty of mankind is at stake.

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STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL

Lloyd George Has No Thought of Making Peace Overtures

London, Dec. 14.—That steady progress toward the desired goal is being made by the Allies despite some untoward occurrences, is the firm conviction of Mr. Lloyd George, he declared today.

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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN WAR MINISTER ON ARMISTICE PLAN

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—Gen. Stoeger-Stoener, Austro-Hungarian War Minister, is quoted by the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, to the effect that the relief resulting from an armistice with Russia would depend upon the details of the agreement, but that in any case it would relax considerably the strain on the transportation system.

Discussing the question of disarmament, the general said he agreed with the recent statement of Count Cernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, that army and navy expenditures had reached a level it was almost impossible to maintain permanently. He said it was incorrect to assume that soldiers like himself were opposed to the principle of disarmament. Even to them the system of military states did not appear to be the ideal order of things, but disarmament would be possible only if gradual, universal and simultaneous.

Austria and her allies, he said, dared not place themselves in such a position as to permit the rest of the world to dictate to them—less than ever today, when the ranks of military states had been increased by two great powers, the United States and Great Britain.

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POST OFFICE MEASURE IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 14.—The post office appropriation bill, aggregating \$333,000,000, including \$1,200,000 for censorship of foreign mails and without any appropriation for pneumatic tube service in New York, Boston or elsewhere, was passed to-day by the House. It now goes to the Senate.

NOT TO BE RE-OPENED.

St. Paul, Dec. 14.—Governor J. A. Burnquist replied to a telegram received by him to-day from Secretary of War Baker, advising that the federal mediation board would visit him in St. Paul to investigate the street car strike. In his reply Governor Burnquist said he would be glad to meet the board informally, but that the decision of the Minnesota Public Safety Commission in regard to the street car differences can not now be re-opened.

GERMAN CONFERENCE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—The Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung of Essen, reports that the president of the War Board of German Industry, the Central Union of Manufacturers and the League of Manufacturers have been summoned to a conference at German great headquarters.

800 OUT OF WORK.

Granite City, Ill., Dec. 14.—Part of the steel plant of the National Enameling and Stamping Company was closed last night because of the fuel shortage. Eight hundred men were thrown out of work. Other large plants in Granite City barely have enough coal to operate.

SAILORS LANDED.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 14.—The Nova Scotia schooner Wanita, 45 tons, was driven ashore on an island at the entrance to the harbor here during a gale to-day, and probably will be a total loss. The crew landed safely.

BROKERS ASSIGN.

New York, Dec. 14.—Jewell Brothers, members of the New York Stock Exchange, who have conducted a broker business in this city since 1894, to-day made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

LACKED QUORUM.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 14.—For lack of a quorum the extraordinary session of Congress called to begin yesterday was not opened.

FOR STARVING POLES.

Berne, Dec. 14.—On behalf of the American Red Cross, the American relief committee here has resorted to the Polish relief committee \$100,000 for starving Polish children.

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NO MORE GRAIN IN HOLLAND ALLOWED FOR LIQUOR MAKING

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—The 200 distilleries of Schiedam, which produce vast quantities of gin and other liquors, have been notified by the Government's grain bureau, the Telegraaf reports, that after this week no more grain will be supplied for conversion into alcoholic products. This means the paralysis of one of the industries for which Holland is best known abroad. Thousands of men will be thrown out of employment.

TAKING NO CHANCES WITH TEUTONS IN ARMY OF STATES

Washington, Dec. 14.—The first steps to place soldiers of German or Austro-Hungarian birth or extraction at duty apart from the actual fighting forces of the country appear in today's army orders.

The orders show the transfer of nearly a hundred enlisted men of the regular or national army to duty with the disciplinary barracks guard at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The list contains hardly a name that does not appear to be of German, Austrian or Hungarian origin. There are several non-commissioned officers. All will be privates in the barracks guard.

Some of the men have come from the American expeditionary force in France, and in other cases it is evident that the men were withdrawn from among recruits ready to sail to join General Pershing's command.

ACID EXPLOSION KILLED ONE MAN AND INJURED FIVE

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14.—One man is dead and five injured as a result of a fire which followed an explosion today at an acid plant of the du Pont Powder Company, eighteen miles from here.

After the firemen had been summoned from this city fire broke out in the Wilmington power house, cutting off all light and electric service.

HINDUS SOLD TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—A charge that five Hindu servants had been sold to the German Government for \$10,000 by Ram Chandra, one of the 31 defendants now on trial here charged with conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India, was made to-day on the witness stand in the United States District Court by Har Charan Das, a "servant" of Chandra, who said he had been one of the five. He said: "Ram Chandra was the 'king' of the Hindu newspaper Gadr (Revolution). He was my master and he sold me and four other of his servants to Germany for a month. I was made to work as a pressman on his newspaper for \$2 a month."

The German Government, the prosecution alleged, backed the Gadr financially in its efforts to embarrass the British Government by fomenting the proposed revolution.

HINDU IS ARRESTED AT TUSCON, ARIZONA

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Naranjan Das, one of the Hindus indicted by a federal grand jury in San Francisco on a charge of fomenting a revolution in India, was arrested here to-day by agents of the Department of Justice. Naranjan Das is a highly educated Hindu, 30 years old.

SERVICE BADGES ARE READY FOR ISSUANCE

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The Militia Department advises that war service badges have come ready for issuance and recommends that applications be sent in through district headquarters without delay. A different badge is issued for each of four classes.

A COAL DIVIDEND

New York, Dec. 14.—The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company, controlled chiefly by stockholders of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, to-day declared a special dividend of \$20 a share, payable in bonds of Great Britain and in Liberty Bonds.

MORE MINES POSSIBLE.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary Lane to-day announced President Wilson's approval of the restoration of more than a quarter of a million acres of withdrawn lignite coal land in the eastern part of Montana and the southwestern part of North Dakota.

The land has been classified as coal land at the minimum price and is available to those who may wish to open mines.

SHORT COVERING IN NEW YORK STOCKS

Market Closed Strong at Highest Prices of the Session

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)
New York, Dec. 14.—A better feeling came over the stock market here after the extreme pessimism of the last week and it did not take much effort to support the rally that started this morning. The short interest, which has been materially increased on account of disappointing news and the fear of the action of Congress in regard to the railways, was made bidding for stocks near the close. The close saw the best prices of the day and the recovery was general.

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HON. JOHN OLIVER WRITES TRIBUNAL Not Surprised at Breach of Faith in Making Findings Public

Vancouver Tribunal No. 51, composed of two civilian members in the persons of L. McLean and F. J. Schofield, delivered their findings yesterday in connection with complaints lodged by Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture and Railways, relative to certain statements made by the Tribunal's military representative, Lieut. Gordon, concerning Malcolm A. Stewart, a civil servant. The Minister received a copy of the report this morning although its full text appeared in the press of Vancouver yesterday afternoon. The matter has been in the public eye for several weeks past and the essence of the Tribunal's findings in the consideration of Lieut. Gordon, Hon. Mr. Oliver, however, has some observations to make on the conclusions reached by the Tribunal.

The Minister has addressed a communication to Messrs. McLean and Schofield in these terms: "I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12th inst., and in view of the fact that when I appeared before the Tribunal on the 19th inst. Mr. Schofield stated that the Tribunal had informed the military authorities that the Tribunal stood behind Lieut. Gordon, I am not surprised at the Tribunal's finding. "At the close of the hearing on the 19th December, the Tribunal informed me that their decision on this matter would not be made public but would be communicated to me, and if I was dissatisfied I could appeal to Mr. Justice Duff at Ottawa. The Tribunal also strictly enjoined me from commenting on the matter in the newspapers, yet in the face of these distinct statements by the Tribunal I receive, through the columns of the Vancouver Province newspaper of yesterday, an exact copy of the Tribunal's decision, as received by me this morning. I am not at all surprised at the Tribunal's breach of faith in this matter. Dates Wrong.

You state that I applied for exemption for Stewart on November 4th as an agricultural expert, and then you go on to say that Stewart resigned from the Vancouver Police Force on the 3rd. This statement appears to be carefully calculated to create the impression that Stewart was not an employee of the Department on the 1st of November, when I wrote asking for his exemption. I wish to advise you that Mr. Stewart applied to this office for a position on the 5th of October, and that on the 29th of October I gave authority to the Deputy Minister to employ Stewart, a copy of this letter you have in your possession. "You say that Lieut. Gordon did make the statement that McLennan had been obliged to resign through pressure, but that he withdrew the statement, but you carefully omit to state that Gordon only withdrew the statement on the advice of Mr. Schofield, a member of the Tribunal, and that at the hearing on the 19th instant it was ascertained, had the Tribunal not interfered, the statement would have stood as far as Gordon was concerned.

What McLennan Said. "You say that McLennan, late editor of the Agricultural Journal, gave it as his opinion that the editorship of the Journal did not require an expert, yet you are fully aware that McLennan, under oath before you, on the 19th instant, swore that he considered it a "distinct advantage" to have an expert in that position. "As to the question if this case was properly investigated, Gordon's evidence was that he had investigated the case, and your letter to me had nothing to do with this statement of Gordon's. Your finding on this charge is simply that Mr. Gordon did not have the time, etc. You know perfectly well that Mr. Gordon did not investigate the case. "As to your statement that "Mr. Oliver did not give the opinion or in-

formation you asked for in reply to your letter of November 10th, in which you state that for three years Stewart had neglected to render himself available for service, either for agricultural or military service. In the first place I had no knowledge of what Stewart had or had not done for three years past, nor am I aware of any law or regulation which required Stewart to offer himself in either one capacity or the other, nor am I in the habit of giving opinions on the basis of statements of which I have no knowledge as to the truth thereof, even if such statements emanate from a Military Tribunal, apparently based on information supplied by Lieut. Gordon."

SELF-SACRIFICE MADE OPERATION POSSIBLE

Pte. A. McCoy's Life Saved by Act of Yorkshire Soldier

Of the many deeds of heroism that will be told of the Great War, few exemplify more clearly that spirit of comradeship and self-sacrifice than that related by Pte. A. G. H. McCoy. In a letter received by his father, Rev. Joseph McCoy, of 1458 Regbie Street, the young Victorian recounts the act of a Yorkshire soldier that was instrumental in saving his life. "Many local people will recall that Pte. McCoy was wounded on November 14. The gash made by a large piece of shrapnel beneath the left knee was such that when he was transported to the dressing station it was found that life had apparently left the body. Only the faintest beat of the pulse was noticeable, so great had been the loss of blood. Army surgeons one and all agreed that immediate amputation was his only chance for life, but with a pulse beating so low they dared not perform the task. "It was then that the true spirit of comradeship, found where men face death unflinchingly, stood uppermost. A Yorkshire soldier stepped quietly forward and offered his life's blood for the man lying at death's door. No moment was lost. From the soldier was taken a pint and a half of blood which was infused into the falling system of his companion. Sufficient strength was given the wounded man and the amputation was successfully performed.

Pte. Arthur McCoy left this city on Christmas Day, 1915, as sergeant with a draft of the 1st Canadian Pioneer. After arrival in England he was appointed drill instructor at Shorefield and during that time was attacked with appendicitis, being transferred to the Canadian Pay and Record Office, Millbank, London, after his recovery. After numerous efforts he was allowed to rejoin the ranks, being sent to the 25th Reserve Battalion and proceeding to France last August. He was wounded in the hands and arms on September 6, rejoining his battalion after spending three weeks in hospital.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Andrew Dick took place yesterday from the Thomson Funeral Chapel, where Mr. Hostetter, of the Christian Science Church, officiated. A large gathering of friends attended the services. There were many beautiful floral tributes sent, among them being large wreaths from the employees of Yarrow's and the employees of the P. Burns Co. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. H. Collier, A. W. Stewart, S. L. Ricketts and A. R. Frowning. Interment, took place in Ross Bay cemetery.

The death occurred on the 12th inst., at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, of Samuel Booth, aged 91 years, a native of Baltimore and a resident of Victoria for the past 59 years. Mr. Booth was formerly engaged in the second-hand business for many years, and had lived at the Provincial Old Men's Home for the last year. He was in the hospital for over two months. There are no relatives living in the city so far as can be ascertained. The remains are at the Thomson Funeral parlors, pending arrangements for burial.

The death occurred at his residence, 1043 Sutley Street, last night of Robert Henry Kneshaw, at the age of 62. The late Mr. Kneshaw was born at Scarborough, England, and of 29 years' residence in Canada the past 18 were spent in this city. He was well-known in local spiritualistic circles as a medium and healer, and is survived by a wife and grown up family. The funeral will be held from the B. C. Funeral Chapel on Monday next at 2.30.

FORMER VICTORIAN DEAD

C. W. Drew, Former Real Estate Agent of Victoria, Passes Away in Toronto. "Victorians will learn with regret of the death of C. W. Drew, which occurred at the home of his parents, 1905 Balfour Street, Toronto, on November 30. The late Mr. Drew was well-known in this city, he having lived with his parents at Belcher Avenue, Oak Bay, for some years, and with his father conducted a real estate business with offices in the Hibben-Bong Block. Previous to leaving with his parents for the East about a year ago he had several paralytic strokes, but at the time of his departure appeared in much better health, and the announcement of his demise comes as a great shock to his many friends. He is survived by his parents, a sister, Mrs. C. F. Swain, of 2053 Byron Street, and one brother, Lieutenant Drew, who is on service in France.

SURGICAL ASS'N. IN ANNUAL SESSIONS

Medical Men From Northwest Discussing War Work From Scientific Standpoint

The annual meeting of the North Pacific Surgical Association, an event of particular interest in scientific circles on the Pacific Coast, is being held to-day and to-morrow in the Belmont Block, of this city. At 9.30 o'clock this morning a representative gathering of medical men from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia assembled for the first session. In all about twenty members of the Association are in Victoria, coming from various cities throughout the field covered by the organization. In normal times the number would have been far greater, but attention has been drawn to the fact that a very large proportion of the Association members are either engaged in army work in the war theatre or in the United States.

As a result of such circumstances much of the scientific work to be accomplished by the annual meeting will be of a nature applicable directly to war conditions. Several papers prepared by members of the Association are being presented on phases of surgical development brought about by the demands of war. In particular the effects of gun shot wounds and skull fractures are receiving special note. The subject is being viewed practically from the light of experience through dealing with thousands of cases on the battlefield. Papers submitted this morning consisted of "Uterus Bicornis Duplex," by Dr. S. E. Wiltzie; "Surgical treatment of Epilepsy following gunshot wounds of Skull," Dr. O. M. Jones; and "So-called Neurasthenia on a Surgical Standpoint," by Dr. H. W. Riggs. The sessions are continuing this afternoon and will be completed to-morrow.

The annual banquet of the Association will be held at the Empress Hotel this evening at 6.30 p.m. The following members are in attendance from various parts of the Northwest: O. M. Jones, Victoria, president; H. W. Riggs, Vancouver, secretary-treasurer; R. C. Boyle, Vancouver; R. D. Forbes, Seattle; L. H. Hamilton, Portland; W. B. Holden, Portland; Chas. D. Hunter, Tacoma; O. F. Lamson, Seattle; Adolph O. Lee, Seattle; K. A. J. MacKenzie, Portland; A. S. Monro, Vancouver; R. E. McKechnie, Vancouver; P. A. McLennan, Vancouver; J. B. McNetheby, Tacoma; C. W. Shاربles, Seattle; H. R. Storrs, Vancouver; M. G. Sturgis, Seattle; O. B. Wright, Portland; S. P. Wiltzie, Seattle.

UNIONIST MEETING TONIGHT

An Array of Oratory Will Support J. C. McIntosh at Rex Theatre. At the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt, to-night the Union forces will hold a mass meeting in the interests of the candidature of J. C. McIntosh. In addition to the speech of the candidate, addresses will be heard from Mr. H. Bayne, O. C. "U" Unit, Military Hospitals Commission Command, F. J. Stacopoulos, K. C., and J. B. Wankleker. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Father Silver.

SWISS TO REGISTER

Alpine Republic Anxious to Know Where Her Subjects Are; is Not a War Measure. In accordance with instructions received from the Swiss Political Department, all Swiss residents of Canada are requested by the Acting Consul-General of Switzerland, B. R. Iseli, to register immediately at their respective consular offices. The office for registration in British Columbia and Alberta is 122 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, to S. Gintzburger. Swiss papers, such as passport, act of origin (Naimatschein) and military booklet, are to be presented or sent in by mail. To avoid any misunderstanding it is pointed out that the purpose of this registration is not a war measure, but simply an establishment of a complete register of all Swiss residing in the Dominion, and a revision of already existing statistics.

Apart from the usefulness of this inscription, it is necessary that patriots understand and regard this communication an urgent appeal to report immediately, as full statistics are shortly to be sent to the Swiss Government. Some Salesman.—One of the prairie visitors in town relates as an absolute fact that an energetic automobile salesman recently alighted at a prairie town of moderate proportions and in the space of exactly sixty minutes booked orders for fourteen autos. Successful Bazaar.—Court Triumph. A. O. F. wishes to thank the members and friends for their generous contributions to the home production stall at the Bazaar on Wednesday last. Mr. Whitehouse was the winner in the bean-throwing contest, Mrs. Yoye holding ticket No. 2 for the raffle of the doll. The Chinese laundry did a brisk business, adding considerably to the success of the evening. An auction was held to dispose of left-over produce. The next event will be held for the Halifax relief fund.

RED CROSS WORK

Mrs. Percy Hardiman is holding a children's Christmas party at Fairfield branch rooms, corner of May and Lindsay, to-morrow afternoon from 4 until 6 p.m. A Christmas tree will be a feature of the affair, and Santa Claus will be in attendance to distribute the gifts. Tea will be served and a big attendance is anticipated. Gorge Branch. A "five hundred yard party" will be held on Saturday, December 15, in the Gorge branch work rooms at 8.15 p.m. A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, in the work rooms, corner Tillamook Road and Obed Avenue. As these are the last meetings to be held in the old year a large turnout is anticipated. Nanaimo Wedding.—A quiet wedding was solemnized at the parsonage of the Wallace Street Methodist Church, Nanaimo, Wednesday, when Rev. Frank Hardy united in marriage Miss Beatrice Meredith, of Northfield, and Mr. William Wakeleim, of this city. A brief honeymoon will be spent visiting the cities of the Mainland, after which the young couple will return and reside in Nanaimo.

COMMISSIONERS TO BE CHOSEN POPULARLY

First Election in City and District Municipalities Next Month

Municipal elections will be called upon next month to select two Police Commissioners by popular vote. Candidates must have the same qualifications as aldermen or councillors as the case may be, but it is not sure yet whether they may be the same personnel as the members of the Municipal Council. The Mayors and Reeves of municipalities are ex-officio chairmen of the boards, and unless the electors choose some citizen who is also a member of the council, the predominance exercised hitherto in matters financial by the councils will terminate. The candidate obtaining the highest number of votes will serve for two years, the second on the poll for one year, and thereafter members will have a two year term.

The matter has to be taken up at once by the various returning officers, and arrangements made for the extra room required for the handling of the ballots. There is no idea yet who will be the candidates for the honor of being the first elective commissioners of Victoria and the adjacent municipalities. The same rule would have applied to license commissioners, as it has hitherto done in Vancouver City, except for the removal of their duties by the Prohibition Act. The extra administrative duties cast upon the police in enforcing this act will, of course, come under the police commissioners.

GREAT INCREASE IN ORDERS FOR LUMBER

Phenomenal Figures for November Point to Great Expansion in B. C.

Reference has been made in these columns on more than one occasion relative to the hopeful outlook for the future of British Columbia's lumber industry. The predictions were by no means over-colored, since reports reaching the office of The Times go to show that for the month of November British Columbia lumber mills have experienced their record in the way of orders. Nearly sixty million feet is the total, or approximately twenty million feet is the increase for November of this year, over the same period in 1916. While it is not possible to secure accurate details concerning the present general output capacity, it is safe to draw the inference that with the phenomenal increase in demand commercial enterprise and the requisite capital may be regarded as a certain result and insure still further expansion.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Unionists at Semples' Hall Hear Dr. Tolmie and Dr. Ernest Hall Last Night. In spite of the inclement weather Semples' Hall was well filled last night to hear Dr. Tolmie and other speakers in the Unionist cause. The gathering was presided over by Dr. Bayne and an enthusiastic audience accorded the candidate a flattering reception. Dr. Ernest Hall dealt at length with the granting of the woman's franchise, taking the stand that it was a very gracious thing for the Government to do. It was only right that the patient sufferings of the women at home should be acknowledged and who, if not those whose relatives lay buried in France, had the right to an expression at the polls.

Dr. Tolmie dealt with the vital issues before the country and pledged himself that if victory were his on Monday, to exert the limit of his power on behalf of a fuller participation in the war, with conscription as the corner stone.

Certain German newspapers, by confusing Earl Grey with Viscount Grey, have given the latter an opportunity of reading his own obituaries. There have been many similar instances. Among the distinguished people who have been "buried" by the newspapers before they were dead may be mentioned the late Count Tolstol, the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, and Dr. Kennison, the present Bishop of Bath and Wells. Obituary notices of the late C. H. Brookfield—playwright, and afterwards play censor—appeared in two newspapers some years before he died. They afforded their subject much amusement. "Both the newspapers in question," wrote Mr. Brookfield, referring to the incident, "spoke of me far more kindly than I had any right to expect, and one finished up by saying: 'News taken at the Christmas fair at Shawanigan Lake on December 5. Members were asked to send in their nominations for new directors before December 31 to the assistant secretary. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Tuesday, January 23, 1917, in the A. O. F. Hall, Cobble Hill.

MATSQUI FARMERS ASK FOR UNBIASED REPORT

Coast Markets Commissioner "Hampered by Adverse Notices From Others"

Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture and Railways, has received the underquoted copy of a resolution passed by the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, dealing with reports issued by the Market Commissioner in respect of market conditions and other matters. The terms of the resolution follow: "Whereas a careful investigation has shown the potato and vegetable crop of British Columbia to be below the average yield; "And whereas further investigation made by competent persons shows the shrinkage in storage potatoes to be greater than other years, due to disease and second growth;

"And whereas in the opinion of this meeting, there have been far too many harsh reports published in regard to the potato crop and the potato markets of British Columbia and Canada; Make Protest. "We, at this meeting assembled at Matsqui, B. C., on December 1, 1917, go on record and protest against any such efforts being handed out, more especially referring to the report of November 5, issued over the signature of the Fruit and Vegetable Advisory Committee to the Food Controller at Ottawa, Ont.; "Be it therefore resolved, that this meeting petition our Provincial Government and ask that a clear and unbiased statement be made to the Press for the benefit of the farmers by the Coast Markets Commissioner who is in touch with the situation, and who we have found to be fair in giving out such information, but feel that of late he has been somewhat hampered in this, owing to the adverse notices being given out by other parties, who, in our opinion, are being influenced to bear the market to the producer. Minimum Price For Hogs. "Be it further resolved, that we ask the proper authorities to use their influence with the Food Controller in setting a minimum price to the producer for hogs in order that our production in this-product might be increased without loss to the producer. "And we would further go on record as favoring a minimum price to be set on a beef of over 500 pounds weight, which we believe would encourage the farmers to raise veal calves into beef instead of slaughtering them when from eight to ten weeks old. "And we would further recommend that the farmers of British Columbia organize for the further conservation and production of food stuffs for the Allies, and for their own protection against profiteers, and that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the "press," the various farmers' organizations and Government officials.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN APPLICATION will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for an Act to be known as the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1917", providing for the following matters, and giving to the said Corporation and the Municipal Council thereof the following powers: I.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES. Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time, of all or any portion of any treasury certificates or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation, for a further term or terms not exceeding five years from the original date or dates of maturity of such treasury certificates or treasury bills; and notwithstanding that any such treasury certificates or treasury bills have been or may be issued subsequent to the first day of February, 1917.

II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES

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THE SAILORS' VOTE ON VISITING SHIPS

Still Questions Raised as to Correct Voting Qualifications

One of the questions raised this morning in connection with voting qualifications for the federal poll on Monday next concerned itself with the case of officers and men of visiting warships. That section of the Act dealing with both naval and military forces would appear to provide that a subject of the British Empire serving on any of His Majesty's warships reaching and remaining in this port from time to time, may not vote unless he has been appointed, enlisted, enrolled or called out for and placed on active service as one of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Militia on active service, or the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, or has been, while within Canada, appointed, enlisted or enrolled as one of the British Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Service, or Auxiliary Motor Boat Patrol Service.

This refers equally to an officer, soldier, sailor, dentist, nurse, aviator, mechanic, or otherwise, who remains one of any such forces or services, or has been honorably discharged therefrom, or, in the case of an officer, or without fault on his part, has had his services dispensed with.

The case in point is that of the officers and crew of a warship now in port. Any men aboard who can answer to one of the qualifications noted above, may vote. If he is an ordinary British sailor with concurrent service in the Imperial navy, then he may not vote.

CIVIL ENGINEERS

Canadian Society Elected Officers for Year at Meeting in Belmont House.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Branch Canadian Society of Civil Engineers was held in the club room, 519 Belmont House, on Wednesday evening, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, R. W. Macintyre; vice-chairman, J. S. Fowler; secretary, E. G. Marriott; treasurer, E. Davis; other executive members, W. K. Gwyer, E. P. McKie; auditors, F. C. Green and C. Hoard.

A financial statement for the current year was presented by the auditors, J. B. Shaw and L. W. Toms, showing that the Branch finances were in a satisfactory condition. The Executive Committee reported that they had invested the sum of \$100 in a Victory Loan Bond on behalf of the Branch, and also that \$25 had been forwarded to Montreal for the Tobacco Fund for members serving overseas. It was unanimously resolved that a further sum of \$25 should be donated to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the overseas members who have given their lives for the Empire.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the retiring chairman, D. O. Lewis, for his useful and energetic work in connection with the reorganization of the Society and the affairs of the Branch locally. After the new officers had been inducted, the meeting closed.

MILITARY MEDAL

Pte. G. C. Sanson, Son of Mrs. Sanson, Linden Avenue, Receives Distinction.

Mrs. George Sanson, 1023 Linden Avenue, has received word that her son, Pte. G. C. Sanson, of the 1st Company, Motor Machine Gun Brigade, has been awarded the Military Medal.

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WOULD RELIEVE ALL TAXES ON HOMES OF "REAL" SERVICE MEN

Civic Retrenchment Association Has Before It Proposal Re Delinquency Problem

WAR RELIEF ACT DOES NOT RELIEVE SOLDIERS

The question of soldiers' tax delinquency was before the Civic Retrenchment Association last evening. After President J. A. Howard Chapman had read the outline of the scheme under consideration, a short discussion followed, and it was resolved to adjourn to a later date to consider the proposal. In the meantime the draft will go back to the Executive for consideration, and recommendation on details which are not dealt with in the general proposal.

Protection of Homes.
Mr. Chapman then read the draft as follows:

"That this meeting, called by the Civic Retrenchment Association, recommends to the Executive of the Provincial Government for their earnest consideration, that a basis of agreement be made between the Provincial Government and the individual cities and municipalities of the Province for the adoption of a measure of relief for the men of H.M. Forces (or the widows or children of men who have made the supreme sacrifice), which will annul all arrears of municipal taxes that have accumulated since the commencement of the war, and which shall be in arrears upon such property at the demobilization of such forces. Only One Home.

"That this agreement shall apply only to the taxes which may be delinquent upon the home, which at the declaration of war, was registered in the name of such man or his wife. And, further, that this agreement shall apply only to such men of H.M. Forces who have gone overseas, and shall have taken an active part in actual field or marine operations. The War Relief Act is an Act in name only, as the returned men cannot possibly be in a position to meet such taxes either now or upon demobilization.

"Why? Because until such time as the cities and municipalities know what their actual, and not visionary, assets are, it will be impossible to provide proper curtailment in civic expenditure, which must sooner or later be faced by each city or municipality."

Not Speculative Lands.
The President, after reading the statement, pointed out that the Provincial Government had its own problems to provide revenue, and it was not to be expected the Government would saddle itself with other expenses which were not reasonable, so the relief was proposed to be limited to the homes, giving no encouragement on speculative properties.

They would note it, only applied to those soldiers who had gone overseas—who had actually taken part in marine or field operations—and therefore it would cut out that class of "soldier" at home of whom they heard so much in the present election. The subject was a large one, but would have to be tackled, and in looking at many of these soldiers' taxes, the cities would have to regard them not in the light of assets, but as a liability, detracting from a true statement of affairs.

Alderman Andros favored taking the subject up at a later meeting, because any resolution passed on such an important subject should be supported by a large gathering.

Equitable Division.
Having heard from the chairman the amount of taxes collected up to December 7, F. J. O'Reilly pointed out that the executive ought to consider the position with some care, as it wanted threshing out well. There ought to be consideration given to the question of the sixth rebate from general taxes, of which they had heard at the last meeting, because it would not be just and equitable to ask the Government to assume anything beyond the net taxes, also the City should shoulder the interest. The question of segregating the lands to receive the relief, and the class of service men to receive its benefits would also want very careful consideration.

The chairman said the proposal had only been drafted along general lines and did not touch details.

The meeting then adjourned with the understanding that the Executive would consider the draft before it comes back to a general meeting.

VICTORIAN MARK TAPLEY

Wounded in — and Unable to Eat, Corp'l. Russell is Still Cheerful.

"All my lower jaw is smashed and teeth gone, and my mouth is full of wires holding the jaw in position. It's awful painful, but I'm lucky, so I don't mind how much I suffer. I also got a piece of shrapnel through the left shoulder and one or two small pieces all over my back, but in time I'll be all right. Of course I can't eat, but I get lots of custards and soups."
So writes a Canadian Mark Tapley of the war, Cpl. D. C. Russell, late of Victoria, to his wife, who resides at 290 Maddock Avenue. Cpl. Russell, who was wounded on November 7, and is now in a hospital in France, left with the 61st Battalion, March, 1916, later being transferred to the 27th.

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