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ATHENS GOVERNMENT WILL MEET IN FULL DEMANDS OF ALLIES

Decision Reached by Crown Council Yesterday Communicated at Once to Entente Ministers; Dispatch From Salonica Says Clashes Between Allies and Greek Royalists Imminent

London, Jan. 17.—The announcement that the Greek government has accepted in their entirety the demands of the allies was received here to-day in a cablegram from Sir F. E. H. Elliott, British minister at Athens.

London, Jan. 17.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that the Greek government has accepted the entente's ultimatum without reservation. The decision was reached by the crown council on Tuesday afternoon, according to the dispatch, and was communicated immediately to the entente ministers.

The release of the Venizelists who were arrested following the outbreak in Athens on Dec. 1 is expected hourly.

Salonica, Jan. 17.—Hostilities between King Constantine's army and the entente forces appear more imminent than at any time since the fight in Athens. Information has reached French official quarters here that Greek royalist troops at Ellassona have begun to march toward the rear of Gen. Sarrail's forces.

This march northward violates the neutral zone established between the Greek royalist troops and the Venizelists which Constantine, as well as the entente powers agreed to observe. Ellassona is 20 miles north of the royalist base at Larissa, where von Falkenhayn is said to be. It is only 50 miles from Ellassona to the Salonica-Monastir railroad, which supplies Gen. Sarrail's left wing.

The Greek royalist troops also have violated the terms of the agreement of King Constantine to transport them in the very opposite direction to Poloponnese, where they could not threaten the entente troops.

The Greek wireless station continues to exchange constant messages with Berlin.

TURKS DRIVEN BACK IN VADENI REGION

Berlin War Office Admits Retirement Before Russo-Roumanian Forces

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Russian and Roumanian forces yesterday continued their violent attacks with strong forces against the German lines recently captured by the Germans between Kasino and Suchitza valleys, says to-day's army headquarters statement. At only one place did the Russians and Roumanians succeed in gaining a footing, being sanguinarily repulsed at the other battle points.

Near Vadeni, between Braila and Galatz, the statement adds, the advanced Turkish posts were retired, according to commanders, in the face of numerically superior hostile forces, to the main intercepting line.

TV.0 MORE NORWEGIAN VESSELS SENT DOWN BY GERMAN SUBMARINES

London, Jan. 17.—Lloyd's shipping agency announces that the Norwegian steamships Solvang and Otta have been sunk.

The Solvang, of 2,370 tons gross, was last reported as arriving at Leghorn on Dec. 17 from the Tyne.

The Otta, of 2,238 tons gross, sailed on Dec. 15 from Schiedam for Barry, according to the latest marine reports of her movements.

GERMAN STATEMENT ABOUT RUSSIAN FRONT

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Russian attacks against German positions south of Smorgon, on the Russian front, were repulsed yesterday, says an official statement given out to-day. The Russians who had entered the German lines along a narrow front were driven back, leaving numerous dead on the field.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED.

Spokane, Jan. 15.—Three men, a conductor and two brakemen, were killed in a rear-end collision of two Northern Pacific freight trains near Marshall, Wash., to-day. The men who were killed lived in Spokane.

AMERICAN SHIPS TO USE BRITISH SHELLS

Hadfields, Ltd., Given Contracts for 14-Inch and 16-Inch Projectiles

AMERICANS BID AT MUCH HIGHER FIGURES

Washington, Jan. 17.—Contracts for armor-piercing navy projectiles of the 14 and 16-inch type totalling \$3,141,000 were awarded to-day by Secretary Daniels to Hadfields, Ltd., the English munitions company.

The bids from American firms were more than \$200 a shell in excess of that submitted by Hadfields. In announcing these awards, Secretary Daniels said the department had made every effort to secure reductions in prices which would enable it to give a contract to an American concern, but had failed to obtain satisfactory bids.

The question of delivery, aside from cost of the shells, was an important factor in favor of Hadfields. On the 4,500 14-inch projectiles delivery was guaranteed in nineteen months and for the 3,000 16-inch sixteen months was specified. The time proposals from American bidders were approximately twice those of the British company.

NO REFERENCE TO SUBMARINE WARFARE

In Replying to Addresses Wilhelm Avoids Subject of Unrestricted Campaign

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Kaiser Wilhelm, in reply to an address to him from the Hansa League, occasioned by the entente's announcement of its war aims, passes over in silence the league's reference to the necessity of the "energetic employment of all weapons with iron determination."

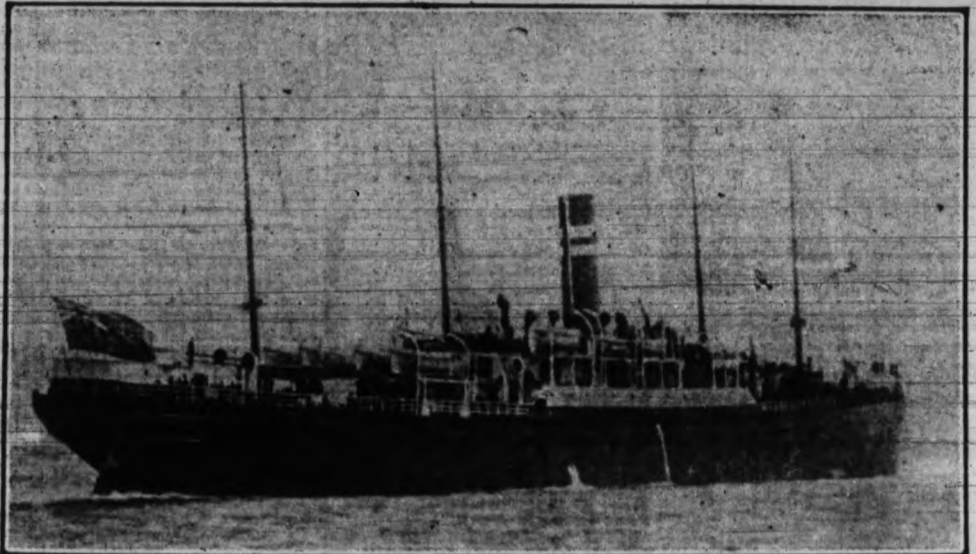
The address was one of hundreds which now are pouring in from the federal states, parliamentary bodies, municipalities and trade organizations of all kinds throughout Germany, thanking him for the manifesto with which he responded to the entente's announcement of its conditions for ending the war and pledging their loyal and enthusiastic support in the further conduct of the war.

Several of these addresses have touched on the idea of unrestricted use of the submarine, referring to it in some such way as did the Hansa League, but the kaiser's reply has uniformly avoided any reference to this subject.

RADNORSHIRE CARRIED 20,000 BAGS OF COFFEE

New York, Jan. 17.—The sinking of the British steamship Radnorshire off the Brazilian coast, was confirmed to-day by cables received here by the coffee importing firm of Hard & Rand. Joseph Purcell, a member of the firm, said his firm had 20,000 bags of coffee on board.

One of the Steamships Sunk By German Raider; Mount Temple



The Mount Temple, one of the vessels used in the trans-Atlantic service by the C. P. R., was 485 feet long, her gross tonnage being 5,790. She was built in 1901.

IN ATLANTIC EIGHT BRITISH SHIPS AND TWO FRENCH SUNK BY A GERMAN RAIDER; TWO STEAMSHIPS CAPTURED

Steamships Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minieh, Netherbyhall, Mount Temple, King George, Georgic and Voltaire and Barques Nantes and Asnières Sent Down; St. Theodore and Yarrowdale Taken

London, Jan. 17.—The following eight British and two French merchantmen are believed to have been sunk by a German raider: British—Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minieh, Netherbyhall, Mount Temple, King George, Georgic, Voltaire, French—Nantes and Asnières.

The steamships St. Theodore and Yarrowdale were captured. Their whereabouts are unknown.

The following announcement was given out here officially to-day: "For some time past it had been assumed that the following British and French merchant ships, which had long been overdue, had been sunk by a German raider:

British—Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minieh, Netherbyhall, Mount Temple, King George, Georgic, Voltaire, French—Nantes and Asnières.

"Definite information has now been received from Pernambuco confirming this assumption.

"On the evening of Monday the Japanese steamship Hudson Maru arrived off Pernambuco, having on board the masters and 237 men of the crews of some of the lost vessels, which were sunk on various dates between December 12 and January 12.

"In addition the steamship St. Theodore was captured and a prize crew put on board, and the steamship Yarrowdale was captured and sent away with about 400 men, the crews of others of the destroyed vessels, who were to be landed. No further news has yet been received of their whereabouts."

Most of these vessels when last reported were in the South-Atlantic, indicating that the German raider has been at work off the South American coast. At Norfolk last night there was picked up a wireless warning that a German raider was off the Brazilian coast near Pernambuco last Friday.

The message, addressed "to all ships," placed the raider in latitude 7 degrees south and longitude 25 degrees west. The German vessel was described as a ship of about 4,000 tons, well armed and with torpedo tubes. She had one black funnel and two masts.

The Voltair and Georgic, long overdue, had been virtually given up for lost. The Voltair left Liverpool on November 28 for New York and was not heard from again. She was believed to have been sunk by a mine or a submarine. The Voltair was a vessel of 5,618 tons gross. She was 485 feet long, 58 feet beam and built at Glasgow in 1907. She was owned by the Liverpool, Brazil and River Plate Steam Navigation Company.

The White Star freighter Georgic sailed from Philadelphia on December 2 for Liverpool with a general cargo. The White Star agents said some time ago that her destruction must be conceded, as she had never taken more than 15 days to cross the Atlantic in winter. Her gross tonnage was 10,077. She was 557 feet long, 60 feet beam, and was built in 1895.

The Dramatist, of 5,421 tons gross, and 410 feet long, was built in Glasgow in 1913. She sailed from Seattle on November 9 and San Francisco on November 18, arriving at Colon on December 3 and St. Lucia on December 10, the last report of her movement.

The most recent movements of the Radnorshire have not been recorded. She was a Royal Mail Steam Packet steamship of 4,392 tons gross. She was 435 feet long, and was built in Sunderland in 1913.

The Netherbyhall, of 4,461 tons gross, was 381 feet long, and was built in 1905 at Newcastle. She belonged to the Hall Line, of London. When last reported she was on her way from India to Cuba.

VADENI RECAPTURED FROM ENEMY FORCES BY STORM AND HELD

Petrograd Announces Roumanian Village Six Miles Southwest of Danube Town of Galatz Retaken; Enemy Received Reinforcements and Attacked in Force; Attack Was Broken Up

Petrograd, Jan. 17.—The war office to-day announced the recapture of the village of Vadeni, in Roumania, six miles southwest of the Danube town of Galatz.

An attempt by the defeated Teutonic forces, with reinforcements, to recapture Vadeni was frustrated by the Russians, who inflicted heavy losses.

The official statement reads: "Our detachments, after artillery preparation, gained by storm the village of Vadeni, 10 versts southwest of Galatz. The enemy, having received reinforcements and assisted by an artillery drumfire, himself took the offensive with the object of regaining the village.

"His dense formations, which came under our concentrated fire, suffered great losses and failed to reach our trenches.

"Our detachments, by a night attack, succeeded in driving the Germans out of Gerselch, southwest of the mouth of the river Rimnik, capturing two machine guns, but as the result of a counter-attack by superior enemy forces we were obliged to withdraw from the captured village. German attacks southeast of Gerselch were checked by our fire."

Made Advance.
London, Jan. 17.—Russian and Roumanian forces struck out again yesterday in western Moldavia and advanced a mile and a half in the region of Prales, some 12 miles south of the confluence of the Kasino and Troitus rivers. In the sector between Prales and Fokshani, near Rekosa, they gave another demonstration of their increased power by beating off two furious attacks delivered by enemy troops last night.

These entente successes, announced by Petrograd last night, are not admitted by Berlin, which claims complete repulse of all assaults in this region. On the other hand, the German war office makes no claims of advances by the Teutonic forces and attacks by Petrograd last night, are not admitted by Berlin, which claims complete repulse of all assaults in this region.

The cabinet also fixed a minimum rate of payment to munitions workers in the Paris district. In view of the recent strikes in munitions factories, the government will issue shortly a decree providing for compulsory arbitration of disputes between the workers and their employers.

The bill of General Roques met with the strongest criticism. It was maintained that it would cause an economic convulsion throughout the country and fill the military hospitals with invalids.

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THIRTY-FOUR VACANT SEATS AT OTTAWA

Nineteen in Commons; Fifteen in Senate; Format Opening Friday

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—When parliament assembles to-morrow there will be 34 vacant seats, 19 in the Commons and 15 in the Senate. Besides these there will be a number of absentees, chiefly members who are on active service. Among the absent members will be Sir George Perley, W. F. Carroll, H. F. McLeod, H. H. McLean, Sam Sharpe and Hon. H. S. Beland.

Of the vacancies in the Commons, 6 are in Quebec, 5 in Ontario, 3 in Nova Scotia, 1 in New Brunswick, 1 in Prince Edward Island, 2 in Manitoba and 1 in Saskatchewan. As last represented, 13 of these seats were Conservative and 6 Liberal.

The only business to-morrow will be the appointment of E. N. Rhodes as speaker. A deputy speaker will be appointed at the first meeting of the house in committee of the whole, there being really no deputy speaker-in-fact he is simply chairman of committees.

The formal opening of parliament will take place on Friday, and the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will begin on Monday.

AMERICAN DOCTOR WAS ON S. S. GEORGIC

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Dr. Orville E. McKim, of this city, was a passenger on the Georgic, believed to have been sunk by a German raider. Dr. McKim was a veterinary surgeon and had been in charge of cargoes of horses shipped to the allies during the war.

The next week promises developments of peculiar interest to the allies in view of their definite rejection of all German peace offers and the necessity of the central powers fighting on under their growing burdens.

NINE SHIPS TAKEN, ANOTHER VERSION

Information Reaches Rio de Janeiro German Raider Sank Seven Vessels

NEWS FROM BRITISH OFFICIAL SOURCE

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 17.—According to information received here to-day from a British official source, seven vessels in the Atlantic have been sunk and nine captured by a German raider.

The vessels reported sunk are: British—Radnorshire, St. Theodore, Dramatist, Minieh, Tredegar Hall, French—Nantes, Asnières.

The vessels captured include the following: British—King George, Mount Temple, Georgic, Voltair, Yarrowdale, Japanese—Hudson Maru.

All these vessels were sunk or captured between December 12 and January 19 on the route between the Azores and Pernambuco in longitudes varying between 40 and 25 east and latitudes between 20 north and 7 south.

The crews of the steamships sunk were placed on the Hudson Maru. This vessel was compelled to accompany the raider to a point 7 degrees south latitude, where she arrived January 12. She then received permission to go to Pernambuco, where she arrived on Monday evening with 237 men from the crews of the vessels which had been sunk. No information in regard to the crews of the captured vessels has been received.

The raider is said to be a ship of the Moewe type.

AUSTRIAN VESSEL SUNK BY FRENCH

Submarine Sent Ship Down Last Sunday Near Dalmatian Archipelago

Rome, Jan. 17.—An Austrian ship was torpedoed on January 14 near the Dalmatian archipelago by a French submarine, according to a communication issued by the admiralty here to-day.

A Vienna dispatch under date January 15 reported that the Austrian passenger steamer Zagreb, of 537 tons, had been torpedoed without warning off the coast of Central Dalmatia with a loss of 26 lives.

A GERMAN CLAIM.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Hanover infantry troops yesterday entered French positions on Combes heights and returned to their own trenches with several prisoners after defeating the hostile garrison in their trenches, says a statement issued to-day by army headquarters.

Philadelphian, Jan. 17.—The British steamship Georgic, Philadelphia for Brest, reported sunk by a German raider, had in her cargo 1,500 horses for France. A large quantity of cattle feed, 2,500 bushels of wheat, 19,000 barrels of lubricating oil and 400 cases of rifles were destined for Liverpool.

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**ASK BENNETT TO
MAKE RETRACTION**

Alberta Federation of Labor Notes Statement Credited to Him

Edmonton, Jan. 17.—The Patriotic Fund and R. B. Bennett's alleged statement that the criticism by organized labor of the national service scheme had been prompted by German agents or motives, were the two subjects that gave rise to most of the discussion at the session of the Alberta Federation of Labor yesterday afternoon, when the resolutions submitted by the various locals came up for consideration.

In regard to the Patriotic Fund, the resolution adopted, and to which, in itself, there was no objection, demands of the government a measure guaranteeing soldiers' dependents the fullest measure of security in the means of life, and goes on record against the present method of obtaining money through the Patriotic Fund by voluntary subscriptions.

As to Mr. Bennett, it was decided to adopt the resolution as received. As passed, the resolution calls upon Mr. Bennett for a retraction, and provides that Sir Robert Borden be asked to apologise to organized labor "for the extremely rash and ill-timed statement of his colleague."

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**RUSSIANS SUCCEEDED
DESPITE CONDITIONS**

Great Haul on Riga Front; Activities on the Western Front

London, Jan. 17.—"Neither blinding snowstorms, nor paralyzing frosts, nor impassable marshes could check your ardor." Such is the tribute of General Dimitrieff to the Russian forces on the Riga front. His message fulfills the key to the Russian attacks in the last week.

Despite long and furious hand-to-hand struggles and the murderous fire of hundreds of machine guns, the czar's troops have succeeded in breaking the German lines, almost entirely destroying three enemy regiments and routing another and finally overrunning the fortifications constructed only after fifteen months' hard labor.

The tale of the captures is eloquent, including fifty machine guns and enormous quantities of equipment—over 100,000 bottles of brandy.

Berlin Statement.
Berlin, Jan. 17.—The war office announced last night that engagements were in progress south of Smorgon, on the Russian front. On the western front there was no important action.

Western Front.
London, Jan. 17.—The following official report dealing with operations on the front in France was issued last night:

"Early Tuesday morning a hostile raid against our line northeast of Guesdecourt was repulsed with loss before the enemy could reach our trenches. We had no casualties.

"There was some artillery activity on both sides during the night north of Bouchavesnes, in the neighborhood of Coudreselle and in the Ancre valley. To-day hostile artillery activity continued in the Beaumont-Hamel and Arras areas.

"Our trench mortars destructively bombarded the enemy on the line north of Monchy-au-Bois. The enemy's positions in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Comines canal were heavily shelled by us, and his defences were much damaged."

French Report.
Paris, Jan. 17.—War office statement issued last night said:

"A rather spirited artillery action took place on the Somme front, east of Verdun and in Lorraine. A surprise attack carried out by us against enemy trenches east of Vic-sur-Aisne was completely successful."

A Belgian statement said:

"There was slight artillery activity around Dixmude and Steenstraete. It was quite intense in the direction of Het Sas."

**GERMAN COMMENT ON
"LEAK" ON PEACE NOTE**

Leipzig Paper Prefers German Methods to Those in States

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—The Leipzig Neuste Nachrichten, commenting on the speculation on the New York stock exchange at the time of the issuance of President Wilson's note, under the heading of "The Washington Scandal," says:

"What interests us most in the scandal, so characteristic of American adroitness in making dollars out of a horrible slaughter by rustling peace palms, is the searchlight falling on the national institutions and administration. The war shows anew what peace taught us a hundred times—Jupiter Mammon is the real ruler of these states which praise to us stay-at-home Germans their free constitutions and which, so far as they are linked with our enemies, talk to us of their aims to liberate us from militarism and monarchy and offer to bless us with their patented liberties."

"Germany declines with thanks the offer to improve us. Though there may be many respects in which we need reforms and are susceptible of improvement, the inner purity and unassailability of our monarchical government raise it high above the pseudo-democratic-republican production and cause us to thank God that we remain protected from this all-too-western progress."

**HON. H. S. BELAND IS
TO BE LIBERATED**

Quebec, Jan. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has written to E. Nadeau, of Beauce Junction, to the effect that, as a result of representations made by the British embassy at Washington, Hon. H. S. Beland, M. P., former postmaster-general of Canada, who was made a prisoner by the Germans in Belgium during the early stages of the war, will be liberated shortly.

FOR SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS.

Regina, Jan. 17.—Premier Martin, in the course of a statement last evening, announced that a bill is now under consideration to be presented to the legislature at the session which opens next week to create a Saskatchewan farm mortgage board. This board is the body through which loans will be made to farmers.

**IRISH SETTLEMENT
WOULD AID EMPIRE**

Arrangement Coming Before End of This Year, Says T. P. O'Connor

London, Jan. 17.—T. P. O'Connor, the well-known Irish editor and spokesman, dined last night with the inmates of the Perkins Bull hospital at Putney. He conversed freely with the convalescing patients and delivered an address, during which he described Canada as "the greatest triumph of the great institutions of our empire." He continued:

"If there be any among my old opponents and friends on the Irish question who expect that this federation of our empire now anticipated can be consummated without the close of the struggle between England and Ireland, by concession to Ireland of that autonomy which has proved the salvation and spiritual cement of the empire, then I have to say to all that the world can not become free and Ireland remain bound. There is no section which counts in English schools of thought that is not convinced that bestowal of such a measure of self-government of Ireland is not only an appeal to justice, but also to the Imperial interest and repute.

"What stands in the way is not English opinion, but relics of old divisions in Ireland itself, coming from dark and distant ages of unwise government."

"I speak in well-founded hope that this year will not have passed without seeing England and Ireland completely reconciled.

"By the side of your glorious country of Canada there lies with only an imaginary boundary between the two, the most powerful democracy the world has ever seen. When the issue now before the world has been decided I pray and hope that the democracy of the United States will unite with us all in safeguarding the verdict of the battlefield."

**CASUALTIES AMONG
CANADIAN SOLDIERS**

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. R. B. Fowler, Springhill, N. S.; Pte. H. B. Melster, Lunenburg, N. S.; Pte. H. B. Mahar, Kentville, N. S.

Dead of wounds—Pte. C. N. Ransay, Toronto; Pte. A. C. Clearmont, Hull, Que.; Pte. J. A. McMillan, Finch, Ont.; Pte. J. McKinnon, Sydney, N. S.

Previously reported missing; now reported killed in action—Pte. G. S. Hough, Toronto.

Dangerously ill—Pte. Sam Glickwell, London, Ont.; Pte. W. A. Blackwell, England; Pte. Thomas Gillan, Montreal.

Seriously ill—Pte. W. P. Anderson, Australia.

Wounded—Maj. C. W. James, Clareholm, Alta.; Pte. C. W. Buzzell, St. Mary's, Ont.; Pte. A. G. Beck, Toronto; Pte. Edward Mead, East Burnaby, B. C.; Sgt. J. H. Graves, Vancouver; Cpl. Clarence Hadden, Vancouver; Pte. Stewart Watson, Capitol Hill, B. C.; Pte. T. McNab, Edmonton; Pte. W. Hladie, South Vancouver; Pte. A. S. Merritt, England; Pte. J. A. Moran, Moose Jaw; Pte. J. C. Smith, Nanaimo, B. C.

Mounted Rifles.
Killed in action—Cpl. R. W. Pitts, Dauphin, Man.; Pte. E. Broadhurst, Winnipeg; Pte. C. W. Pick, England; Pte. Fred Saunders, Toronto.

Reported missing; believed killed—Cpl. S. Storer, Malton, Sask.; Pte. C. C. Stacey, Dauphin, Man.

Wounded—Sgt. Maj. A. E. Tall, Scotland; Pte. S. L. Davies, Winnipeg; Pte. E. Sprout, Milk River, Alta.; Pte. J. R. Gall, Stonewall, Man.

Artillery.
Dangerously ill—Gnr. A. F. Smith, Halifax; Gnr. J. A. Arnott, Peterboro, Ont.; Lieut. W. R. West, Campbellford, Ont.

Seriously ill—Gnr. Z. L. Brownlow, Newbury, N. B.

Wounded—Maj. E. B. Vankleeck, Vancouver.

Engineers.
Died of wounds—Sapper R. Chapell, England.

Mounted Rifles.
Killed in action—Sgt. Herbert Leonard (address missing).

Services.
Dangerously ill—Pte. E. W. Laird, Hamilton.

**STANFIELD WEAKER
SINCE HE MADE FUSS**

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—John Stanfield, M. P., has not been "freed" from the position of chief Conservative whip, nor has he resigned. Mr. Stanfield, however, did not strengthen himself with his party by his recent fuss in connection with attempted intercolonial railway patronage and his attack on Hon. Frank Cochrane. He talked of resigning his seat in the House but did not do so. If he should go further and retire voluntarily from the position of chief whip, it is understood that the government would not improve re-consideration. If he chooses to stay there is little likelihood of his removal, because whips are appointed for a term of parliament.

In the event of a possible vacancy, W. S. Middlebro, M. E., assistant chief whip, would be next in line.

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**REPORTED SUBMARINES
ON WAY TO THE STATES**

New York, Jan. 17.—It is reported in shipping circles that two German submarine merchant vessels, accompanied by two undersea fighting boats, are coming to the United States. The first of the vessels is said to have sailed from Bremerhaven for New London, Conn., on January 2 with a \$10,000,000 cargo on board. This submarine is believed to be bigger than the Deutschland.

The Deutschland left Bremerhaven about ten days after the first submarine departed. She is expected at New London before the first submarine departs for Germany.

News that an unidentified submarine was moving westward in the Atlantic as late as last Thursday morning was brought to port here today by the British freight steamship Clematis, in from Bordeaux, France. Persons on the freighter thought the undersea boat might be the German submarine merchantman Deutschland on a third ocean voyage to the United States. The submarine made no move to attack the Clematis, which was at the time approximately 800 miles east of Newport, R. I.

**WORD REGARDING
A GERMAN RAIDER**

New York, Jan. 17.—The Belgian relief ship Samland, which docked here late yesterday, was held up 400 miles off the Irish coast on December 4 by a German commerce raider named Mollivie, according to a report made by Capt. Wadsworth upon his arrival. The Samland, which was stopped on her way to Rotterdam, was allowed to proceed only because she carried supplies consigned to the American commission for relief in Belgium.

The Moldavia, Capt. Wadsworth said, was armed with several large calibre guns.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—Wireless warnings that a German raider was off the Brazilian coast last Friday were picked up here last night.

The German vessel was described as having torpedo tubes. She had one black funnel, capable of extension, and two masts, and probably was of high speed.

**BRITISH MEASURES
TO INCREASE ARMY**

London, Jan. 17.—Important measures for augmenting the British military strength are announced. Half the men under the age of 25 who now are employed in agricultural work are to join the colors. A number of men under 20 years of age who are engaged in shoemaking also have been summoned.

Arrangements will be made to supply farmers with several thousand men from the exempt military class to replace their farm hands.

It is unofficially estimated that the newly summoned agriculturists will aggregate 20,000.

**LUCIEN CANNON TO
OPPOSE MR. SEVIGNY**

Quebec, Jan. 17.—There is to be a contest in Dorchester County. Lucien Cannon, who now represents that county in the Quebec legislature, will oppose Hon. Albert Sevigny, the new Quebec minister, in the coming by-election. Lactare Roy, former M. P. P. for Lewis, Mr. Cannon's law partner, will run for the seat his associate will vacate in the provincial House.

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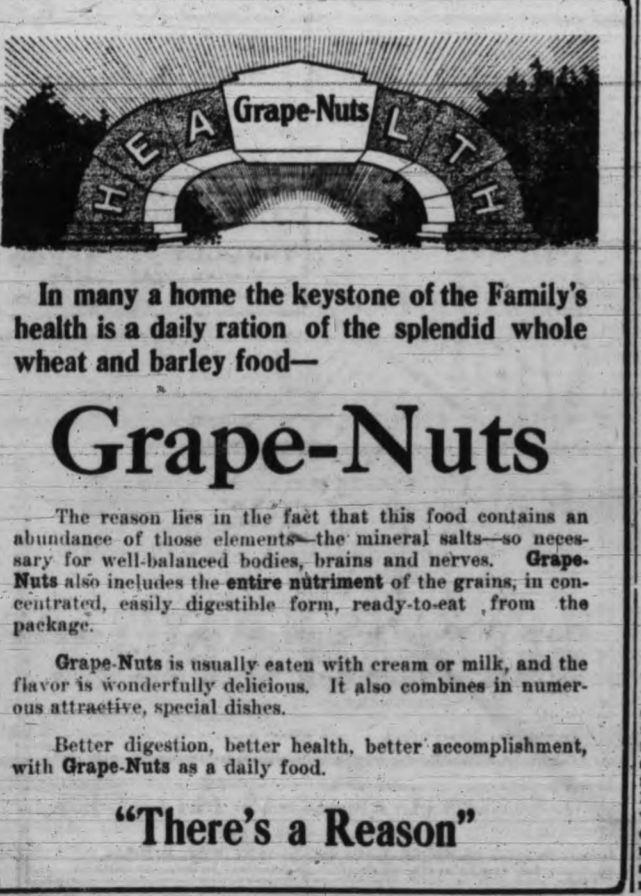
BURRELL APPEALS TO THE FARMERS

Of Vital Importance Production Be Increased to the Utmost

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, in the January issue of the Agricultural Gazette, makes a further appeal to the farmers of Canada to increase production. His appeal, which is addressed to "the man of the land," is as follows:

"For two years and a half war has raged through the world and still no decision has been reached. There is reason to hope that before 1917 closes the struggle will have been won or be greatly advanced. Amid the varying phases of the conflict the fact stands out more clearly than ever that agriculture is of supreme importance. Extraordinary measures are being taken by the allied countries to increase and encourage production. It is earnestly hoped that every farmer in Canada will strive to increase the food supply of the empire.

"A still powerful and unscrupulous enemy openly avows his intention to try to sink all ships carrying supplies to England during the coming year. In the tremendous strain yet to come a vital factor will be an ample and un-failing flow of food to England and France. No matter what difficulties may face us, the supreme duty of every man on the land is to use every thought and every energy in the direction of producing more and still more."



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Germany's predicament, as depicted by Bernard Partridge, the great cartoonist who draws for Punch. Having brought on the war, Germany now is clamoring for peace, only to find that she can not have peace until it is the will of the entente powers, who took up the sword reluctantly but will not lay it down until Prussianism has been crushed.

ARRANGING FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL DEWEY

President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Rear-Admiral Badger Conferréd To-day

Washington, Jan. 17.—Funeral arrangements for Admiral George Dewey, who died here yesterday afternoon in his 80th year, were discussed to-day at a conference between President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Rear-Admiral Badger. The funeral probably will take place on Saturday, and interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

In official and diplomatic circles and elsewhere, the loss of the country's most distinguished naval officer was mourned to-day. President Wilson, in a statement, eulogized his own and the nation's grief. Secretary Daniels likewise paid tribute.

American naval vessels and stations throughout the world received word by wireless of the admiral's death, with orders to display flags at half-mast.

Admiral Dewey suffered a collapse last Thursday, although the day previously he had been at his desk apparently in his usual good health. His condition grew rapidly worse, and he had not been conscious since Monday. The end came at 5.54 yesterday afternoon. Death was due to a general breakdown, accompanied by arterio-sclerosis.

Admiral George Dewey, "Hero of Manila Bay," fought and won the first great American naval battle against a foreign foe since the war of 1812. His whole life was full of honorable achievement from the days of the civil war down to the time when, as the head of the general board, he began the last chapter of his work by laying plans for the defence of his country in time of war. His life was a striking exemplification of the possibilities of a career based upon the exact and intelligent performance of every routine duty, which molds a man on inflexible lines of duty and honor.

Disposed to Protest.

One of the curious freaks of fortune in Dewey's case was that for perhaps the first and only time in his naval career he was disposed to protest against the edict of the navy department which carried him into the Far East, where he was destined to perform his greatest feat of his life. That was back in 1898, when the war clouds were gathering and Dewey felt that he was being "shoved," that the war with Spain was to be fought out in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Caribbean Sea, and that he, distant by half the circumference of the globe, would stand no chance of winning glory, for at that moment no thought whatever had been given to the Philippines. But he took his officers, and like a true sailor obeyed them. The result is a page of history under date of May 1, 1898.

Contrary to Spanish expectations, Dewey sailed into Manila Bay on the night of April 30 and in the morning

of the next day he annihilated Admiral Montojo's squadron, destroying eleven warships and capturing all other vessels and all the land batteries without the loss of a man on the American side.

Made an Admiral.

Upon his return to the United States he was feted by the nation. His admirers presented him with a beautiful home in the national capital. Congress gave him an engraved sword, and raised him from the rank of commodore to rear-admiral and then to the full rank of the admiral of the navy. Admiral Dewey was the third to reach that pinnacle of naval rank in the American navy. Farragut was the first and Porter the second. It was under Farragut that Dewey received his baptism in war.

"Valuable as the training of Annapolis was, it was poor schooling beside that of serving under Farragut in time of war," Admiral Dewey once said. "Whenever I have been in a difficult situation or in the midst of such a confusion of details that the simple and right thing to do seemed hazy I have often asked myself, 'what would Farragut do?' In the course of preparations for Manila Bay I often asked myself this question, and I confess I was thinking of him the night we entered the bay and with the conviction that I was doing precisely what he would have done."

Born in 1837.

George Dewey was born in the shadow of Vermont's state capitol at Montpelier on the day following Christmas in 1837. At the age of 17 he reached the cross-roads of his career: one road led to West Point, the other to Annapolis. Young Dewey favored the former, but—

"There was no vacancy for West Point from Vermont," explained the admiral in reviewing his life. "Otherwise I might have gone into Manila Bay on an army transport instead of on the Olympia. But it happened that there was a vacancy at Annapolis, so I entered the navy."

At the outbreak of the Civil War Dewey was 23 years old. He was commissioned a lieutenant, and guided the Mississippi as its executive officer in Farragut's dash past New Orleans and its forts. He was not so successful at Fort Hudson. Farragut won through, but Dewey and the Mississippi ran aground under the guns of the forts. The ship was set afire and during the transfer of the crew under fire, the young officer "lived five years in an hour."

Routine Duty.

From the close of the civil war until the opening of the Spanish-American war, the life of the American naval officer was made up of routine duty at sea and ashore. During this period the future admiral cruised; taught a class at Annapolis; surveyed lower California and part of the west coast of Mexico; carried supplies to the survivors of the siege of Paris; performed duty at the Boston navy yard and the naval torpedo station at Newport; inspected lighthouses and served as naval secretary on the Lighthouse

OWNERS OF MINES WOULD CO-OPERATE

Should Dominion Government Take Over Coal Workings in District 18

Calgary, Jan. 17.—Walter F. McNeill, secretary of the Western Coal Mine Operators' Association, who returned from Ottawa yesterday after attending the conference with the government in regard to the general labor situation, informed the Western Associated Press correspondent here that before giving consideration to the recommendation of Commissioner Harrison that the men should get an increase of nine and a half per cent, the minister of labor had been asked by the operators if he was prepared to guarantee that in the event of the men getting this increase the contract entered into last August between the men and the operators would continue until the end of the war. The minister had informed the operators that he had been able to get no assurance from the men to the effect that they would not be back in 10 days with another demand, and that in no case would the contract extend beyond March 31.

In view of the fact that they already had given the men an increase last August, the operators felt that they were very loth to enter into an agreement which would keep the district in a turmoil, with the possibility of new demands every week.

The government then had suggested that unless some basis could be arrived at it might be necessary for it to take over the mines and operate them till the end of the war. In view of the fact that this seemed the only possible solution which would give any degree of stability to the industry in the meantime and might be the best solution, the government had been informed by the operators that if it should so desire it would have the co-operation of the operators in the matter.

Fernie, Jan. 17.—The miners of the Gladstone local union refused by a vote of 169 to 60 yesterday afternoon after hearing Mr. Bigg's report and having read a written statement which he had received from the government regarding the wage dispute, to return to work until a definite agreement had been secured. Fair Wage Officer Harrison's investigation and report said they were entitled to.

The meeting lasted from 2.30 p. m. to 6 p. m., and the vote indicated a determined stand by their demands.

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Prince Emmanuel-Philibert, of Italy, or as he is better known, the Duke of Aosta, is in command of the Italian forces operating around Gorizia on the Isonzo. He is a first cousin of the King of Italy and in the event of the death of the king's son is the next heir to the throne. The duke, who has been a soldier all his life, specializing in artillery, now has a chance to put his knowledge into effect, as practically the entire fighting in the Alps has been with big guns. The duke, who is only 47 years of age, has aged rapidly since the outbreak of hostilities, and to-day his hair and mustache are snow white. He is married to Princess Helena of France, a sister of the ex-Queen of Portugal, and has two sons, one of whom is fighting with his father as an artillery officer and the other a midshipman with his uncle, the Duke of Abruzzi, on one of the Italian dreadnaughts. The whole Italian royal family is fighting against Austria.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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MUNITION PLANTS.

Addressing the Women's Canadian Club in Toronto on Saturday, J. W. Flavell, chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, said that a number of national munition plants involving large expenditures were about to be established in Canada. One factory was being erected at a cost of \$2,000,000, another would cost \$2,250,000, while a third was being contemplated at a cost of \$1,750,000. In addition to these arrangements were being made for a series of plants in connection with the proposed aeroplane centres which would cost between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

In undertaking this radical departure from the established order in Canada the Imperial Munitions Board evidently is acting for the British government. It should have been done by the Canadian government on its own initiative two years ago. In that case, incalculable millions would have been saved and contract profiteering would have been impossible. That, however, was precisely the reason why the government took no action in this direction. Indeed, the official excuse given for leasing the splendid Transcona shops to a mushroom private company instead of utilizing this property of the nation as a national munition plant was that it would be unwise for the government to go into competition with private industry in the production of munitions. No other government in a country at war was troubled with such exquisite scruples. It could not afford to be and survive this crisis. There is nothing formidable or complex about the establishment of a national munition factory. Some of the plants to be erected at the instance of the Imperial Munitions Board will be completed in thirty days. Backbone, decision and energy are the principal requirements.

According to a dispatch from Toronto to-day arrangements have been completed between the Imperial Munitions Board and the Toronto Harbor Commission under which the former will build an electric steel plant with a capacity of three hundred tons per day. Work is to be started at once and the plant is expected to be in operation in July. It will cover sixty acres. In this connection it is to be hoped the Imperial Munitions Board will avail itself of the opportunities offered by British Columbia for the full development of its programme. We have all the raw materials in a measure such as no other province possesses, a climate in which it is possible to work to capacity all the year round and harbors always free of ice. Perhaps Mr. Brewster will have something to say to us on this subject when he returns from Ottawa. It must be obvious to everybody that now is the most favorable time to impress upon the authorities the advantages and facilities of British Columbia in their relation to the pressing subject of war supplies.

THAT EXPROPRIATION.

Regarding Hon. John Oliver's statement that the expropriation of property at the foot of Johnson street concerning which arbitration proceedings were conducted by the late government on the eve of the provincial election would stand in abeyance as far as the present administration was concerned, our morning contemporary remarks to-day:

"Mr. Oliver does not appear quite sure if the present administration ought to carry out the promise of its predecessor and apparently proposes to reject the proceedings in respect to the expropriation. It is quite within the power of Mr. Oliver and his colleagues to rescind the action of their predecessors, but we submit for their consideration if when the city council of Victoria has unanimously preferred a request and it has been acceded to, a new administration would be unwise to ignore it except for very strong reasons. The principle that has ruled in Canadian public life has been for an administration to carry out the undertakings of its predecessor, unless grave reasons exist why it should not do so."

Mr. Oliver stated in his letter that in his opinion the government had no authority to expropriate or purchase this land. That surely is a very strong reason for his action on this question. Indeed, entertaining that belief, the minister could not honestly take any other stand. Incidentally, it is desirable to point out that the first plank of the platform on which Mr. Todd was elected mayor of this city calls for the "repudiation of the late provincial government's expropriation of the waterfront at the foot of Johnson street." The mayor believes he has very strong reasons for reversing the policy of his predecessor, and evidently a majority of the people, out of whose pockets the money for the expropriation would have to come, endorse them. As for the general principle affecting the politics of the late administration it is hardly necessary to say that the public expect the new government to reverse a great many of them. That is why they voted Mr. Brewster and his followers into office.

MR. BLEDSOE NOMINATED.

The Liberals of Alberni have chosen wisely in nominating J. F. Bledsoe to contest that seat in the provincial legislature in their interests. Mr. Bledsoe is favorably known throughout the province as a capable journalist, mining man and all-round advocate of its best interests. He has resided at Alberni for some fifteen years and in all that time his confidence in the possibilities of Vancouver Island in general and his own district in particular has never abated in the slightest. He is especially well known as an enthusiast on the mining outlook on the west coast and has been laboring for years to make the people of the rest of the province share his optimism. He has, besides, a wide knowledge of provincial affairs and his presence in the legislature will be not only a source of strength to that body but of marked benefit to the province as a whole.

A MATTER OF EFFECTIVES.

In the latest issue of "Land and Water," Hilarie Belloc, the noted writer on military matters, publishes an interesting article in which he maintains his characteristic optimism. Mr. Belloc has never been stampeded by what Mr. Asquith once called the "group of professional whippersnappers," for whom he has the utmost contempt. He has based his reviews and forecasts strictly upon elementary logic and mathematics, seizing upon the essential facts of the war as a whole, and not drawing down the blinds every time the enemy gains a victory in some secondary theatre like Serbia or Roumania. Unlike Colonel Repington of the Times he never predicted that the Russians would be in Berlin by Christmas, 1914, and therefore never had to make up for excessive optimism by sinking into the blakest pessimism. He has steadily refused to overestimate the potentialities of the enemy because he has refrained from underestimating them. In his most recent article he deals first with what he describes as the "debit side" of the allies' account and points out that they suffer from three important drawbacks. These are:

1. Length and vulnerability of communications.
2. Physical separation between east and west.
3. Confederacy.

As to the first of these, Mr. Belloc points out that the allies' communications are in the main maritime, and therefore perpetually vulnerable. One main branch of the Russian communications, for instance, is nearly 14,000 miles long, and another is nearly 3,000 miles long and interrupted by Arctic ice. As to the second point, co-ordination can to some extent rectify the disability—as in the great offensives by Russia and Italy last June; this, however, does not replace true unity of action. The third matter is a moral point, and Mr. Belloc mentions the creation of the huge British army as "an object lesson in the separate moral qualities and separate political genius of one out of the four allies." But a

confederation has the obvious disadvantage of replacing immediate decision by conference and single action by multiple action.

Coming to the "credit side," which much more than compensates for the drawbacks," Mr. Belloc also divides this into three:

1. The blockade.
2. The absence of combined effort.
3. The exhaustion of effectives.

On the question of the blockade Mr. Belloc writes:

"It is simply true that that process has now reached a point beyond which it cannot be extended. The blockade is as full and as severe as we can hope to make it until political conditions shall change and until the last phase of the war shall leave no neutral with any illusion as to its outcome. The blockade, at its present stage, does not compel peace. But what the blockade does is to embarrass the enemy very severely, politically and materially, and that embarrassment is increasing and is cumulative. That is the value of the blockade and the value is very high. The enemy is fed, but he is insufficiently fed, that is true even of some portions of his armed forces. He is not insufficiently munitioned; he has all the main material that he requires, but he has to use it under a heavy and an increasing strain; politically he has been compelled to experiments in universal civil control upon the pattern of his universal military control, and those experiments have broken down. It is in the last phase of the war that this crack in his organization will develop. But it is already apparent and it is serious. There is another aspect of the blockade which is sometimes forgotten. It antedates by many weeks the point of exhaustion because the enemy, or at least North Germany, must consider not only her exhaustion in supplies at any particular moment, but the time that will be required to restock after her defeat. Were she prepared to capitulate to-morrow, it would be some months before she could resume, in the mere matter of food, her normal life, and two or three before the present strain would be relieved at all. In other words, she will not relieve that strain even at the moment she capitulates. It would only be relieved long after, and thus the moment when the strain can no longer be borne is ante-dated."

Discussing the second point, viz., "absence of combined effort," Mr. Belloc contrasts the fiasco of the Austrian Trentino advance, which was planned by Prussia and led to complete collapse in Galicia, with the success of the allies on the Somme. Of the latter he says: "The alliance has elaborated, particularly in the west, a new tactical method which will win the war. It has reached its perfection. It was almost created this summer. We saw it rapidly increasing in value upon the Somme as the summer proceeded. Its characteristic is the infliction by a local offensive of greater losses upon the defence by far than the offensive suffers." The moral foundation is the fact that the alliance is a combination of talent, method and experience. On the other hand, everything the enemy does is Prussian. "There has been nothing fundamentally new since the Alsne."

The exhaustion of effectives Mr. Belloc thinks the most important point of all. "It is the whole cause of the enemy's present anxiety for peace. For every sixty-five men that the enemy now has in action—using the word in action to mean inclusive of the field depots and the zone of the armies, but exclusive of the militarily useless men who still draw rations and are in uniform at work of one kind or another behind the armies—the enemy sees drafts of about twenty to supply wastage between this and the late part of next summer. It is grossly insufficient. The alliance in every part of it sees indefinitely larger reserves of human material." According to Mr. Belloc, it is effectives, and effectives alone, that have moved the enemy to all his peace expedients during the last few months.

The Kaiser's announcement to his soldiers that the entente reply to Germany's peace overture and President Wilson's note closed the door to peace has been followed by a similar declaration to the press by the German foreign minister. As a matter of fact, however, after reading the minister's statement it is quite obvious that Germany is scheming for another move from Washington. Indeed, his interview, while stating that the door had been closed, virtually invited President Wilson to try again. Germany is endeavoring to create in President Wilson's mind the impression that the entente reply is a rebuff to the United States, "insulting," etc., although she herself refused to reply to the presidential suggestion that she state what she is fighting for while the allies answered the query fully and explicitly. Germany is almost dying to have Washington ask for her terms in private and then attempt to make them acceptable to the allies. She hopes that this either will enable her to crawl out of her predicament without confessing herself beaten or will

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involve the republic against the allies. The allies will hear from Germany again on the peace question many times.

The fact finally is admitted that the German submarine Deutschland did carry one cargo of Canadian nickel from the United States to Hamburg. But we are assured the thing will not occur again. Guarantees have been received from the manufacturing companies in the United States to that effect. But we were told that guarantees of the most satisfactory kind had been given before; and yet there was a "leak." There may be another. German agents are very resourceful and human nature is weak where dollars are plentiful. Nor can we overlook the disavowal, vehemently expressed, of Canadian ministers of the Crown that not a pound of our nickel had found its way into Germany.

The United States submarine "H-3," costing \$500,000, ran aground at Eureka Point. A salvage company offered to salvage her for \$18,000. The navy department refused the offer and sent the \$4,000,000 cruiser Milwaukee to do the work. The Milwaukee went aground and is a total loss. Result: Uncle Sam loses both submarine and cruiser and both could have been saved by an expenditure of \$18,000.

There is reason to believe that the feats of the Emden are being emulated by a Hun craft that has managed in some way to escape the cordon of the allies. But it is possible that the pirate craft may have been outfitted in some South American port through the complaisance of a government not too scrupulous in the observance of neutrality.

The Kaiser seems to have acted a trifle prematurely in engaging accommodation at The Hague for his peace delegates. Still the proposed peace convention at the Dutch centre indicates a change of view-point on the part of the All-Highest. The original intention of the Hun chief was to dictate terms of peace from London or Paris.

The capture of Vadeni by the Russians indicates that heavy Muscovite reinforcements have been concentrated near the point where the Sereth flows into the Danube. Vadeni is six miles southwest of Galatz and was taken by the enemy two days ago, following the capture of Braila.

A contemporary attaches a great deal of importance to the discussion of things. Vastly better results are accomplished by doing things. Discussing things has become almost a vice in Victoria.

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COURTS OF REVISION

Functions of Separate Bodies to Be United in One Civic Court.

The functions of the courts of revision on local improvements and on the assessment roll are to be combined this year in a single group of aldermen, and for that purpose a court will be appointed at the next meeting of the city council.

The reason for the change is twofold. The object firstly is to secure experienced members of the council on assessment matters, preferably those who can give the time for the laborious work of the court of revision on the assessment roll, and the second is to combine the functions, which are very similar in many respects, particularly at a time when there will be very little local improvement work in hand requiring the levies to be confirmed.

The first sitting is scheduled for tomorrow week, concerning Upper Pandora avenue, but it is not known yet whether the court can proceed in view of legal complications to which reference has already been made in the Times. There have already been several adjournments.

PRICE OF FLOUR

Present Rate Per Barrel Likely to Be Maintained for Some Time.

There has been considerable speculation of late as to the probable price of flour in the near future. Some of the most prominent local wholesalers have been expressing views on the subject of late, and the general opinion seems to be that the present price of \$10.50 is likely to be unchanged for some time. Even if the cost should vary 20 cents or 30 cents in either direction it is considered almost certain that the average price will remain.

It has been rumored in some quarters that the best flours including the well-known standard brands such as "Royal Household," "Five Roses," and "Robin Hood" would soon be selling at \$12.00; but there is little reason to substantiate such a view, for although wheat has been to a certain extent scarce throughout the world, it is thought by those who are able to speak with authority on the subject, that there is sufficient of it in Canada to prevent any such rise.

REDUCES DEBT

Nansimo Finances Are in Good Condition; Committees Struck.

A reduction of from fifteen to eighteen thousand dollars in the debt of the city was the record made by the city council of Nansimo for 1916, which held its final meeting yesterday afternoon. His Worship Mayor Busby presiding for the last time, and the full board present with the exception of Ald. Coburn.

The financial statement for the year showed total gross receipts for the past twelve months of \$153,275; the principal items of receipts being general taxes \$48,455.94, debenture rates and interest on sinking funds \$34,593.46, license fees \$10,565.

The principal items of expenditure during the year were: streets, \$3,750; waterworks, \$8,680; schools, \$38,787; coupon interest, \$53,312; local improvement, \$4,282; city offices, \$6,136; police department, \$6,145; sewerage, \$1,712; and fire department, \$4,591. Total cash in bank at end of year amounted to \$4,678 and sinking funds in hand totalled \$28,899. The civic debt has been reduced from \$78,000 to \$49,000.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Finance—Ald. Coburn, Morton, Sharp, Legislative—Ald. Morton, Sharp, Coburn.

Streets—Ald. Ferguson, Harding, Forrester.

Water—Ald. Forrester, Ferguson, Morton.

Sewerage—Ald. Morton, Forrester, Ferguson.

Fire Wardens—Ald. Harding, Ferguson, Forrester.

Light—Ald. Sharp, Harding, Coburn, Cemetery—Ald. Harding, Coburn, Sharp.

Parks—Ald. Forrester, Morton, Sharp.

RURAL POST OFFICES

Wednesday Closing Will Not Affect Post Offices That Are Run in Conjunction With Country Stores.

The question as to whether or not the Wednesday half-holiday closing would affect the keeping open of rural post offices that are run in conjunction with country stores has been asked on several occasions. Many post offices in the municipalities surrounding the city are situated in grocery stores which, according to the new law for the half-holiday, will have to close on Wednesday afternoons. The post office branches of these establishments will, however, remain open as usual.

Previous to this week the municipality of Esquimalt observed Wednesday afternoon as a holiday, but post offices in the district remained open as usual till 6 o'clock in the evening.

TO REPEAT "HIAWATHA"

Dramatized Version of Longfellow's Poem to Be Given for Benefit of Khaki Club.

The dramatized version of "Hiawatha," recently produced at the Old Victoria theatre under direction of Miss Helen Budgetley by a number of young people of the Daisy Chain Chapter, I. O. D. E., is to be repeated at the Princess theatre on Tuesday, January 23, in aid of the Khaki Club, which is being organized at the instigation of the Women's Canadian Club.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the latter organization held last afternoon at the Empress hotel. Mrs. Hanington, who presided, announced also that the club had received another communication from the director of national service requesting the co-operation of the women in getting the men to fill in the cards which have been sent throughout the Dominion. Notice was also given of the free lecture course which is running this winter at the Y. W. C. A.

ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIA LIBERALS

Central Association Meets in Knights of Pythias Hall Tomorrow Evening

The annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association, the members of which are the members of the five ward associations, will be held tomorrow evening.

The meeting will be in the Knights of Pythias hall, North Park street, and will commence at 8 o'clock, with President A. B. Fraser in the chair. Reports from the officers on the work of the past year will be submitted.

Election of officers for 1917 will take place, and also of members of the executive committee, which will assist these officers in the conduct of the affairs of the association.

It is desired that there shall be a large attendance of members from all the wards, as there is this business and also other matters regarding plans for educational work.

SALARY RESTORATION

Spanish Teachers Apply for Old Scale; The Tillicum School Site.

A deputation from the school teachers waited on the Sannich School board yesterday afternoon, and asked for a restoration of salaries to the former rate. The advocates of change were led by Principal Welch, of McKenzie Avenue school, and Miss Johnston, of Craigflower school, who submitted the usual reasons about increased cost of living, and reminded the board of the policy adopted by some of the mainland boards to restore salaries. The injustice also of teachers who had been teaching for some years receiving the same salaries as those more recently appointed was also mentioned.

The necessity of economy was pointed out by the board, who promised to give the matter consideration at the next meeting.

With regard to the Tillicum school site, the board decided to notify the municipal solicitors to take such steps as might be necessary to protect the interests of the board, and to notify Mr. Rowlands that the Tillicum-Burnside site will not be taken. A letter from the solicitors suggested that the board should not buy another site till the question of the site in dispute is settled.

Mrs. Hutchinson, having resigned the secretaryship under the circumstances which transpired at the last meeting, renewed her protest against what she considered to be a dismissal. Probably an arrangement will be made whereby the municipal clerk will be made secretary of the board, subject to arrangement with the council.

It being the first meeting since the election, Trustee Brooks was re-elected chairman of the board.

Y. M. C. A. ACTIVITIES

Edison Concert Will Be Given at Local Institution This Evening.

This evening at 8 o'clock in the lobby of the local Y. M. C. A. a meeting and entertainment will be held to which all members of the institution are invited.

The principal feature of the programme will be a number of selections on the New Edison phonograph. William J. Carson, of New York, who is here representing Mr. Edison will be present to give the concert.

The business of the evening will be dealt with several phases of the constitution of the institution with a view to making some changes where it is felt they are needed.

Last night a meeting of the board of directors was held and at which reports of the work of the last month were read and plans for the future dealt with.

Elmer W. Chave, the new physical director of the local institution, spent yesterday in Vancouver, where he visited the Terminal City Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of gathering information regarding the formation and organization of the physical department of that institution. As a result of what he saw, Mr. Chave feels confident that the gymnasium class at the local Y. M. will be put on a sounder basis than they have ever been before.

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AT THE THEATRES

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Mary Pickford's first picture since she surprised her legions of devoted admirers by announcing that in future she intended to be independent in her productions will be shown again to-night at the Royal Victoria theatre. It is "Less Than the Dust," an intensely human play of modern England and India. Most of the biggest scenes take place in India. To obtain the exact atmosphere of this novel setting much exhaustive research work was necessary and a complete city was built, faithfully reproducing the architecture of a small Indian city of to-day. The picture will be shown for the last time in this city Thursday afternoon and evening.

VARIETY THEATRE.
Jeanné Eagles, star of "The World and the Woman," the Pathe-Gold Reelster Play at the Variety theatre to-night, received the following letter from a New Rochelle girl when at work in the Thanhouser studio: "I am in love with a young man, but don't know whether he is a miser or is just saving up so he can ask me to marry him. He never has taken me to a show of any kind. Yesterday afternoon he was walking home from work with me. I told him I liked automobiles, and then I gently suggested that I always liked motion pictures. "Do you, really?" he said. "So do I. I tell you what I'll do. It'll be a lot of fun! I'll take you down to the Thanhouser studio and we can sit on the wall across the street and watch the actors drive away in their cars."



"MINNIE"
The 7,200-pound star in Gruber's circus at the Pantages this week.

PANTAGES THEATRE.
Who was it who discovered, or invented, the standard phrase supposed to refer to a bulky, troublesome proposition by calling it a "white elephant." It was a white elephant has got anything on the garden variety of rat-colored beast when it comes to making a lot of trouble. Manager Rice of the Pantages theatre doesn't want to make his acquaintance. Of course Max Gruber, who is owner and trainer of "Minnie," the popular headliner on the Pantages bill this week, is used to solving all the little difficulties connected with touring the country with his circus, but even he has his worries. None of the boats navigating these waters are built on lines to accommodate Minnie's particular proportions. She weighs considerably more than three and one-half tons and stands nearly nine feet tall.

After having to crawl through a six-foot cargo port on the Vancouver ferry she was forced to stand five hours in a cramped up position in the space of eight feet between decks. That was not all, for it was no easy matter to find a heated apartment on her arrival in which she might be accommodated. After all, however, Minnie is a popular actress and is creating a tremendous amount of interest in the city, and is probably worth all the trouble. It isn't every day that any sort of an elephant comes to town, and never before did so large an animal visit this island, for show purposes at least. And who is not interested in an elephant, anyway, whether it be old or young.

Minnie is nearly forty years old, though still in her "teens" as elephant years go. She has been eighteen years in the show business, under the constant direction of Mr. Gruber. She was "green" when he bought her, on being landed in Marsallos direct from the native haunts of Africa, and he has built up his present wonderful act bit by bit until she is now recognized as being one of the most intelligent and best trained elephants in the show business.

Minnie's ordinary ration is 200 pounds of hay and four buckets of corn daily, but she has something to look forward to on Saturday. The management has intimated that there is going to be a peanut matinee. Every child attending the afternoon performance on Saturday has been invited to bring along as many peanuts as he likes and he will be given an opportunity to go on the stage following the performance and present his offering to Minnie in person.

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VARIETY THEATRE TO-DAY
JEANNE EAGLES
in
"THE WORLD AND THE WOMAN"

COLUMBIA THEATRE TO-NIGHT
MARGUERITE CLARK
in
"MISS GEORGE WASHINGTON"

MAJESTIC
Yates St. Yates St.
(The Family House)
In the House of the Chief
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his billing, and goes a little bit further; Palmer is certainly a top-notch in his line. Chumby and Brown have a humorous blackface act and Nan Gray, the Scotch Lassie, offers a pleasing character and singing number. The ninth episode of the "Shielding Shadow" introduces this especially attractive bill.

It was snowing hard. The little girl was clad in a cotton gown, and there were holes in her shoes and stockings; the flesh, blue with cold, was visible. Entering a shop, she laid a penny on the counter. "Gimme half a loaf of stale bread," she said to the provision man; "and mother wants to know if you won't please cut it with the knife what you carved the ham with?"

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

J. W. Crawford, of Nanaimo, is at the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆
A. R. Trowse, of Sidney, is at the Metropolis hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
A. Sutton, of Duncan, is a guest at the Metropolis hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
H. W. Grundy, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
N. McGuire is at the Metropolis hotel from Spokane, Wash. ☆ ☆ ☆
W. P. Nott and wife, of Seattle, are at the Metropolis hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
P. H. Johnson, of Okotoks, Alta., is stopping at the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆
J. J. Sullivan, of New Westminster, is a guest of the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆
F. P. Heam, is a guest at the Metropolis hotel from Vancouver. ☆ ☆ ☆
John H. Peet, of Spokane, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆
Miss S. E. Overholt, of Calgary, Alta., is registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
S. Roberts is down from Nanaimo, and is a guest at the Metropolis hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barrington, of Seattle, are guests at the Empress hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
Charles Gibson and B. Walker, of Gladstone, Man., are at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
H. J. Gardiner and Mrs. Gardiner, of Regina, Sask., are at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
E. G. Burgess, Jr., of Medford, Ore., registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Waring, of Vancouver, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆
R. B. McGinnis, of San Francisco, is staying at the Empress hotel, arriving yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆
Jos. Garden and Mrs. Garden, of Calgary, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆
H. Shearing and Mrs. Shearing, of Cobble Hill, are staying at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
George J. Brown and Mrs. Brown, of Barons, Alta., are guests of the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
J. A. Gaudin, R. Sturrock and N. Weatherly, of Stettler, are at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
Thomas Pitt and Mrs. Pitt are down from Duncan, and are guests of the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Duncan, of Broderick, Sask., have registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wolfe have arrived from Chicago, Ill., and are staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
L. M. Potter and Mrs. Potter, of Hamburg, N. Y., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆
K. M. Hanna, of Bow Island, Alta., and Herbert Hill, of Medicine Hat, are staying at the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆
Frank Crawford and Mrs. Crawford, of Union Bay, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
G. A. Emes and G. Dobson are included in those registered from Vancouver at the Hotel Metropolis. ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. W. Martin have arrived from Calgary, Alta., and are staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
Miss Gertie Bromley left on yesterday's boat for Seattle, where she will be the guest of Miss Myrtle Peacock. ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Roebuck and child, of Broderick, Sask., are prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
R. E. Moreland, Mrs. Moreland and J. Moreland are visitors from Stettler, ☆ ☆ ☆

Alta., who are staying at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
The many friends of Miss Eleanor McLennan are pleased to see that she has made rapid progress after her serious illness. ☆ ☆ ☆
G. Maplettoft and W. J. Harper, of Calgary, Alta., are visiting the coast cities and have registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆
Thomas Graham, chief inspector of mines of the province, and John Newton, inspector of the Nanaimo district, have gone over to the Britannia mine, owe sound, on a trip of inspection of the workings there, in the usual course of their work. There are, however, some matters of mine fatalities which the inspectors will look into, there having been four there in the last two months. ☆ ☆ ☆

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 17.—5 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over the Pacific slope, and cold weather has again been general southward to California. It is likely milder weather will prevail in this province during the next two days. The temperature has risen in the far north and in the prairie provinces, and still very low in the southern states.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly and easterly winds, generally fair and cold to-day, turning milder on Thursday.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.4; temperature, maximum yesterday, 33; minimum, 21; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.6; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 23; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)—Barometer,



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2-inch wide, 25c values for... **10c**
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Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Grand Forks	11	..
Penticton	30	..
Crabbrook	19	..
Nelson	19	..
Prince George	7	..
Calgary	30	..
Edmonton	34	..
Qu'Appelle	12	..
Winnipeg	12	..
Toronto	25	..
Ottawa	14	..
Montreal	15	..
St. John	18	..
Halifax	26	..

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	30	..
Lowest	20	..
Average	24	..
Minimum on grass	25	..
Maximum in sun	35	..
Bright sunshine, 7 hours 6 minutes.		
General state of weather, clear.		

NORMAL SCHOOL OPENS
Large Number of Students Attending at Mount Tolmie.

The Victoria Normal school opened its 1917 term on Monday last. Principal McLaren, this morning stated that he was very well pleased with the prospects for the coming season's work. Nearly all last year's students have returned here which several new pupils have been registered for both the preliminary and advanced grades.

The teaching staff in charge of the instruction is as follows: D. M. Robinson, H. Dunell, Miss Demme (household science), Miss Morris.

The work of the model school is also progressing in a very satisfactory manner. The rooms are taxed to their capacity and several students have been refused admittance on this account. Model school pupils are under the direction of Miss Scanlan, principal, and Miss Barron.

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SPORTING NEWS

LETTER

SEATTLE HOCKEYISTS DEFEAT PORTLAND 6-2

Metropolitans Have No Difficulty in Winning From the Rosebuds

Portland, Ore., Jan. 17.—The Seattle ice hockey team had little trouble in winning over the Portland septette, 6 to 2, in the local ice palace last night. The visitors played rings around the home team from start to finish, and at no time were they in danger of being headed. The Seattle athletes scored twice in the first period as against one for Portland, while in the second period each squad registered once. The final frame was nothing but Seattle, the Sound City boys sagging the net on three occasions. The contest was far from being as exciting as several that have been staged here during the 1916-7 season of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association.

The result of the match sent Portland deeper into the cellar, while the Metropolitans are now a game and a half in the lead of their nearest rival for the first honors.

Capt. Foyston, of Seattle, scored three times last night, while his team mate, Bernie Walker, who is leading the individual scorers, was good for two goals and two assists. An argument as to the officials took place just before the game was called, and Manager Scott, of Portland, announced after the affair that he was going to protest the contest.

PLAN TO ABOLISH GOVERNING BODY

Chicago, Jan. 17.—A movement to abolish the present governing board of the National Association of Minor Leagues and create a new board of three members was launched at a meeting here yesterday of the presidents of the Central and Three-I Leagues and the Central Association.

Suggested by Tearney.

The plan was suggested by A. R. Tearney, president of the Three-I League, after the three league presidents had decided to meet in Chicago January 24, to redistrict their circuits. It is planned to make them more compact with a view of saving mileage and reducing other expenses.

Tearney contended that the present minor-league board of eleven members is too unwieldy.

MILLIONS ARE INVESTED

Millions are invested in the nation's minor leagues," Mr. Tearney said, "and not one-tenth enough business is applied to safeguard the investment. Baseball in the minor leagues is going on the rocks as the result of the 'lack of business methods.'"

Tearney advocated that the proposed board be empowered with absolute rule, and that its members be remunerated so that they could devote their entire time to the sport. "It would be a national commission to the minor leagues," Tearney said.

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BOXERS ARE READY FOR LARGE MEET

Lloyd Madden and Joe Bayley Will Meet To-morrow Night at Seattle

With preparations almost complete for the big Seattle Athletic club smoker to-morrow night at the Moore theatre, boxers are training hard for the scheduled bouts.

The main event of the smoker will be between Lloyd Madden, former lightweight champion of the Northwest, and Joe Bayley, who claims the lightweight championship of Canada. The chief argument to settle, however, will be whether Bayley can come back or not, as he has been out of the ring for quite a while.

The bout between Chet McIntyre and Lowe Simms will be watched with much interest, as there is doubt in the minds of some of the fans as to whether Chet can stand up to his rugged adversary. Frankie Burns, the clever California scrapper, saw McIntyre box in the gymnasium Monday and was greatly surprised at the class and speed displayed by the big fellow.

"I have never seen a man as big as Chet with so much speed and science, and I believe he will make good if he sticks to the game," said Burns. W. Blanchfield, the Oakland sportsman, who accompanied Burns to Seattle, also was greatly impressed with the class Chet displayed.

Simms arrived in Seattle this morning and looks to be in fighting trim.

In the other bouts, Archie Wyard and Paul Steele, two clever lightweights, will scrap it out, and Walter Granger and Leo Houck will mix it. Charley Davidson and Bud Ridley will renew the old feud. Ridley defeated Davidson about two months ago in Seattle and Davidson is anxious to retaliate. The two other bouts on the card are between Blondie Orchard and Jimmie Maloney and Jimmie Cole and Ed Murray.

RED CROSS BOWLING

Rainbow Funny Party Drew With Silver Springs in Arcade Alley.

The match in the Arcade bowling alley last night between the "Rainbow Funny Party" and the "Silver Springs" resulted in a draw. The scores were:

1	2	3	4
Silver Springs	624	515	731-1,880
Rainbow Funny Party	715	631	536-1,880

After the game songs were rendered by Charlie Chaplin, Nurse Mason, Messrs. G. James, Parker, Wilcox, Wilson, Tanager, "Fitz" Butt and others.

In the comic competition Charlie Chaplin was easily first. In the ladies' competition Nurse Mason deserved congratulations and has been mentioned in dispatches for helping along the lady from the Silver Springs.

Everybody had a very enjoyable evening and the sum of \$18.50 has been handed to the honorary treasurer of the Red Cross Society as the result of the entertainment.

WESTERN LEAGUE TO CUT SALARY LIMIT

John Savage, present owner of the Topeka Baseball Club of the Western League, will be allowed to name the city that shall receive the franchise which is to leave Topeka. This was decided by club owners at a meeting in Omaha, according to President C. Zehring. Mr. Savage is now consulting with persons in both Pueblo, Cal., and Hutchinson, Kas., with the prevailing sentiment that Pueblo will secure the franchise.

It was unanimously decided to cut the salary limit at least 10 per cent, but no action was taken on individual players' salaries. The matter will be taken up later, it was said, and there were indications salaries would be reduced. The salary limit last year was \$2,500, but it is claimed several owners disregarded it.

RITCHIE MITCHELL WINS OVER WELSH

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 17.—Ritchie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight, defeated Freddie Welsh on points in a ten-round contest here last night, sporting writers at the ringside agreed.

Welsh's holding tactics brought a roar of disapproval from the audience that continued through the fifth round. Chairman Lingner, of the State Boxing Commission, warned the champion to box or draw a penalty. In every round but tenth Mitchell had the advantage, jabbing the champion who Welsh in the final round held Mitchell even—the only spirited action shown by the Englishman during the bout. Many times Mitchell crossed his right, but failed to land effectively.

After the bout Harry Pollock, manager of Welsh, claimed that the latter was handicapped by a cold.

Mitchell weighed 134; Welsh, 110.

"DAYLIGHT SAVING" URGED BY OFFICIAL

New York, Jan. 16.—Athletics would be greatly stimulated throughout the country if the "daylight saving" plan were adopted, Fred W. Rubien, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, said here recently.

"Under present working hours," said Mr. Rubien, "thousands of youths are deprived of the opportunity of exercising in the sunlight. By ending their day's work an hour earlier by the sun the chances to train in the daytime would be theirs."

Mr. Rubien said he would attend the national daylight saving convention here January 20 and 21 and induce the movement from the health standpoint.

FULTZ SEEKS UNION WITH LABOR BODY

American League to Operate Despite Players' Threat to Strike

Organized labor may take a hand in the battle now being waged on organized baseball by the poor, down-trodden ball player. Formal application for affiliation with the American Federation of Labor was made recently by President Dave Fultz, of the Players' Fraternity, and President Samuel Gompers, of the Federation, expressed himself in sympathy with the requests and actions of the baseball players.

Johnson Ready to Fight.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, was in New York yesterday to attend a meeting of the schedule committee. He declares that in the event of a strike the American League would operate as usual, as the clubs have enough players under contract to go through the season.

Does Not Fear Strike.

"I do not think," he said, "the players of the major leagues will carry their contentions so far as to strike, but if they do we will be prepared to meet the emergency and will go right on playing baseball as usual. I am of the opinion that if the major leagues do strike it will be a violation of the agreement made with the fraternity at Cincinnati several years ago and such action will virtually cancel the compact and abrogate the club owners from the terms of that agreement."

Johnson also said he was not in favor of the plan to divide the proceeds of the players' share of the world's series money among any except the competing club players. "To the victors belong the spoils," he added.

President Barrow, of the International League, stated, following a meeting of that organization, that players on that circuit would report on time even if the Players' Fraternity calls a strike. The playing season will begin April 17 with the western clubs in the east. The regular season will end on August 5, and the inter-league series with the American Association will open August 7 and finish about September 24.

The player limit of sixteen, exclusive of the manager, will be enforced from May 17 until the completion of the inter-league series.

May Manage Toronto Leafs.

A New York report says that Larry Lajoie, who was a few years ago considered the greatest player in baseball, will cast his lot with the Toronto club, and will in a few days sign a contract to manage McCaffrey's Maple Leafs.

ELIGIBLES

To the Editor: In your issue of the 10th inst. there is a letter from "Fair Play" in reply to mine on this subject. I wish to assure him that I had no idea of attacking any of the permanent force doing duty in offices or anywhere else. I know that the regulars have to do what they are told and have no option, also that many would prefer to be at the front gaining experience, but he surely knows some in khaki who could have gone overseas if they had wanted. It is impossible in a case of this kind to try and accomplish anything without hurting some innocents, which I am sorry to do. But why do not those who are innocent make it so hot for the guilty that they will get out. I am glad my letter has created some interest, and it may do some good where it is most needed, among the civilian slackers.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

To the Editor:—Mr. Marchant says, by a curious twist, Mr. Dooley mixes up the question of single tax with proportional representation, and intimates that as he is not a single taxer he would like to see my views on proportional representation adopted, as this would lead to its certain defeat.

Mr. Marchant is wrong, because I did not say that I was not a single taxer, but just used single tax as a slight expression to show Mr. Marchant what the introduction of his system would do for it (or any other minority view) if adopted. The difference between Mr. Marchant and myself is that he believes in the personality of the candidate and I believe in the principles represented by the candidate. I did not say that the voter should be instructed to vote for a party. The voter would have the liberty of voting for any party he liked, but he would not be allowed to transfer his choice of candidate to another party ticket. He could change the place of a candidate on one ticket if he wanted to. It would seem to me absurd to be able to transfer my vote from a candidate who held the same views that I held to another candidate who promised he would do all he could in having my views put forward, because he had a nice personality. There are men with good personalities who would sell their political soul if they thought that by promising the voter that if he was elected that corned beef and cabbage would grow on the trees (and during the present high cost, etc.) a voter might be tempted. Mr. Marchant would abolish one kind of political dishonesty by instituting another. Mr. Marchant says that the party system of proportional representation has been adopted in Belgium for many years and has the merit of limiting the choice of the voter.

The Belgium system has other defects, too, and one is that different currents of thought which are strong enough nationally are not represented, because the number of votes they obtain in different districts being less than the local minimum, are wasted. To-day progress is the watchword, onward and upward is the cry; real proportional representation against misrepresentation, as suggested by Mr. Marchant. Let us work for the best of everything in the present, and don't let us do as Mr. Marchant and Mr. Woodward does, sit on the dead limb of a dead tree hooting the hoots of the last century.

BETTER TERMS

To the Editor:—I could not, of course, escape reading your editorial article of yesterday entitled "An Echo of 'Better Terms.'" I did not gather from reading the article what the echo was, but I did detect a disposition, the echo of a former attitude on your part, to minimize the importance of an issue that has cut some figure in British Columbia politics. I am very sorry to have heard that echo, because I had thought when it was decided to refer the merits of contentions involved to the high and impartial arbitration, the issue had been definitely removed from the zone of politics, in which misrepresentations and misapprehensions usually beset, rather than elucidate the principles involved.

Whatever use has been made of the issue in the past, I am not at all interested in the political end of it; I am interested only in seeing an honest and logical conclusion come to in respect of better terms. In a special sense it is my own "baby." It began to develop in my mind as far back as 1892, and I did not think that anyone will attempt to deny that I am mainly responsible for the lines of its evolution up to the present time. I say this not in any spirit of boastfulness, but that I may impress your readers with the sincerity of my convictions on this subject, which arose out of a close study of our past financial and political relations with the Dominion. I always

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A REQUEST

To the Editor:—I understand that Miss McKenzie, matron of the Jubilee hospital, would be pleased to receive two or more gramophones for the entertainment of the convalescent soldiers. One has already been given to the children's ward and has been a source of entertainment to the kiddies.

ERNEST A. HALL.
Jan. 16.

PATRONAGE

To the Editor:—The disgruntled remarks re patronage which a few disappointed office seekers are circulating positively give a fellow a pain.

It is only natural that a great many incompetent hangers-on—men who have been trained and encouraged to spend two dollars for every dollar of revenue—will have to clear out and make room for level-headed men who have given a re-orientation and efficiency pledge.

Hon. Wm. Sloan is to be congratulated on amably settling within a few weeks of taking office what might have been a disastrous miners' strike. Under the Bower regime should have had the militia mobilized and the province run into endless expense. The damage claims for the last miners' strike are not yet paid.

Hon. John Oliver has already discovered that the work done on the reserve has cost twice as much as it ought. Was it ever otherwise when things had to be "greased"? The axe will have to fall, but a crowbar will be necessary to dislodge some of "Price's" proteges.

WALTER POSTER.
Jan. 16.

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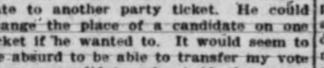
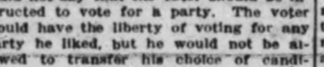
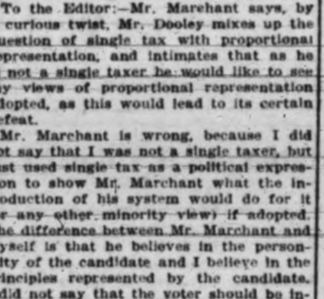
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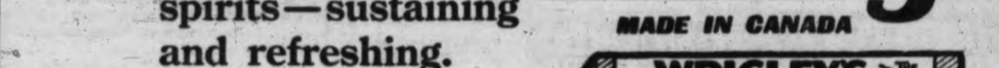
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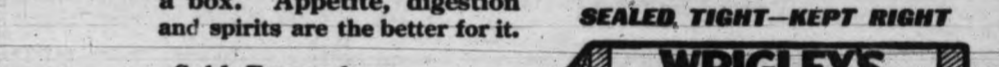
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maximum of admission by either the inter-provincial conference or the Hon. Mr. Fielding, there was a hiatus too wide to be bridged.

The inference in your article, whether just or unjust, that the money obtained from the Dominion was squandered by the government that got it has nothing to do with the merits of the case. To whatever extent our financial or other claims against the government of the Dominion are warranted, they should be recognized. The government of the province is not responsible to the manner in which it spends its own legitimate revenues; but to the electors of the province, who if they do their duty will always punish an administration which is not true to the trust of fiduciary relations.

R. E. GOSNELL.
Jan. 16, 1917.

IF FOOD DISAGREES DRINK HOT WATER

When food lies like lead in the stomach and you have that uncomfortable, distended feeling, it is because of insufficient blood supply to the stomach, combined with acid and food fermentation. In such cases try the plan now followed in many hospitals and advised by many eminent physicians of taking a teaspoonful of pure bicarbonate of soda in half a glass of water, as hot as you can comfortably drink it. The hot water draws the blood to the stomach and the bicarbonate, as any physician can tell you, instantly neutralizes the acid and stops the food fermentation. Try this simple plan and you will be astonished at the immediate feeling of relief and comfort that always follows the restoration of the normal process of digestion. People who find it inconvenient at times to secure hot water and travellers who are frequently obliged to take hasty meals poorly prepared, should always take two or three five-grain tablets of Bicarbonate of Soda after meals to insure proper digestion and neutralize the acid in their stomach.

"What's the matter, Hawkins?" "Matter enough! You know, some time ago I assigned all my property to my wife, by deed—keep it out of the hands I am indebted to, you know." "Yes." "Well, she's taken the money and gone off—says she won't live with me because I've swindled my creditors."

—Terrysood:—The fountain dances with new enthusiasm. Working for Terry.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce was held in the banking house at Toronto, on Tuesday, 9th January, 1917, at 12 o'clock.

The President, Sir Edmund Walker, having taken the chair, Mr. H. V. F. Jones was appointed to act as Secretary, and Messrs. Edward Cronyn and J. E. L. Pangman were appointed scrutineers.

The President called upon the Secretary to read the Annual Report to the Directors, as follows:

REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the fiftieth Annual Report for the twelve months ending 30th November, 1916, together with the usual statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Table showing financial results: Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year, \$ 461,892 25; Net profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, amounted to, 2,459,415 17; Total, \$2,921,307 42.

Table showing appropriations: Dividends Nos. 115, 117, 118 and 119, at ten per cent. per annum, \$1,500,000 00; Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June, 150,000 00; Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st December, 150,000 00; War tax on bank-note circulation to 30th November, 147,283 32; Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution), 80,000 00.

The usual careful re-valuation of all the assets of the Bank has been made and every debit which may be considered as bad or doubtful has been fully provided for.

Although this is the fiftieth report presented to you, the first half-century of the Bank's operations will not be completed until next May, owing to the date of the Annual Meeting having twice been changed.

During the year the following branches have been opened: In British Columbia—Pouce Coupe; in Alberta—Manlybertles; in Saskatchewan—Turtleford; in Ontario—Timmins and Thorold; in Quebec—Drummondville.

Your Directors have made subscriptions of \$50,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, \$5,000 each to the British Red Cross Fund and the British Sailors' Relief Fund, \$5,000 to the Northern Ontario Fire Relief Fund and \$5,000 to the Relief Fund, etc.

The auditors appointed by you at the last annual meeting have made the audit required by Section 56 of the Bank Act and their report is appended to the statement presented to you to-day.

JOHN AIRD, General Manager. B. E. WALKER, President. Toronto, 29th December, 1916.

GENERAL STATEMENT 30TH NOVEMBER, 1916

General Statement table with columns for LIABILITIES and ASSETS. Total Liabilities: \$288,427,579 76. Total Assets: \$288,427,579 76.

Table showing mortgage and other assets: Less mortgage assumed on property purchased, 300,000 00; Other Assets not included in the foregoing, 4,839,457 28; Total, 5,139,457 28.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

In accordance with the provisions of sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1915, we report as follows: We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than and in addition to the verification at 30th November, 1916, and found that they were in agreement with the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

T. HARRY WEBB, C.A., of Webb, Reid, Cogan, Callingham & Co., James Marwick, C.A., of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co., AUDITORS.

Before moving the adoption of the Report, the President called on the General Manager to address the shareholders:

General Manager's Address: The shadow of the great European war has been the dominating influence in business affairs during the year through which we have just passed. No important new transaction could be undertaken without considering the effect of the war, and in the conduct of the affairs of a great industry such as a bank it has been necessary to give more consideration to the factor of safety than to the factor of profit.

The Bank's profits for the year under review were \$2,459,415, an increase of \$77,860 over the figures of the preceding year, a trifling sum when you consider the increased amount of business on which it has been earned, and the great activity which has prevailed throughout the year.

Notwithstanding the advances we have made to the governments of our own country and Great Britain for the purposes of the war, we have not found it necessary to decrease the assistance which we render to the ordinary business of the country.

Liquidation of Debts: The total of overdue debts shows a considerable decrease and stands at a lower figure than for a number of years back and at only about half the amount of last year.

Staff at Home: We do not think that it would be fair to express our pride in our banker-soldiers without adding a further word in commendation of the staff at home.

Trade With Italy: A year ago you were advised that we had placed the facilities of this Bank at the disposal of our Italian allies for the purpose of receiving from their citizens in this country subscriptions to a war loan.

Conditions in Mexico: There has not been much change in the situation in Mexico during the year. Business has naturally been affected by the events of the past few years in that country, and one of the results is that the two chief arteries of commerce, namely, finance and transportation, are blocked.

Growth in Deposits: Our deposits show a satisfactory growth, the increase being \$35,373,000 over which over \$25,000,000 is in deposits bearing interest.

Strong Cash Reserves: Our total holdings of coin and legal tender are \$46,291,000, an increase of \$6,289,000 over the figures of a year ago.

Build Dominion Trade: Similar projects with other of our Allies are also under discussion, and if the opportunity is given us we shall probably avail ourselves of it to a reasonable degree.

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Further Enlistments: Not only has it been necessary to cope with the immediate difficulties arising from a depleted staff, but provision has had to be made as well for the additional strengthening of our ranks in order to meet with some degree of preparedness the problem of future enlistments.

With a staff thus augmented to an unusual degree by untrained and inexperienced workers, many problems have arisen and the task of distributing the burden as equitably as possible has been by no means easy.

Exports Exceed Imports: Turning at once to our trade with other countries, that being the best indication of the tendency of affairs at the moment, we find that, leaving out the shipments of gold and bullion, both towards and outwards, our exports for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1916, exceeded our imports by \$249,085,274.

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Table showing staff casualties: Killed, 17; Wounded, 145; Missing, 69; Prisoners, 8; Ill, 20.

We have received many indications that our men are measuring well up to what is required of them and are capable of taking their full share in the wonderful operations at the front which are thrilling the world.

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After the War: As to the future it is obvious, we think, that after the war finance will be more liquid, inasmuch as the warring powers are not likely to attempt to float any more new loans for many years to come.

An Enlarged Market: The sales of Canadian bond issues for the eleven months of 1916 are of peculiar interest, showing how completely our reliance for the placing of our securities is now transferred from Great Britain to the United States and to our own greatly enlarged market.

Table showing sales of Canadian bond issues: Total, \$308,715,875; Sold in Canada, \$102,967,000; Sold in United States, \$205,748,875.

President's Address: I shall not apologise as I did a year ago for asking you to devote your attention to the material affairs of Canada at a time when the Empire and its Allies are fighting for the greatest of all causes—the liberty of the world.

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facing the highest prices of recent times, the great decrease in the wheat crop, the moderate yields of corn and oats, the small yields of minor products, and the adverse effect of high-priced feed on the live stock situation, are matters of deep concern.

are being used for war purposes and that the loans made to every manufacturer of war supplies have to be included to indicate the total extent to which their resources are so used.

Prosperity General

The Review of Business Conditions which accompanies our annual report records prosperity beyond anything we have ever known in almost every part of Canada. This results from the existence of a market which needs almost everything we produce and which must pay almost anything the seller asks.

Cost of the War

At the end of October the war had cost us a little over \$500 million and at our present rate of spending \$90 million more may be added during the coming year. From the excess of revenue over expenditure we may at the end of the fiscal year have \$50 million, or even more, to apply on war charges.

War Finance

In this review of the finances of the year it is necessary to recall that the proceeds of the first war loan of November, 1915, 100 millions were used mainly, if not altogether, in the year 1916. There is one feature in Canadian war finance which differs in a marked degree from that of Great Britain.

Financing Munitions

Next in importance to the question of our own war finance is the aid which has been extended to Great Britain by the placing in Canada of British Treasury obligations or of Canadian obligations given on account of the British Treasury.

Thrift for the Empire

Thrift for the individual is excellent, but just now that is of minor importance. Thrift for the sake of Canada, thrift for the sake of the Empire, thrift for the sake of the world, is what we should be doing.

Bank Deposits

The total of the deposits of Canadian banks at 30th November last was \$1,821,949,000, as compared with \$1,265,865,000 at the same date in 1914, an increase of \$556,084,000.

of the balance is offset by payments on Great Britain's war loans. Some loans for ordinary capital expenditures which could not be deferred were made in New York in 1915. In March, 1916, a second loan was placed in New York amounting to 75 millions, of which 25 millions was used to take up a corresponding amount of the \$5 million borrowed in July, 1915.

The Dollar Saved

If we could free ourselves from the habit of thinking of commodities merely in the terms of their money value, we should discover that what we are doing is to provide material for the help of our fellow Britons to win the war, and that there is no one to pay for this material ultimately but ourselves and Motherland.

Extravagance

I have referred to the motors and the silk, but they are only examples of an extravagance which is observable in every direction. We should undoubtedly forbid, or at all events heavily penalize, the importation of all luxuries; municipal expenditures should be further curtailed and all projected improvements first submitted to the criticism of Provincial commissions.

Production and Prices

It is not easy to conjecture how far the prosperity of Canada is due to the activity in production of all kinds, to the ready market and high prices, and how far to the grain crop of 1916, a crop so extraordinary that it exceeded some estimates by seventy million bushels and our own by fifty-seven millions, but it is well to remember that our prosperity was due to both causes and that the crops this year have not been good.

Clearing House Figures

Since 1913, when the largest figures up to that time were reached, the totals of the Clearing Houses have been declining in volume. During this year, however, they have expanded to figures much beyond anything hitherto recorded, the total being \$10,564,043,000, an increase over 1915 of 35.48 per cent.

War Purchases

The purchases on Imperial account by the Department of Agriculture for the year to 23rd December, amount to 186,000 long tons of hay, 450,000 tons of oats, equalling nearly 30,000,000 bushels and 187,000 tons of flour, the amount expended in this way being over \$37,500,000.

tions arising in their business which depend on skilled knowledge in chemistry, physics, metallurgy, and other branches of learning, and we have on the other laboratories and skilled members of the faculties of our universities keen to solve these difficulties.

Efficiency in Production We know that the future prosperity of the country with its load of war debt, depends upon greater production in the field, the pastures, the forests, the mines, the sea and in the workshops, and we cannot afford to be behind any nation in the world in efficiency when the fierce race for success in trade follows the war.

Making Munitions A year ago we were able to make a few not very well-connected remarks regarding the manufacture of munitions in Canada. We sought, however, to convey at least some idea of the scale on which we were working, and to indicate that there are very few of our industries that cannot aid in the cause.

Women Employed A year ago women were but little employed in making munitions, now they are working by thousands in munition factories, and while much delay was caused by the necessity of creating new shop conditions for them, this has been accomplished in many factories, and we can but hope that thousands more of our women will come forward for this work.

Our Soldiers' Equipment This is all on Imperial account, but we find that the work of the War Purchasing Commission appointed by the Dominion Government is on a similar scale. For the first year, or more practically everything required for the upkeep of our army in England and France was supplied by Great Britain on our account.

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War Purchases (continued) Among the purchases of the British War Office Purchasing Department at Montreal for the past year are the following items: Cottons and woollens, \$1,000,000; Foodstuffs—cheese, canned meats and vegetables, etc., 20,000,000; Miscellaneous merchandise of iron and steel, 1,500,000; Other miscellaneous merchandise, 1,500,000.

War Purchases (continued) There are, of course, thousands of articles not mentioned here, which are made in Canada, the cost of which represents many millions; indeed it is a most gratifying fact that Canada has been able to produce nearly everything required by our army, the exceptions being binoculars, machine guns, revolvers, motor trucks and some less important articles.

War Purchases (continued) Since the war began we have learned much in the workshop, in the chemistry and physical laboratory, in the refinery, in the counting house, in finance, indeed in every walk of life. We have been able to form some estimate of our value among the forces of the Allies, from the boy in the trenches to the father at home who is backing his son in so many ways, but do we realize that what we do, or do not do, may turn the scale on which depends victory or defeat?

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CHRISTMAS WITH BOYS OF THE SIXTY-SECOND

Victorians With Artillery, Though Confined to Camp, Had Good Time

A couple of evenings ago a letter from Bdr. Archie Willis, of the 62nd Battery, which went from here as the 15th Field Artillery detachment, was published in the Times in which he wrote of the prospects of a Christmas confined to camp. A letter just received by one of his many friends here was written three days later and shows that realizations were not as bad as the anticipations, thanks to the soldier's facility in making the best of everything. Writing from Witley camp Bdr. Willis says:

"In the town of Godalming, three miles from here on the Portsmouth road, is a cafe which was opened by some enterprising Canadian, and he offered a genuine Christmas dinner to the soldiers for four shillings. Of course the thought of turkey attracted the boys, and when they knew there was no way of getting away for Christmas they all set to figuring out some means of celebrating the day. Hundreds and hundreds of pounds of turkey were consumed in that cafe, as well as all the eatables.

"The cancellation of all Christmas leave was a sad blow to us, but we put our heads together and appointed a committee to arrange a Christmas feast for the battery. The committee went to work and the remainder took things easy. We couldn't have turkey, as it was too high; half a crown a pound; so they ordered one hundred pounds of goose. There was no stinging, as £20 had been set aside by the battery for the purpose of furnishing the boys with a good spread.

"Christmas Day dawned for us at 7 a. m., one hour later than usual, and the only duties we had during the day were stables, which came around three times. Horses are the first consideration in the army; then the men. The day was fair and a bright sun shone, although there was little warmth in it. At five o'clock we were marched in down to the tables, which were decorated in the artillery colors, black and red. The hut was splendidly decked out with holly, ivy, laurel and evergreens. The decorations were taken in an instant and everyone stood, or at least sat, ready for the first course to show itself.

"It was a sumptuous spread and we passed on it as being almost as good as we would have received at home. The sergeants waited upon us and proved very efficient at the business. We arose satisfied for the first time since we joined the army. A piano had been placed in the hut and we were supposed to sing, but there was no sing in us, we were so full. However, there were a couple of splendid concerts in camp and the boys took them in. In the Y. M. C. A. some of the finest talent from London entertained the boys and the 62nd Battery had a concert party down from the village. It was the first Christmas that most of the boys had spent away from home and had it not been for the festivities at night it would have been dull for them, but we are all hoping to spend our next Christmas back in dear old Victoria with the home folks.

"Our men was a very interesting affair and we are sending copies away as souvenirs. 'Stand to your feeds' is the order given when we are going to attend to the horses. 'Cordite' is celery; 'N. C. O. sprouts' Brussels sprouts; 'sanguinary sauce' is cranberry sauce; 'apple au bran mash' is self-salpicatory; 'toast E. A. T.' is our field artillery training; 'light bay' for the gravy is for the color of our battery horses; 'yodite grenades' is our new name for grapes. 'Reveille sous la Petawawa' commemorates the excuse for soup we used to get there in the morning when

THE NEWEST REMEDY

Kidney, Bladder and Uric Acid troubles bring misery to many. When the kidneys are weak or diseased, these natural filters do not cleanse the blood sufficiently, and the poisons are carried to all parts of the body. There follow depression, aches and pains, heaviness, drowsiness, irritability, headaches, chilliness and rheumatism. In some people there are sharp pains in the back and loins, distressing bladder disorders and sometimes obstinate dropsy. The uric acid sometimes forms into gravel or kidney stones. When the uric acid affects the muscles and joints, it causes lumbago, rheumatism, gout or sciatica. This is the time to try 'Anurac'—Send 10c for trial package.

During digestion uric acid is absorbed into the system from meat eaten, and even from some vegetables. The poor kidneys get tired and backache begins. This is a good time to take 'Anurac'. This is a good time to take 'Anurac'. This is a good time to take 'Anurac'. This is a good time to take 'Anurac'. This is a good time to take 'Anurac'.

Know Yourself! Read all about yourself, your system, physiology, anatomy, hygiene, disease, home cures, etc., in the "Common Sense Medical Adviser," a book of 1008 pages. Send to Dr. V. M. Ferson, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive a one-cent stamp for a check-bound copy. Customs prepaid.

We got up. 'Measles mixture' recalls to mind our brush with the German measles. 'Cancerous pudding' was to remind us of the terrifying puddings that the Scotch cooks on the troopship served up to us, and the 'mince pie in a frame' the pie our cook at Petawawa was always going to make but, as the boys sing, 'he never made a dog-gone one.' 'Lumbergunner's cheese' is due to the fact that the chief substance which the gunner on the lumber has for the protection of the breach of the gun resembles cheese to a marked degree.

The battery expected to go to Lark Hill, Salisbury Plain, last week for a couple of weeks at target practice, and will return to Witley to rest for five days.

Newcomer (at resort)—"Is this a restful place?" Native—"Well, it used to be until folks began comin' here for a rest."—Boston Transcript.

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SENDS GREETINGS

Lieut. G. L. Armstrong Dined With Maj.-Gen. Currie and Staff Recently. In sending Christmas greetings to newspaper friends in Victoria, Lieut. G. L. Armstrong, of the 62nd Battalion, refers to the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Harbottle as commanding officer of the Fourth Divisional Training school, and of the award of the Military Cross to Capt. Richard Burde, of Alberni.

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High Cost of Living vs. Low Cost of Insurance

Midst all the increasing cost of living there's one thing that hasn't advanced,—that's the cost of Imperial Life policies. In fact, an Imperial policy today requires no greater annual investment than a similar policy taken at a corresponding age a dozen years ago.

And the fact that the dividends to policyholders in the Imperial Life have shown a gradual increase every year since the Company's inception makes this investment more attractive now than ever before.

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THE IMPERIAL LIFE Assurance Company of Canada

HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO Kenneth Ferguson, District Manager, Victoria Stanley Henderson, Manager for B. C., Vancouver

Special Notice to Mail Subscribers of the Times.

As we, along with our contemporaries in the newspaper business all over the world, have had to contend with greatly increased costs, we are therefore reluctantly compelled to increase our rates for subscriptions from all out-of-town points. Our city subscribers have been paying 50c per month—\$6.00 per year—while our out-of-town readers have been charged only 25c per month—\$3.00 per year. We have decided that

On and After Feb. 1, 1917

the rate by mail for the Daily Times to subscribers in Canada, Great Britain and possessions, will be

35c Per Month \$4 Three Months \$1 Per Year To points in the United States and possessions, Mexico, 50c per month. \$5.00 Per Year SPECIAL CONCESSION TO OLD SUBSCRIBERS In order to give our old mail subscribers ample opportunity to renew at the present rate, we will accept Renewal Subscriptions Until Feb. 1, 1917, at the Rate of \$3.00 Per Year IMPORTANT—Be it understood we will not accept renewal subscriptions at the rate of \$3.00 per year covering a period farther than Jan. 1, 1918. All subscriptions not renewed by Feb. 1, 1917, will be charged at 25c per month for period prior to Feb. 1, 1917, and 35c per month for period following.

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RAIDER'S ACTIVITIES SENDS RATES SKYWARD

Insurance Advances From 2 1/2 to 10 Per Cent on West Indies and South America

New York, Jan. 17.—News of the destruction of allied shipping in the South Atlantic by a German raider was followed by an advance in marine insurance rates here to-day from 2 1/2 to 10 per cent for West Indian and South American ports.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 17.—Two steamships which left this port in November have not been reported as reaching their destinations.

London, Jan. 17.—The British steamer Lorca, from Pensacola Oct. 21, and Norfolk Oct. 29, for Queenstown, has been posted at Lloyds as missing.

An inspector was visiting a country school. He was asking some of the children questions. After a while he said to a junior class, "Now, I want some of you to ask me a question that I can't answer."

"Why is it that truth will arise again when crushed to earth?" "Because of its elasticity, of course. Don't you know how easy it is to stretch the truth?"

Arrivals and Departures

Table with columns for COASTWISE SERVICES, For Vancouver, For Port Angeles, For Seattle, For San Francisco, For San Diego, For Los Angeles, For Honolulu, For Manila, For Cebu, For Singapore, For Hong Kong, For Shanghai, For Yokohama, For Kobe, For Osaka, For London, For Liverpool, For Antwerp, For Rotterdam, For Amsterdam, For Bremen, For Hamburg, For Copenhagen, For Stockholm, For Helsinki, For Tallinn, For Riga, For Vilnius, For Kaunas, For Warsaw, For Krakow, For Prague, For Vienna, For Budapest, For Rome, For Naples, For Genoa, For Milan, For Paris, For London, For Liverpool, For Antwerp, For Rotterdam, For Amsterdam, For Bremen, For Hamburg, For Copenhagen, For Stockholm, For Helsinki, For Tallinn, For Riga, For Vilnius, For Kaunas, For Warsaw, For Krakow, For Prague, For Vienna, For Budapest, For Rome, For Naples, For Genoa, For Milan, For Paris.

SUNKEN VESSELS WELL KNOWN HERE

Dramatist and Radnorshire, Raider's Victims, Traded Between Liverpool and This Port

HARRISON BOAT LEFT COAST NOVEMBER 18

Liner Mount Temple is First Ocean Carrier Lost by Canadian-Pacific

Two of the vessels reported sunk by a German raider in the Atlantic are well known Victoria traders. The Dramatist, one of the Harrison fleet, was here as recently as October 30 on her initial voyage in the North Pacific service of the Harrison Direct Line.

The Dramatist was a vessel of 3,404 net tons register and was one of the newest ships of the Harrison Line, which concern has probably lost more tonnage during the war than any other company.

The Mount Temple is a well known C. P. R. passenger and freight boat which has been regularly engaged in the service between eastern Canadian ports and the United Kingdom.

The Radnorshire, another victim of the German raider at large on the Atlantic, was operated between Liverpool and Victoria via the Orient before the war, being one of the freighters plying in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

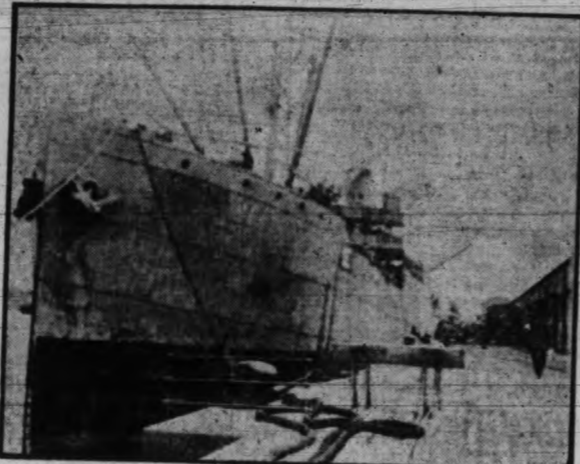
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MATERIAL FOR PIERS

Vessels Will Be Slightly Inconvenienced While Pipe-Line is Being Laid.

Dredging operations are to be started in West Bay and the material sludged by means of a pipe-line to the site of the government piers.

Sunk by German Raider



HARRISON STEAMER DRAMATIST

MANY SHIPS WRECKED; HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA HAS BEEN STAMPED OUT

Vessels Known in This Trade Met Disaster in Orient; 300 Perished on Hankaku

Shipping suffered severely during recent heavy gales off the Japan and China coast, according to news brought by the Empress of Russia, at least two of the ships meeting with mishap being well-known in the North-Pacific trade.

The Japanese steamer Tosan Maru, which formerly operated to Victoria in the Osaka Shosen Kaisha service, stranded outside Muroran on the night of December 28.

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WIRELESS REPORTS

Jan. 17, 8 a.m. Point Grey-Clear; calm; 30.25; 26; thick seaward. Cape Lazo-Overcast; calm; 30.42; 32; sea smooth.

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SEALERS WILL BE PUT IN COMMISSION

Tenders Called for Making Seaworthy Remnant of Local Fleet

With a view to again placing in commission the remnant of the old sealing fleet, the Victoria Sealing Company is to-day calling for tenders covering the renovation of the five schooners which for several years past have been laid up for caulking, painting and putting the vessels in seaworthy condition.

One by one the sealing schooners have been disposed of and are now engaged in other occupations, principally fishing, until but a shadow of the original fleet remains.

The recent order by the Dominion government prohibiting the transfer of Canadian owned vessels to a foreign flag applies to the remaining sealing schooners, thus preventing the owners from selling the craft to any American or other interests that may wish to acquire them.

Whether or not the sealers still owned by the Victoria Sealing Company will again engage in the sealing industry, is a debatable question, as the international treaty does not expire until 1928.

On being approached this morning, Frank Adams, of the Victoria Sealing Company, declined to discuss any plans that the company may have concerning the disposition of the remaining vessels of the fleet.

MAKURA TO SAIL

Australian Liner Leaving Vancouver for Victoria at 6 o'Clock.

Latest word on the Canadian-Australian liner Makura is that she will get away from Vancouver at 6 o'clock to-night on her outbound voyage to Australasia.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of January, 1917:

Table with columns for Sunrise, Sunset, Hour, Min. for days Jan 1 to Jan 31.

BOUND HOME ON LEAVE

Lieut.-Com. W. Wingate, of H. M. C. S. Grise, Expected Here on Sunday.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns for Date, Time, High, Low, Time, High, Low, Time, High, Low.

The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight.

Canadian Pacific Railway Special Excursion

In Connection With Annual Convention National Foreign Trades Council Chicago and Return \$72.50 St. Louis and Return \$70.00 St. Paul and Return \$60.00

Liberal stop-over and optional routes. Tickets on sale Jan. 20 and 21. Going limit fifteen days from date of issue. Final return limit Feb. 18.

EXCURSION RATES EAST

Jan. 20 and 21 NORTHERN PACIFIC RY. The Yellowstone Park Line To CHICAGO and Return, \$72.50 To ST. LOUIS and Return, \$70.00 To ST. PAUL and Return, \$60.00 To MINNEAPOLIS and Return, \$60.00

Return limit Feb. 18. Stop-over permitted in each direction. Take advantage of these fares to Chicago and St. Louis and points East.

Ask about the diverse return routes. Full information, tickets, berth reservations. E. E. Blackwood General Agt., 1234 Government St. A. D. CHARLTON, A. G. P. A. Portland, Ore.

CALIFORNIA SERVICE

Lv. Victoria (C.P.S.S.) 4:30 p.m. 1st day Lv. Seattle (O-W.R.R. & N.) 11:15 p.m. 1st Ar. Portland 6:45 a.m. 2d Lv. Portland (S.P.Co.) 8:20 a.m. 2d Ar. San Francisco 5:50 p.m. 3d Ar. Los Angeles 1:40 p.m. 4th

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**CAPTAIN RECOMMENDS
SERGEANT F. HATCHER**

Veteran Artilleryman's Brave
Action on Somme Merits
Officer's Commendation

On the 28th of October last on the Somme front, an entire section of the Tenth Field Brigade, Ammunition Column, Canadian Field Artillery, was caught in an exposed position on the crest of a hill. Detected by the German gunners a withering fusillade was immediately commenced, with the result that in a few minutes every member of the section was placed hors de combat, with the exception of the captain and sergeant. Both men, in the face of murderous fire, remained on duty attending to their dying and wounded comrades, and it is for this gallant action that the captain, whose name is not given, has recommended Sergeant Hatcher, a Victorian of twenty-two years' residence, for the

Distinguished Service Medal. This information was received this morning, by his wife, who resides with her three small children at 1622 Pembroke street. Sergeant Hatcher is a native of King Somborne, Hampshire, England, and came to British Columbia with the first imperial troops to land here—the Royal Marine Artillery, 22 years ago. He was at Work Point barracks for six years, and has been connected with the 8th Regiment, C. G. A., for sixteen years, during which period he acted in the capacity of drum major for five years and held sergeant's stripes for eleven years. During the last four years, prior to joining for overseas service he was a license inspector in the employ of the city of Victoria. He left the city exactly eleven months ago and has taken part in the fighting on the Somme for some considerable time, and in his letter to Mrs. Hatcher he states that of the wounded belonging to his section, six have since died. Describing conditions at the front he says that want of food, torrential rains, and mud up to his thighs, is mere child's play when compared with a concentrated bombardment, particularly when adequate cover is impossible. Mr. Hatcher was engaged in the circulation department of the Colonist where he received his appointment as license inspector.

**COL. BRUCE POWLEY
ACCEPTS OFFICE**

Elected Honorary Vice-President of Returned Soldiers' Association

Lieut. Col. A. Bruce-Powley was unanimously elected honorary vice-president of the Returned Soldiers' Association at last night's meeting of that organization. The association feels very fortunate in being honored in this way, as many of its members served under Col. Powley, and have happy recollections of his sterling qualities as a gallant officer and splendid comrade. H. White was appointed to represent the association at the Khaki Club meeting which is to be held on Thursday. The delegates to the provincial conference were instructed to move the resolution "That all men who joined the C. E. F. units and met with disability during training which resulted

in their discharge in Canada be eligible for membership. Regret was expressed that R. White, who so ably conducted the meetings during the past few months would be unable to take an active part for a long time, he at present being in St. Joseph's hospital recovering from a serious operation. Meetings in future are to be held on the first Tuesday in each month.

KILLED IN ACTION

Private Kirby Receives Mortal Wound on January 6.

News was received by his parents this morning, that Private Frank Thomas Kirby was killed in action on January 6, last. The father, mother, and three sisters and brothers survive him while one brother, William, now lies in the Coburg hospital suffering from wounds recently received at the front. His parents reside at 1123 Pandora avenue, the father being a city employee for a number of years. The advice was received by wire from Ottawa and just the bare details given.

Wallace Dorman is the latest recruit for the 6th Regiment C. G. A., which brings the number of native-born Victorians in the draft now waiting orders for departure, up to 23.

**MAGNIFICENT UNIT
LEAVES FOR OVERSEAS**

Yukoners Under Captain Black Given Hearty Send-Off Yesterday

When the Princess Victoria left her moorings yesterday afternoon with the Yukon company aboard there was lost to the city a magnificent fighting unit, thoroughly trained, well officered and in every respect a competent band of men, especially capable of maintaining the proud record which has been set by the soldiers of British Columbia in the great war.

As is well known the Yukoners are going to the Princess Patricia's. Their commanding officer is Capt. Black, under whose guidance the men have been recruited and trained. The homes of practically all the men are in the far northern country, and the majority of them are hardened to the rigors of severe weather. They were accom-

panied to the boat by the band of the Bantams Battalion, who also furnished an escort of a company of men to take part in the final leave taking. The customary salute was fired from Work Point as the boat left the harbor, and the lusty cheering of all those who had gathered at the dock was punctuated by the blowing of steam-boat and factory whistles. The company will proceed directly to the Atlantic seaboard, and it is expected that they will spend but very little time in England prior to crossing to France.

**FIFTEEN VICTORIA
FLIERS PASS MEDICAL**

Will Leave for England Shortly to Commence Service Training

Fifteen out of the sixteen candidates tentatively accepted for service with the Flying Corps appeared before the

Medical Board yesterday afternoon and passed all the necessary tests. G. R. Gray, who was prevented from attendance at this sitting of the board, will attend later, when it is confidently expected that the whole of the first group of candidates selected by Lord Innes-Kerr will have passed.

As stated in Monday's issue it is anticipated that as soon as the final acceptance arrives from Ottawa, with the necessary transportation, the men will leave for England where they will commence their training for service with the armies at the front. Captain Tweedale, the district intelligence officer, whose office is at Work Point, will be glad to furnish all information to candidates who are anxious to join the air service. The names of the accepted recruits are as follows: L. C. Langford, A. C. Jones, A. R. McCullum, D. G. Ross, D. C. McIntyre, H. A. Tuckwell, F. L. Sweeney, G. M. Campbell, C. J. Humphreys, V. H. Chamberlain, T. Hall, Arthur Miller, Archibald Muir, Robert S. Craig and J. R. Park. Harold Hudson, another Victorian, has already left the city for England, he having been accepted through the Vancouver office.

William Walton and Stanley Ellis, both of this city, left with others yesterday afternoon for Vancouver to join the C. A. S. C.



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We want you to read and act. See the Bargains in windows to-night

<p>\$7 High Top Shoes \$4.65</p> <p>The opening sale will be a stunner for value giving. This is the Ames Holden Shoe, made by the biggest shoe manufacturers in Canada. They're good Patent with kid tops. We guarantee all sizes to-day \$4.65</p>	<p>\$4 "Classic" Misses Shoes \$2.25</p> <p>The "Classic" ever dependable Shoe, is the best in all Canada. This special line as shown in Patent Leather, sizes \$8 up to 7 1/2, is the first to be cut in price. (Remember the wholesale cost of these to-day is \$2.75.)</p>	<p>Big Opening MEN'S Special \$3 A Pair</p> <p>Stewart does nothing by halves. This is a line of the finest Velour Calf Boots ever seen in Victoria. They have half double sewn soles, all solid leather. A guaranteed \$5.00 Boot and sold away below present cost price. Hard boxed smart toe. Every size and half size. Just for the opening at, pair \$3.00</p>	<p>Children's \$1.00</p> <p>Just when you are paying \$1.75 and \$2.00 for Macfarlane's make, here we are with them at \$1.00 a pair. All sizes up to 7 1/2 here in black or tan. Also some Slippers. Be here early.</p>	<p>BOYS' Big Sizes \$2.85</p> <p>This lot includes "Boy Scout" and "Play-Fair" Shoes, all guaranteed solid leather, double toe caps; no shoddy. Regular \$4.50 and \$4.00 stamped. Stewart's Sale. \$2.85</p>
<p>\$2 White Spats 95c</p> <p>Every size still left, but not after to-morrow. You know what these cost regularly. Here's a chance at a pair, only 95c</p>	<p>\$3.65 a pair</p> <p>Here's a chance that positively won't come again. All our \$5.00 and \$5.50 Shoes that must sell quick are thrown out on the bargain table for to-morrow. Every size here \$3.65</p>	<p>GENTLEMEN'S SHOES \$4.65</p> <p>Our regular \$6.00 and some \$6.50 Shoes, are all at your mercy for this low price. Many of these Shoes could not be duplicated wholesale for \$4.65. They come mostly in Genuine Calf Leathers, black and dark tan. All sizes here to start with. Be on hand.</p>		

WE OPEN AT 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING—SAVE YOUR DOLLARS WHILE YOU MAY

<p>All Out, \$1.25 Felts</p> <p>Must go. Every pair is on sale now; blue, brown, red, maroon. All sizes. On Sale 85c</p>	<p>BIG TINS POLISH 5c</p> <p>The Monarch, 10c size. A box</p>	<p>Child's Soft Soles 25c</p> <p>Regular 75c up. A pair</p>	<p>PUMPS \$1</p> <p>A bin full of lovely Pumps, in velvet and satin. All black. Regular \$2.50 to \$3.00. Every size. A pair \$1</p>	<p>LITTLE GENT'S BOOTS \$1.95</p> <p>These size from 6 to 10 1/2, and are the sturdiest little wearers ever seen, even at Stewart's. Only 45 pairs—so be early \$1.95</p>
<p>Last Chance 75c</p> <p>Children's Felt Gaiters, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. Opening Sale Price 75c</p>	<p>Geo. A. Slater's \$5.50 Pumps \$3.00</p> <p>These well known Shoes, along with many other styles, will be put out for the quickest selling ever known here. Every size. No deception. A pair \$3.00</p>	<p>Men's \$1.25 Rubbers 50c A PAIR</p> <p>Wet weather soon. Be prepared. This is the handiest, lightest form of Rubber on the market—The "Klingtyte."</p>		

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MILE BARBARA PAY, pupil of Madam Philippine, receives pupils for Russian and Italian ballet, too and classical dancing. For forms apply, 2-4 p.m., Room 31, St. Helens, Courthouse street.

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DANCING CLASS for adults every Thursday evening 8 to 9:30. Inaugural to 11:30 at Courthouse Hall. Mrs. Boyd, teacher. Phone 2281.

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WELL HEATED ROOMS at Dunsmuir Rooms, 722 Fort street, from \$2 per week up; modern conveniences. 415

AN OPEN LETTER TO Von Bethmann-Hollweg By Ralph Connor In London Daily Chronicle.

My Dear Bethmann-Hollweg.—Allow me to introduce myself. A mere Canadian, but a professional peace-maker and an enthusiastic peace-lover, as all Canadians are. You will understand, therefore, how my heart leaped with joy the other day when I saw the headline in one of the London newspapers, "Germany Offers Peace."

French Aviator's Daring Feats

Lieut. Louis Noel, the daring aviator of the French Flying Corps, is now on leave in London after twenty-eight months of active service on the western, eastern and Balkan fronts. Among his numerous feats was the famous flight from Salonica to Bucharest via Sofia. Before the war he was one of the pioneer aviators at Hendon, and did splendid work in popularizing flying in Great Britain.

MUSIC

SINGING CLASS—Children, meets 12:30 Oxford street, weekly. Miss Patchett, 4871.

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WANTED

WANTED—Bungalow or house, four or five rooms, nicely furnished, modern, near city, south of Fort. State terms. Box 168, Times office.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PRIVATE BILLS

NOTICE is hereby given that the time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving petitions for Private Bills will expire on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1917.

Tenders for Stationery

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 1917, for the supply of Stationery for the City Corporation.

WANTED

WANTED—Competent girl, for house work, small family. Apply Box 148, Times.

WANTED

WANTED—English girl, for light house work, two in family. Phone 285.

WANTED

WANTED—Half to one acre, with good 4-room house and outbuildings; must be a snap. Currie & Power, 1211 Douglas street. Phone 1468.

WANTED

WANTED—Two large tents; must be in good condition. Box 162, Times.

WANTED

WANTED—To buy 5-room house of furniture. Box 298, Times.

AGED FARMER

Made Strong and Well by Vinol The following letter from farmer Lester adds another link to the great chain of evidence which proves that there is nothing equal to Vinol to create strength for feeble, weak, run-down conditions and after sickness.

WANTED

WANTED—A man for inside work, Apply Victoria Private Hospital, 1114 Rockland avenue.

WANTED

WANTED—Good girl, for general house work. Apply 130 Menzies street.

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Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 872, 879, 983, 987, 996, 998, 1008, 1104, 1121, 1138, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1271, 1272, 1281, 1286, 1411, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1445, 1446, 1452, 1453.

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1917 TIME TABLES. T. N. Hibben & Co.

BLOUSES that will stand inspection, reasonably priced. Mrs. Horner's, 715 Yates street.

FOR RENT—One heated apartment, corner Block, corner Menzies and Douglas, hot water, modern conveniences. Apply Landlady, Suite E.

RESTAURANT KEEPER—Write for blank left, forget which restaurant. Write J. W. Goss, 1901 Douglas street.

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FLANNELETTE PYJAMAS, soft, warm garments, nicely trimmed, occasional values, \$1.50 and \$1.75. J. N. Harvey, Ltd., Yates street.

MAN WANTED with experience in grain mill. Box 1486, Times.

WANTED—Broody hens, at once. Apply 1223 Acton street, or Times.

WANTED—A large suitcase, cheap; also price. Box 1487, Times.

MONEY TO LOAN—Several amounts varying from \$200 to \$500, on approved security, interest at 5 per cent. Apply British American Trust Company, 414 Fort street.

FLANNELETTE NIGHTGOWNS, soft and warm, neat patterns, \$1.25, J. N. Harvey, Ltd., 611 Yates street.

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WARM PYJAMAS, moderately priced, \$1.50, \$1.75, neatly trimmed. J. N. Harvey, Ltd.

IS IN THIS FOR YOU?—That's the exact saving in that line of men's high-grade velvet cut flannel shirts shown on page 11. Sole starting tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Stewart's, 1221 Douglas St.

FOR SALE—Small Fairbanks saw, \$22.00; restaurant range, \$40.00; cost \$10.00; large heater, suitable for store, \$12; drop-head machines; also fine selection of household furniture. Ferris's Furniture Store, 1419 Douglas. Phone 1873.

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AEROPLANE MYSTERY IS STILL UNSOLVED

Chilliwack Only Place U. S. Aviators Allowed to Land in B. C.

Col. Duff Stuart is the only officer from whom permission may be obtained to fly in Military District No. 11, and while it is presumed consent has been given recently to a company in Vancouver, embracing an area at English Bay, on behalf of qualified students receiving tuition at its school, it is not considered that the pilot of the aeroplane seen over Oak Bay yesterday came from Vancouver, as one of the conditions of any concession given is that in all cases full advance particulars and notice of the contemplated flight must be communicated to the naval and military authorities here. No notice of any kind was received yesterday and up to the time of going to press the authorities at Work Point have been unable to throw any light on the matter. Several residents who actually saw the plane have been seen, but any more than to give a general description which would apply to almost any piece of craft, it has been impossible to get any satisfaction.

The impression is gaining ground that in the event of no satisfactory explanation coming from Vancouver the visitor must have come from across the line. Support is given to this theory for the reason that the only ground authorized by the military authorities in which aircraft from the States may land in British Columbia is situated at Chilliwack. Even then advice must precede the flight.

Every possible investigation is being made, and it may be necessary to approach the United States government authorities on the mysterious visitor. It should be noted that the penalty for contravention of the instructions already issued from the militia department is a fine of five thousand dollars.

Dunough's Adding Machine Paper, per roll, 15c. Sweeney-McConnell, Limited, 1012 Langley Street.

If You Require a Reliable Watch for Xmas at an extremely low price, go to Haynes, Victoria's Watchman, 1124 Government St.

Premier on Way Home.—Hon. H. C. Brewster is on his way home, and is expected to arrive on Sunday. It is likely that he may stay over for a train in Winnipeg, unless he has changed his plans.

The Choral Society will hold weekly rehearsal to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the studio of the B. C. Academy of Music, corner Fort and Cook streets, instead of in the usual place. Members are requested to bring copies of "The Messiah."

The growth of "tea" into the elaborate meal which some food economists wish to see abolished can be traced in the pages of our novelists. Thus, in "Cranford" tea consisted of nothing but the beverage and very thin bread and butter. Miss Barker being "though vulgar" because she gave good cake as well as "Plickwick," tea was accompanied only by buttered toast, but in "Black House" the high tea which Mrs. Snagshy provided for Mr. and Mrs. Chadband included "dainty new bread, crusty twists, thin slices of ham, tongue and German sausage, delicate little rows of anchovies nestling in parsley, new-laid eggs brought up warm in a napkin and hot buttered toast."—London Chronicle.

John Stamps was certainly a man who stood on his dignity, and when he was postmaster for the village there was no holding him. As the landlord of the hotel said, he went right up in the air. One morning Mike Howe, a newcomer, who had bought a small farm in a small village, wandered into the post office. "Have you any letters for Mike Howe?" The new official glared and went on reading the messages on other people's post-cards. "I want any letters for Mike Howe," repeated the farmer. The postmaster, who had stretched Mike Howe unconscious on the floor, "I'll teach him," he muttered, as he returned to his newspaper. "I'll teach him to come here and try to pull my leg! Asking for letters for his cow!"

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

310 BILL FOUND—It was found to be sufficient to shoe the whole family at Stewart's big sale. You can shoe the wife, the two kids and yourself tomorrow for 40c at Stewart's, 1221 Douglas street. See page 11.

EXCHANGE—Los Angeles, Cal., 2 and 5 roomed house, trade for property or goods. Box 1490, Times.

A JOB well done gives me as much satisfaction as the customer. Bring your bicycle to Ruffe for repairs, 749 Yates. Phone 862.

FLEETFOOT SKATES AND BOOTS, men's, size 8, for sale, \$5. Phone 5233X.

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FOR SALE—Three lots in city, each 61x52, no improvement tax, assessed value \$100 each; price \$75 each. Apply Box 1465.

TENDERS

Tenders are invited for repairs to the wharf at James Island. Plans and specifications may be had by applying to the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Purchasing Dept., Arcade Building. A. H. ACKROYD, Purchasing Agent.

CHINESE RIOT CASE OCCUPIES MANY DAYS

Numerous Witnesses, Formidable Weapons and a Large Daily Audience

Described in the official records and known in court language as Rex vs. Hoo Hee et al, a case has been before His Honor Judge Lampan in the county court for more than a week past and from all appearances, in view of the numerous witnesses who are from day to day giving their testimony by the aid of an interpreter, there is every prospect of a continuance of these proceedings for several days ahead. Nearly every day the county court, at least that portion of it set aside for the public, is practically filled with Orientals.

Briefly the case, as outlined by counsel and amplified by witnesses, is as follows:

A meeting of the Chinese Benevolent association was called at the request of certain Royalists, when it was regularly decided that a telegram be sent to China as a protest from the association against the proposed abolition of the state religion. Riots subsequently followed between the two factions, the Royalists and Republicans, in October last, culminating in the necessity for police intervention, hence the case now proceeding.

History of Association.

It is interesting to survey the history of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent association of Victoria, shedding as it does a considerable amount of light on the changing fortunes of the Chinese empire and its bearing on the events leading up to the case before the courts.

The association was formed in 1884 under the Charitable Associations Act, having for its primary object the assisting of indigent, infirm or needy Chinese. It was also to be used for the proper explanation of the laws of the country as affecting the Oriental and to be of assistance to the government in the detection of crime amongst the Chinese themselves. At that time there was no Chinese consul in Western Canada. Amongst other things, it maintains a free hospital with attendance and medicine free to patients. Its membership is regulated on much the same principle as that obtaining in Occidental associations of a similar character. The original funds of the association, however, were mostly donations by merchants and wealthy Chinese individuals, augmented by a nominal entrance fee.

Prior to August of last year the management committee was appointed by the merchants in view of their more weighty standing, since they provided the original funds for its formation. President and vice-president were selected by rotation, the selection being so arranged that each society be represented in turn. When the revolution succeeded and China became a republic, a crude kind of party government sprang up known as Nationalist and Republican.

Non-Political.

Recognized always as benevolent in character the association held aloof from politics. The birth, five years ago, of a Nationalist league in Victoria, spread throughout Canada. Differences of opinion averted the election of the governing body of the Benevolent Society arose. A new system was inaugurated last August, viz., by delegates and ballot.

State Religion in Danger.

When the late President Yuan Shi Kai died and Li Yuan Hung became president, he re-established the two houses of parliament, dissolved by Yuan. In the discussion which followed it was argued that there should be no state religion. Some members of the association committee held to the theory that if China had no state religion the country would be the happy hunting ground of any nation choosing to send missionaries, hinting particularly at the Japanese proposals to propagate Buddhism as against the many sects of European Christianity. Since Confucianism is so well understood by the common people it was considered that great confusion would follow on the influx of many energetic missionaries, and that China would be too weak to hold the balance. The famous telegram was then submitted and passed by a vote of 15 to 6. The telegram was not sent, it is alleged, although the president had full power to do so, but instead it was submitted to the Chinese consul at Vancouver on the understanding that if agreeable to him he should forward it. He elected not to send it.

The names of the accused are Hoo Hee, Gee Wen Sen, Lee Gee Ging, Wang, Mah Soon, Sing Chung, Hoo and Sing. They are appearing on a charge of illegal assembly causing a tumultuous disturbance of the peace. Charlie Bo, a merchant trader, alleges that he was struck by Hoo Hee, causing serious wounds in the face and on the arms, and that he was attacked a second time, which resulted in a deep gash on the forehead. Evidence brought out shows that he was in hospital for two weeks and laid up altogether for about a month in consequence. Lum Lap also suffered injuries necessitating hospital treatment.

It is interesting to observe the various formidable weapons which have been produced in court, which range from a long and murderous-looking spear to an ordinary garden hose bound double, resembling a home-made black jack. Mr. F. J. Stapcooke, K. C., is appearing for the crown, and Messrs. Thornton Fell, K. C., and J. S. Brandon for the other side.

"I hear Starr has won great honors for research work." "Yes, he's found an article of food which has not gone up in price."—Puck.

FAIRFIELD RED CROSS FORMED LAST NIGHT

Workers Very Enthusiastic and Anxious to Open Workrooms

The immense enthusiasm shown at the Fairfield Red Cross organization meeting, held last night at the Sir James Douglas school, was a surprise even to an optimistic organizer. The hall proved inadequate to the demands made on its accommodative powers, and the keenest zeal was shown by the ladies present to begin work at the earliest possible moment. T. H. Slater, official organizer for the district, presided, and together with F. W. Jones, president of the Victoria and District Red Cross, addressed the gathering briefly on the needs and objects of the society. The principal business of the meeting was the formation of the committee, which was appointed as follows:

Mrs. Walter Gardiner, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Rant, Mrs. Knight, Miss Lydia Moore, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. D. Levy, Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Shewell, Miss O'Brien, Mrs. Bainbridge, Mrs. D. B. S. Scripps, Mrs. E. E. Wootton, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Lothian and Mrs. Aldridge.

This committee elected as its officers Mrs. Aldridge, convenor; Mrs. Ash, secretary; T. C. McKay, treasurer. Ladies volunteered to take charge of the workrooms as follows: Monday, Miss O'Brien; Tuesday, Mrs. Scripps; Wednesday, Mrs. J. Peary; Thursday, Mrs. Leeming; Friday, Miss Moore; Saturday, Mrs. Bainbridge.

The committee appointed to secure premises for headquarters and workrooms consists of T. C. McKay, Mr. Bagshaw, Mr. Lothian and Mr. Bellby, who will report on Friday at a meeting of the committee which is to be held in the Sir James Douglas school at 8 o'clock. Anyone who has a sewing machine to offer to the branch for use in connection with the manufacture of Red Cross supplies would confer a favor by reporting at this meeting. The ladies hope to open the new rooms next week.

Personal

Mrs. Montagu Burgo, of the James Bay hotel, Victoria, has been visiting friends in Vancouver for the past week, but is expected home to-day or to-morrow.

Mrs. A. D. McRae, of Vancouver, B. C., and who is well known in Victoria, is visiting in Minneapolis with her parents. She is due to sail from New York early next month for London, to join her husband, Col. McRae, and will stay aboard until the early summer.

Miss Marjorie Tonkin, of Victoria, is the guest of Mrs. William Henry Glorvick, Seattle, an old school friend. This week Mrs. Glorvick entertained at a bridge-ten at her home, "Hopland Ridge," in honor of her guest, who is expecting to return home some time during the week.

At St. James' church, James Bay, the marriage was quietly celebrated last Saturday afternoon of Marjorie Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Dowdall, 547 Michigan street, and Earl Norman Case, older son of Mr. and Mrs. Case, of Superior street. The ceremony was witnessed only by immediate relatives of the bride and bridegroom, who left afterwards for a wedding trip round the Sound cities.

A wedding of great interest took place very quietly on Monday afternoon at 2.30 at Christ Church Cathedral when Jennie MacLaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Butchart, of "Benvenuto," Tod Inlet, was united in marriage to Harry Allan Ross, of this city. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Columbia officiated. There were present only immediate relatives and friends of the principals, who are at present touring the Coast cities.

Military Items

Lieut. Dorchester desires it to be understood that his office for the enrollment of recruits is situated on the ground floor of the Sayward block and that he will be glad to see, and give all necessary information to, any candidates for the cyclists' platoon which he is raising for overseas service. There is ample variety in this branch of the service and those who join may rely upon being given expert training by an officer of long experience in the work of the cyclist.

The Artillery draft, which was just one man short a few days ago, now has vacancies for about half a dozen medically fit recruits to fill the places of some who have failed to measure up to the required medical standard.

Many of his colleagues gathered at the boat to bid good-bye to Wallace A. Craig yesterday afternoon, who left for Vancouver to join the Canadian Army Service Corps, overseas draft. He has been engaged with the Royal Bank of Canada for the past three years, relinquishing his post to get in the fight. He was associated with the Y. M. C. A. in this city and is well known.

"I understand automobiles have revolutionized the farmer's life." "So they have in one way." "How is that?" "Farmers often return home in their cars from making a night of it in the city at the hour when they used to get up and go to work."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

MIDWEEK CLOSING OPERATIVE TO-DAY

Oak Bay and Esquimalt Apply Referendum Decision at Once

The weekly half holiday referendum in the neighboring municipalities is partly in force this afternoon, although in Saanich it will not be operative till February 7. The local circumstances of the three municipalities has been somewhat varied.

In Oak Bay, Wednesday was the day voluntarily set apart before the vote at the recent election, and therefore legal enforcement now will present no difficulty. Immediate operation there is natural, and the same will apply in Esquimalt.

The Saanich storekeepers could not agree, and after a few weeks of adherence by agreement had failed, the compact was broken up, and stores have been open or closed as the circumstances might dictate in the meanwhile. Therefore not to impose any hardship on the storekeepers, the police will give two weeks' notice to each person interested, after which enforcement will follow. Thus it will not be till early in February that the whole of the contiguous municipalities will be in line.

In Vancouver City Solicitor Jones has given formal notice that the half holiday must be enforced to-day, and accordingly all stores which formerly were required to close on Saturday have now changed the day to the middle of the week. There was considerable doubt till yesterday as to how soon the change would be made, however, he rules that it is operative immediately. The neighboring municipalities have fallen into line with the Terminal City on the choice of a day, so that there will not be a problem such as Victoria presents of two zones, within, and without the city.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death took place on Saturday night at his residence, Sixteenth avenue, Vancouver, of Alexander Francis McKinnon, one of the old-time residents of that city, who is also well known to the memory of many Victorians. The deceased, who was about 99 years of age, was a native of Glen-garry, Ont., and came to this province prior to the opening up of the Canadian Pacific railway. He was a miner by occupation, but retired about 20 years ago and went to live in Vancouver. Requiem mass was sung yesterday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church, Mount Pleasant, by Rev. Dr. Lardon, O.M.I. Interment was in the Mountain View cemetery. Mrs. McKinnon died some years ago, but there survive two daughters, Mrs. P. McCurrach, of Vernon; and a son, W. A. McKinnon. A sister, Miss McKinnon, lives at Vancouver and a brother, Dan McKinnon, is in Portland, Ore.

The funeral of Pte. Clifford Harvey Stanley, 172nd Battalion, who died last Sunday at the Royal Jubilee hospital, took place yesterday with full military honors. Services were held at 2 o'clock at the B. C. Funeral chapel, Rev. Dr. Campbell, chaplain to the forces, taking charge, assisted by Rev. Gilbert Cook, Major J. A. Harvey, O.C. "J" Unit, Casualty Company, and Dr. Hassell, both of the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt, were present, together with a number of men from "J" Unit, which furnished the pallbearers, as follows: Lance-Cpl. S. W. Fry, Cpl. C. Vallee and Ptes R. F. Stewart, J. McCaffrey, J. Shaw and W. H. Johnston. Men of the 50th Gordon Highlanders formed a firing party, and "The Last Post" was sounded over the grave by a bugler. The 5th Regiment supplied the gun carriage which bore the remains to the cemetery, the 142nd Battalion band leading the procession with muffled drums.

The funeral of Mrs. Helen Grant, whose death occurred last Saturday at 1524 Gladstone avenue, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of the daughter, Mrs. Hendry, 1554 Gladstone avenue. The services were very largely attended. Rev. William Stevenson officiated, and the hymns sung were "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages." The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. W. C. Grant, L. A. Grant, W. C. M. Grant, J. E. Grant, G. F. Watson and A. Hendry.

JAPAN'S SYMPATHY.

Tokio, Jan. 17.—At a gathering of representative Japanese to-day, among whom was Premier Terauchi, it was voted to send a popular commission to all the entente countries, probably in April, to express Japan's sympathy for the wounded and for her war sufferers. An appeal will be made throughout the empire for subscriptions in an effort to raise as large a fund as possible.

England's eagerness to-day to do justice in pay and pensions to her fighting men offers a happy contrast to past neglect. The heroes of the ships that fought the Hundred Years' War. In those days every fit man in both countries had to play his part, and that is how it came about that, in the great expedition of Edward III., "there was not knight, squire, or man of honor, from the age of twenty to sixty years that did not go." "That, too, explains the presence of Geoffrey Chaucer with the force, and his capture in November 1359 in a skirmish near Rheims. Chaucer's experience was a general one in those days, when it had been said, every house in England was a fortress and every fortress a goal."—London Chronicle.

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OAK BAY LIBERALS NAVAL CADET CORPS HAS ENCOURAGEMENT

ELECTED OFFICERS Recently-Organized Unit of St. Louis College Addressed by Navy Men

Annual Meeting of Association Held Last Evening; Mr. Pauline Spoke

Last evening there was a representative attendance of the members of the Oak Bay Liberal association, one of the branches of the central association for the constituency of Saanich, in the committee rooms at the corner of Newport and Saratoga avenues, on the occasion of the annual meeting.

William Noble, retiring President of the association, was in the chair and he outlined the work which had been done by the association during the year, including its participation in the election campaign, when the members had the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing Mr. Pauline elected to the legislature by a handsome majority as the representative of the people of Saanich. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary president—William Noble, President—Alexis Martin. First vice-president—Herbert Bunting. Second vice-president—J. D. Macdonald. Secretary—Thomas McCosh. Assistant secretary—R. A. Power.

Executive committee—Duncan Powell, Frank Sere, John W. Stohart, R. A. Cunningham and S. T. Hankey. F. W. Dempster, president of the district association, spoke on matters of organization, and George Vallance, secretary of the district body, on activities which might be undertaken by the central and local associations during the coming year.

F. A. Pauline, M. P. P., was received with hearty applause and thanked the association for its confidence in him and the excellent work which had been done by the Oak Bay and other associations in the constituency. He dealt with various matters that will arise for consideration in the near future, and more particularly with reference to the changes in the franchise by the admission of women to the right to vote.

The meeting closed with the national anthem.

NO SESSION TO-DAY OF "LEAK" INQUIRY

Will Be Resumed To-morrow; Committee Wishes to Employ Counsel

Washington, Jan. 17.—To-day's session of the "leak" hearing was suddenly postponed as it was about to open. Witnesses were notified to appear to-morrow. The postponement was made so the committee might ask the House for authority to employ counsel.

Meanwhile the committee will make its plans for extending the inquiry into a general investigation, which was forecast when it yesterday summoned J. P. Morgan, Frank A. Vanderbilt, Henry P. Davison and other well known financiers. Some of them were on hand to-day waiting to testify. Those W. Lawson also was ready to go on, and Mrs. Ruth Thompson Viscoff, the woman who Lawson says told him Secretary Tully was involved in the "leak," had been served with a subpoena.

The committee has decided to ask permission of the House to employ counsel and accountants and for an extension of 30 days in which to report," said Rep. Garrett in explanation of to-day's action.

Another witness to arrive was announced as Philip Fiske, of New York, described by Lawson as the man who told Archibald S. White he "controlled" Secretary McCook. John R. Rathen, editor of the Providence Journal, whose news dispatches regarding "leaks" Lawson read into the record, also appeared.

England contributed a handsome share in forming the genius of Henry Sienkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis" whose death has come at a time of crisis in the affairs of the Poland he loved so well. This wonderful book of 39 translations owed its main inspiration, as the author tells us, to Cardinal Wiseman's "Fablia: the Church of the Catacombs." It exerted over him a "powerful fascination from dawn of boyhood," and more than Tacitus and Chateaubriand, who also played a part in the creation of this popular novel, led the Polish romancer to his first and greatest success.—London Chronicle.

DANISH WEST INDIES PART OF THE STATES

Treaty Ratified To-day; Form of Government Not Decided as Yet

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Danish West Indies passed to-day under the sovereignty of the United States. Negotiations continued for over half a century came to a conclusion with the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of cession by Secretary Lansing and Danish Minister Brun.

The formal transfer of the islands, with the raising of the American flag, will take place as soon as the \$25,000,000 purchase price is paid over, some time within the next ninety days. The treaty provides that meanwhile the Danish government shall continue his jurisdiction and that a committee of one Dane and one American shall be appointed to arrange for further details.

The form of government of the islands and their name is now in the hands of congress, with some doubt as to whether they will have a civil government or be administered as a naval base, for which they were bought.

In ordering a levy of its whole male population Germany will only be doing what France and England did without compulsion during the Hundred Years' War. In those days every fit man in both countries had to play his part, and that is how it came about that, in the great expedition of Edward III., "there was not knight, squire, or man of honor, from the age of twenty to sixty years that did not go." "That, too, explains the presence of Geoffrey Chaucer with the force, and his capture in November 1359 in a skirmish near Rheims. Chaucer's experience was a general one in those days, when it had been said, every house in England was a fortress and every fortress a goal."—London Chronicle.

CABINET MINISTERS' RECORDS ARE CLEAR

Commission Makes Interim Report on Road Frauds in Saskatchewan

Regina, Jan. 17.—The Saskatchewan government is completely exonerated of any guilty knowledge or wrongdoing in connection with the road frauds in the province in an interim report of the Wetmore Royal Commission presented to the lieutenant governor in council.

The findings of the commissioners are unanimous. The commissioners find that no member of the government had any knowledge of the frauds, nor did any member of the government participate in the proceeds of the frauds.

It is stated that the total amount of the frauds perpetrated by G. P. Brown, chief clerk of the highways department, and E. H. Devline, was \$11,469.25.

The total amount of the other Brown frauds, with which the names of J. F. Lindsay, of Swift Current, and E. L. H. Smith, manager of the Broad street branch of the Bank of Ottawa, Regina, were connected, was \$2,824.12.

Other road frauds carried out by Simpson, a junior clerk in the highways department, and Godfrey, a road foreman, totaled \$2,824.89.

The frauds perpetrated by Brown were based upon forged contracts and pay-lists, forged engineers' certificates, forged endorsements on cheques, and forged signatures of the three officials who acted from time to time as chairman of the highways board.

It is stated that the only member of the assembly connected with any of the frauds was E. H. Devline, and that with the exception of Simpson, no member of the civil service had any knowledge of the frauds.

ATTACKS REPULSED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 17.—After a bombardment last evening German troops attacked the French lines east of Clercy and south of Blaches, in the Somme region. These attacks were repulsed, the war office announced today.

DRAMATIST'S CARGO

Seattle, Jan. 17.—Nearly all the cargo of the steamship Dramatist, reported sunk by a German raider, was loaded at Seattle. It was chiefly flour and salmon, with some lumber.

HARRY THAW STILL REMAINS IN STUPOR

Does Not Realize Where He is Or What Has Happened

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—Physicians at the hospital where Harry K. Thaw, who attempted to commit suicide here last week by slashing himself with a razor, is a patient, said today that Thaw was not recovering as rapidly as had been expected and expressed concern both as to his mental and physical condition.

Dr. Eldwood Kirby, Thaw's physician, said early today that his patient was still in a stupor.

Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw said she probably would issue a statement today outlining the stand she will take in the impending legal proceedings against her son.

CLEARING AWAY OF DEBT AFTER CONTEST

Francis W. Hirst Tells of Schemes Advanced in Great Britain

London, Jan. 17.—Francis W. Hirst, the well-known authority on economic subjects, writes: "The great new war loan continues to absorb money, credit and attention, but the significance of the new diplomatic situation produced by President Wilson's initiative is that the financial authorities and the politicians and officials are beginning to discuss methods dealing with the war debt after the war."

One plan suggested to me is that the whole debt might be cleared away in thirty years by a drastic inheritance tax, so that occupation of the wealth of this generation would follow the occupation of lives.

Another scheme is the assessment of all property, fixed, movable and liquid. Supposing the valuation to be £20,000,000,000; then a flat capital levy of 10 per cent would clear away £2,000,000,000 of the debt.

GERMAN CLAIM ABOUT ENTENTE AEROPLANES

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Sixty-six aeroplanes of the entente powers were shot down on the various battlefronts in the month of December, according to an official statement issued here today.

TURKEY "REPUDIATES"

London, Jan. 17.—The Turkish government, says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam, has sent a note to neutral powers repudiating statements contained in the entente reply to President Wilson.

ADMITS WAR BEARS HEAVILY ON GERMANY

Prussian Finance Minister's Remarks in Submitting Budget for 1917

London, Jan. 17.—In submitting the 1917 budget in the Prussian Diet, Dr. Lentze, the minister of finance, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, made the following statement: "Each time we have submitted the war budget in the last two years we have entertained the hope that it would be the last with which we would have to deal."

"Again we submit a war budget and we should not like to abandon the same hope, despite the fact that the German peace offer has been refused by our enemies with the announcement of their policy of war to destruction."

No cheese has been on the market since August, and eggs are unobtainable, except surreptitiously at 16 to 20 cents apiece.

The principal thing to-day is that we win the war," Dr. Lentze continued. "The blockade makes itself felt more and more. It can not be denied that it lies heavily on the country, and yet it must be borne."

"Our enemies make a great mistake if they believe they can conquer us by a blockade. No one starves in Germany, despite the blockade. This has been well provided against. In enemy countries the cost of food and the distress in many respects are greater than with us."

BRITISH WRITERS DISCUSS NEW YEAR

Will Germany Collapse in 1917? Question They Try to Answer

London, Jan. 17.—"Will Germany be forced to capitulate this year and peace be established?" Writers on the war in the current periodicals all contribute, one way or the other, either directly or indirectly, to the answer.

"Engage the enemy more closely by sea and by land, under the water and in the air. That should be the New Year signal," says the Spectator, and continues: "Now that Germany has learned the hopelessness of trying to entangle us in negotiations, her dreadful internal situation and the menace on the western front are more than likely to prompt her to a forlorn charge on sea as well as on land."

"With the coming year," writes Dr. A. Shadwell in the Nineteenth Century, "the great drama moves on to another act, and the people of this world approach the sternest ordeal of their history."

"Attrition is no novelty to the German. It has been his fate through the years. His challenge was sent forth on world power or downfall. His fate is the symbol of our destiny."

"The more clearly, therefore, we grasp all of us—the indispensable condition of success—an all-national, organized, disciplined, socialism of war—productive energy, male and female—the sooner we shall be in a position in our turn to send Kaiser Wilhelm a peace offer of, let us hope, a more productive kind than that projected at our heads from Berlin as a victorious Christmas box."

EVER MORE DIFFICULT TO LIVE IN GERMANY

Food Situation Described by Associated Press Correspondent After Trip

Stockholm, Jan. 17.—The food situation in Germany has grown much worse during the last six months, according to the experience of an Associated Press correspondent who has returned from a trip to Berlin. Potatoes are so scarce that this week's per capita ration in Berlin was less than four and a half pounds.

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PENSION FUND MAY GIVE CANADA PAUSE

A. C. Flumerfelt Addressed Toronto Canadian Club on Returned Soldiers

Toronto, Jan. 17.—"I estimate that at the close of the war Canada will face a pension fund of \$25,000,000," declared A. C. Flumerfelt, of Victoria, addressing the Canadian Club of Toronto yesterday.

"At the close of the Civil War in the United States the pension fund amounted to \$18,000,000, but in 1914 it had reached \$187,000,000. We must seriously face this problem in Canada and see that such legislation is enacted that it may not be made a political football."

"We will never be prosperous till we are populous, and we shall never be populous till we cheapen the high cost of living, and we shall never do that till we increase our production," asserted the speaker, backing up his claim that all real wealth must come from the ground.

"Fifty million acres of land should be set aside for returned soldiers. Even with this added to the 33,000,000 acres of land already under cultivation we should still have 1,000,000,000 acres left."

ITALIAN MISSION ARRIVES AT ATHENS

London, Jan. 17.—An Italian mission has arrived at Athens and will participate in the entente control in Greece, says a dispatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

A GERMAN ALLEGATION

Berlin, Jan. 17.—The Cologne Gazette publishes statements which it says have been made by Russian prisoners that all men between the ages of 15 and 40 in occupied Austria territory have been deported to Russia.

MUNITIONS PROBLEM BOTHERS GERMANS

Shortage of Railway Rolling Stock and Labor Having Effect

London, Jan. 17.—Francis Gribble, in an article on Germany's munitions, published in the Daily Chronicle, says: "Although the censorship is strict in Germany, awkward truths have a way of leaking out through the columns of trade organs and technical papers, and it may now be gathered from these instructive sources that the munitions supply is a cause of increasing anxiety."

The present complaint is that there are not enough cars to convey coals to the blast furnaces, with the result that the production of steel is menaced.

Another reason may be found in the increasing lack of labor, which is diminishing the output alike in the coal mines and iron mines, as a few selected figures will show.

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN THE WINNIF MARKET

Table listing market prices for various commodities including wheat, flour, and other goods.

WHEAT DID NOT HOLD GROUND AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The market opened firm, and during the early part of the morning session advanced a point above the opening, but later it appears that local buyers got loaded with that which was sold by prominent commission houses, liquidated and the market became heavy.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table showing cotton market prices and trends in New York.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing stock exchange transactions and prices in Victoria.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS MARKET HELD WELL AT NEW YORK TO-DAY

Large table of stock market data including prices for various stocks and commodities.

Table of New York Curb Prices and Victoria Stock Exchange data.

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NOW ORGANIZE UPON A PERMANENT BASIS

Civic Tax Delinquency Committee Gets Down to Work by Nomination of Membership

WEEKLY MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD

Discussion is Desultory at Times, While Functions of Body Are Defined

While there was a great deal of desultory talking on the tax delinquency question yesterday afternoon at the city hall, little real progress was made except to advance the organization of a permanent body, permanent at any rate till some scheme is decided upon of an acceptable nature to the various parties interested, and to decide on regular weekly meetings on Tuesday afternoons.

The following members of the various bodies invited to send representatives were duly elected, and joined in the discussion. Other bodies have not yet nominated:

Board of Trade—James Forman and Andrew Wright.

Real Estate Exchange—C. T. Cross and A. R. Wolfenden.

Civic Retrenchment Association—F. J. O'Reilly and J. Landsberg.

Rotary Club—J. C. M. Keith and Joshua Kingham.

Affiliated Friendly Societies Association—E. C. B. Bagshaw and C. E. Copeland.

Victoria Branch, B. C. Manufacturers' Association—F. Westley Newton.

Trades and Labor Council—John Day.

Retail Merchants' Association—R. Drake and W. H. Bone.

Representing shareholders of local companies—T. Edward Clark.

For two hours the subject was discussed from various aspects, though it seemed rather difficult for the speakers to keep to the point, and to realize that the organization has not been called upon to pull the city out of debt, but to meet the situation which confronts many large taxpayers.

Tax Sale Redemption.

After organization of the committee, the mayor's motion with regard to tax sale redemption of Dec. 18 was taken up briefly.

The mayor said the suggestions were rather drastic as compared with past policies in this matter, and he recommended that it should be laid on the table till the next meeting, by which time it would give an opportunity for consideration. This course was adopted.

Alderman Fullerton alluded to the desirability of circulating all members to supply all information and returns so far presented, a course which was adopted.

The mayor, as author of the proposal, recited the history of the inauguration of the movement. He pointed to the problems of the case, notably semi-business property whose valuation was in ratio much too high. Also there was acreage on the outskirts much too highly assessed. They all had a good idea of the over-taxation on local improvements and expropriations, notably Pandora avenue. He doubted the practicability of any general scheme, rather anticipating a plan with various ramifications to meet individual circumstances. Before any final arrangement was made the committee would have to be provided with the city balance sheet. He was glad to say that his preliminary inquiries last fall had led to considerable interest in the subject. In regard to the general policy he had outlined in October, he admitted that they could improve greatly upon it, and so meet circumstances upon which further information had transpired. He welcomed the different members who had been appointed, but thought they should wait for the nomination of the delegates from other bodies later in order to participate. Any plan adopted must have the approval of the legislature, the bond holders, and the citizens, by referendum.

In answer to the chairman, the mayor believed that the original number of 11 might well be enlarged, he was not particular about the committee's size.

Alderman Dilworth thought that before the draft of the report it should be defined who should participate, though the opinion of others might be heard by its membership.

Application for representation of property owners on the principal local improvement streets was also advanced, a suggestion supported by Alderman Walker.

Alderman Peden agreed that the three important streets, Pandora, Douglas and Hillside, should be specially represented.

Alderman Sargent supported the mayor's original plan of eleven each from the council and outside, as a fair balance of opinion.

Pendergast street property owners demanded representation, and eventually the question was put that the mayor, the aldermen, and the representatives of the bodies should constitute its personnel.

There was a long argument on this phase of the question, pro and con for a large or small committee.

This resolution was then adopted without dissent.

Delinquency Warrants.

Mr. Cross mentioned that at Olympia an amendment was being presented to permit the raising of money on warrants of \$100 denomination, paying six per cent. interest. If any use was to be made of the idea, the matter would

have to be taken up before the British Columbia legislature soon.

The comptroller pointed out that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities had considered the scheme in 1915, and most of the members had opposed the idea.

Mr. Cross observed that this was not a suggestion aimed at earmarking the warrants against certain properties, but against the delinquency as a whole.

Alderman Cameron thought it would be desirable to state that the city did not need relief, but its taxpayers, and "idlers" were what was wanted at the meeting.

Mr. Landsberg doubted if any successful scheme could be reached without the full statement before them of the financial status of the city.

Mr. Cameron, "Suppose you know it what would you propose to do?"

Mr. Landsberg emphasized that if the necessary information was forthcoming, it would be possible to know how much of the delinquency taxes could be treated for relief, after setting aside that which was hypothesized.

Alderman Johns said the main issue was relief of people who were over-charged with assessments for local improvements.

Mr. Beakbrook believed that it was the first duty of a receiver to know what the liabilities were, and they were something in that position to-day.

Two experts should be appointed with the assessor to determine the valuations of property.

Various Suggestions.

Mr. Bagshaw said not think the council would wish to shift the burden of taxation from those who had not paid onto those who had met their liabilities. He believed a more expeditious plan would be attained by breaking up the committee into sections to carry on its work.

Alderman Andros stated the question of indebtedness was the factor, not the amount of the debt. Since the moneys did not come from those who had been expected to pay, it must come from some other source. Some schemes must be formulated which would provide for that indebtedness.

Mr. Landsberg renewed his call for a formal statement of this city's position first.

Mr. Clark thought the first question should be the debt and how it was to be met—and out of that question, would arise tax delinquency. He alluded to experience in assessment in the old county.

Mr. Kingham strongly advocated the idea of securing the proposed information from Olympia. As one personally interested in semi-business property he believed there would have to be some reorganization, in order to avoid the surrender of property to the city. He did think additional information would be necessary before the committee could reach any definite conclusion.

For the sake of considering the question of delinquency warrants an early conclusion should be reached in case of application for legislation.

Alderman Cameron declared it was not so much a question of the city finding money, as aid to the individual owners. He did not yet see any feasible solution offered in the interval since the question had been raised.

Mr. Cross jumped up to remark that the Real Estate Exchange had offered a solution, in the way of assumption by the city of discrepancy between the estimate and the actual cost on local improvements.

W. T. Andrews, on behalf of Pendergast street owners, appealed for relief on that street owing to excessive expropriation cost, and declared some committee ought to exist to hear the appeal of such owners.

Mr. Forman wanted the meeting to come back to the real issue: What relief could be given to those who were over-burdened with taxation? Relief of excessive taxation, and re-assessment of the semi-business district since the proportional cut of 5, 10 or 15 per cent. in assessment did not meet the situation, were some suggestions he offered.

After Views.

A. M. Bannerman referred to some difficulties with regard to Pandora avenue. He attributed the situation to four factors: (1) the greed of some property owners; (2) the incompetence of officials at that time; (3) lack of business administration in carrying on the work; (4) apathy of owners in allowing work to be done for which they must pay. Under these circumstances the city ought to pay. He favored relief by way of assumption of excess charges when the cost exceeded 50 per cent. of charges of the estimated figures by the city.

Alderman Fullerton alluded to three policies of relief: That of extension of the life of the by-law of assumption of the difference annually between the estimated cost and the actual cost of all local improvement work, about \$135,000 for some years, decreasing in 1924 to about one-half; and lastly, direct taxation, by spreading the charges over the city, as the mayor had suggested. He also examined the question of borrowing against delinquent taxes.

Alderman Sargent summed up some of the issues which must be considered in securing an equitable settlement, with reason and equity to all.

SLAVIN CHEERFUL

Former Victoria Pugilist in Front Line Despite His 55 Years.

Frank P. Slavin, who although fifty-five years of age is still doing his bit in the trenches in France. In a recent communication Slavin states that he has been continually under fire for a period of fifty days, and only for about ten days during three months has he had any rest from heavy artillery bombardment.

He states that in spite of the continuous attention from the enemy's artillery the casualties have been comparatively light. For this compensating state he pays tribute to the splendid work of the commanding officer, Colonel Louis Ross. In his early days Slavin was a pugilist of considerable repute and fought some of the most noted ring men of his day. It was during his visit to London as a soldier that Slavin appeared in a music hall which had also been his setting many years previously in a ring bout.

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CELEBRATED DIARIST SUBJECT OF LECTURE

Hon. Judge Howay Makes Peppy's Chronicle Theme of Interesting Talk

A subject of such historically remote interest, in these times of war, as the celebrated diary of Samuel Peppy proved something by way of unique attraction to the members of the Women's Canadian Club, who turned out in unusually large force at the Empress hotel yesterday afternoon to hear the address by the Hon. Judge F. W. Howay, of New Westminster.

The topic was entertainingly dealt with, the lecturer obviously having browsed leisurely for many years in the pleasant fields of mid-seventeenth century history opened up by the famous English diarist.

His contemporaries knew Peppy as a dignified, kindly, hospitable man, gifted above his fellows perhaps in the possession of accomplishments as well as a clever man of business. But in this diary, the lecturer pointed out, was the true Peppy, the Peppy beholden to his Maker.

The former Peppy is seen in the brief biography with which Judge Howay prefaced the discourse on the diary and the character revelation contained therein. Samuel Peppy was born in 1623 and died in 1703. He was the son of a London tailor, and later entered Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Through the influence of Sir Edward Montagu, who later became the Earl of Sandwich, he secured the office of clerk of the acts of the navy. Twelve years later he was raised to the secretaryship of the admiralty, and discharged his duties with intelligence and zeal. For a short time he was member of parliament, and among other offices which he held during his lifetime were that of master of Trinity House and president of the Royal Society. He earned quite a reputation as an authority on matters relating to the navy, and in the pages of his diary, written between 1660 and 1682, is revealed occasionally the pride taken by the author in the defence shown him by his contemporaries in this respect. The diary was written in cipher, and remained an unread manuscript among the other books and papers of the 3,000-volume library which he bequeathed to Magdalene College at his death. There were six volumes in the diary, which remained a closed secret until Lord Granville worked out by constant application and close study a key, which served to translate some of the writing. Rev. John Smith, with this key after three years, succeeded in deciphering a considerable portion of the books. He continued his research work over a period of twenty-four years, when there was discovered Peppy's own key to the diary. The first translation of 1825 was, consequently, supplemented by the later translation made between 1892-99, which gives the intimate inner history of a man prominent in the London of his time.

Some of the big events which happened in the period to which Peppy belonged—the restoration of King Charles II, the Cabal, the Great Fire, the Great Plague, the Dutch war, and, more important than all, the change from the grey puritanical life of the Commonwealth to the gay, indolent, pleasure-loving times of the king, were referred to by the lecturer as making the diary of great interest.

"The diary is really a magic mirror in which we can see reproduced the life of two hundred and fifty years ago; it is a reflection in which we behold the secret springs that moved the conduct of the men of the time, and etched therein is the character of the writer, Peppy," said Judge Howay.

"The austere and dignified Peppy is now known to us with all the familiarity of a boon companion. We see into the most intimate and sacred chambers of his life."

Running through the diary are the names of great men. King Charles II, whom the diarist describes as "a very sober man," curious impression for so gay a monarch to make on the mind of so clever a reader of his fellows as Peppy; William, Prince of Orange, described as "a very pretty boy." Sir William Penn, father of William Penn, of Pennsylvania fame; Monk, whom he considers "a fool and a blockhead." Edward Hyde, Lord chancellor of England; James, Duke of York, and many other notabilities. All these were seen figuratively "in the diary," Peppy with his zeal and curiosity probing into their inmost character.

With respect to his work with the admiralty it was pointed out that Peppy had really set himself seriously to work to lay the broad and deep foundations upon which the British navy to-day rests. It was during his time that the hostile Dutch fleet made its way up the Thames right to London, and the fact that the English ships sent against them were bad and leaky was cause of sincere remorse and shame to the diarist. Peppy vainly but zeal and curiosity probing into their inmost character.

There never lived a man who was a hero to his valet," reminded the speaker. "But," he continued, "there is something heroic and brave in the man who can set out his own imperfections and faults quite frankly. And this Peppy did in his diary, written in the

secrecy of his closet day by day over a period of nine and a half years. Parsimony he carried to the point of avarice. He grows over the loss of a thrupence. He records taking an inventory six times in one year, then eight times, and, in a third year, eleven times. The habit grows, although his income is better than it ever was. In 1667 Peppy was a comparatively rich man. There were no banks in those days. He had a money belt. When that got full he sent his money down to his father in the country to be buried in his garden."

The amusing incident of the unearthing of the treasure occupied some minutes. The thing was done stealthily, and by candle-light so that none of the neighbors should see it. The place could not be found at first, and Peppy grew angrier and angrier, a fact which he recorded quite frankly in his diary. "I was out of my wits almost," the diarist said. At last it was found, but short a hundred pieces. "It made me mad," he wrote. He went to bed at 2 o'clock in the morning, sorely worried over the missing coin, reflecting "How painful it is sometimes to keep money as well as to get it." But he had the honesty to own up to his weakness.

His love of the table, good wines, the theatre, and dress, were candidly portrayed in the diary. In the pages were frequent references to the menu. "We had a fricassee of rabbits and chickens, a leg of mutton boiled, three carps in a dish, a great dish of a side of lamb, a dish of roasted pigeons, a dish of four lobsters, three tarts, a lampy pie (a most rare pie), a dish of anchovies, good wine of several sorts, and all things mighty noble and to my great content," he recounted of a meal served in his own house for a small party of eleven. Often he vowed not to touch wine again. But subsequent pages in the diary told of his relapses. His love of dress showed itself repeatedly, and a description of a drive through town in May, 1668, showed his vanity in his equipage and his appreciation of the admiration and envy which he saw in the eyes of the onlookers.

"He began life poor and obscure; he ended it rich and famous. He had succeeded," said the lecturer, who said there were many people not satisfied with success alone but who wanted the public to know that they had succeeded. Peppy was quite human, and had a miscellaneous and indiscriminate curiosity to which made him want to know about everything, a fact which might not make him seem so great a man but which added to the interest of his diary and the indescribable charm of the man himself. In spite of his meanness one could not read his chronicle without coming to have a very real affection for the writer.

The lecturer was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his entertaining talk on motion of Mrs. Allison, seconded by Mrs. Suddaby. Vocal solos were beautifully sung by Mrs. Gleason Hicks and Miss May Mitchell, Miss Lotus Griffith acting as accompanist for both ladies.

PRESENTS POSER

"When is a Fireman on Duty?" is Problem for New Compensation Commission.

The lot of the commissioners to administer the Workmen's Compensation act is not going to be a very happy one if the daily round is to produce "right off the bat" a little problem like that the fire department here has presented for elucidation.

Two men were injured, one playing basketball at the central hall, and the other riding his wheel to lunch, and since they both were firemen, the question is "Who is responsible?" The games of prowess among the firemen are rightly encouraged as developing physical endurance, and also it cannot be questioned that a fireman is entitled to use whatever means of conveyance to and from his hall his pocket will afford. The matter was put up by Chief Davis to Commissioners Gilmour and Williams this morning, but a decision was deferred till the return of Commissioner Winn.

It is rather curious that the first two claims of city employees under the new statute should take so strange a twist.

COURT PROCEEDINGS ON PAWBROKER'S CHARGE

Watch and Chain Pawns for Five Dollars, Redeemable at Eight

E. P. Nathan, of the firm of Levy & Nathan, second-hand dealers of Government street, was brought up on a charge this morning under the Pawnbrokers' Act. E. D. Bukin, went to the store of the accused on the 11th of July last with the object of securing an advance on a watch and chain. He received five dollars and a ticket alleged by binding him to an agreement to redeem his pledge within thirty days on the payment of \$5.50. On the 11th of January last Bukin went to the store for the purpose of regaining his property. He was told that he could have his property back on the payment of eight dollars, the accused stating that he was in no way bound to recognize the undertaking after its expiry on the thirty days after issuance. The plaintiff objected to the rate of interest, pointing out its exorbitancy, returned later with a detective and redeemed his pledge for the eight dollars demanded.

Mr. Harrison asked the defendant if he knew that the Pawnbrokers' Act permitted a pledge to be redeemed at any time within a year, and Nathan confessed that he did, but considered the fact that he had taken out a license as a second-hand dealer in September last, released him from liability. He considered himself the owner of the articles after the expiry of thirty days. The prosecutor pointed out that his acceptance of a pledge and the issuance of a pawn ticket constituted the business of pawnbroking within the meaning of the act. The act also defines the rate of interest.

Nathan's previous assistance to the police in the matter of stolen articles and the like was advanced as an extenuating circumstance by his solicitor, Frank Higgins, the magistrate, therefore, in enforcing the act, fined the accused ten dollars, and on the plea of the plaintiff two and a half dollars, the amount in excess paid to Nathan, was returned to him out of the fine.

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FRUIT-PACKING TO BE TAUGHT TO CHILDREN

Classes Arranged for in Several of the High Schools of Province

Under the plans made by J. W. Gibson, director of elementary agricultural education, nine fruit-packing classes have been opened in high schools in connection with the courses in agriculture which are being conducted in the higher grades.

One of these is at Duncan, one in the Delta and the others in the interior fruit-growing districts. These will be conducted by members of the staff of the department, and they are expected to be productive of much good.

In his report, quoted in these columns not long ago, Mr. Gibson spoke of the problem of fruit-picking and the amount of labor that might be secured by the employment of school children during the picking season.

From the classes which have been conducted in the schools the best results have been obtained, as it is found that the children take a lively interest in the work, and when they get out into the orchards at actual work they can hold their own with the adults and with expert packers. If the same interest is shown in the number of pupils offering for the classes now planned for, and there is no reason to doubt it, an extension of the work will be arranged for.

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W. GALT, City Purchasing Agent, Victoria, B. C., Jan. 13, 1917.

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Then shall they answer him, saying— "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?or naked, and clothed thee?"

And the King shall answer..... "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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Dated this 29th day of December, 1916.
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NOTICE
Estate of Alexander Esson Evans, Late of Victoria, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of Alexander Esson Evans, late of Victoria, British Columbia, deceased, who was killed at the front on or about the 6th day of January, 1916, and whose will has been duly proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, are requested to send the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of February, 1917, after which date the Executor will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard only to such claims as which she shall then have notice.

Dated this 15th day of December, A.D. 1916.
CREASE & CREASE,
419 Central Building, Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitors for the Executor.

NOTICE
In the Matter of the Estate of Corporal W. F. L. Pilkington, Deceased, Intestate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Corporal Pilkington, who died of wounds on the 25th May, 1915, are required to send by post or deliver to the undersigned the names, addresses and full particulars, duly verified, in writing of their claims and statements of their account and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 15th day of February, 1917, the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated at Victoria the 9th day of January, 1917.
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SALARY QUESTION

RAISED IN ESTIMATES

City School Board Shortly to Determine Issue Agitating All Similar Bodies

The question of salaries may not be taken up at the meeting of the school board this evening, since the preliminary session will be largely for the purpose of organization, but it is inevitable that the issue will be raised shortly, since the board's estimates for 1917 must be presented to the council by the end of the month.

The estimates will have to be framed on the salary schedule to be followed this year, hence the necessity for a definite arrangement which will be applicable throughout. Everywhere teachers are seeking a restoration of the old salaries, and the effect of one district cannot but influence others. The cut of ten per cent. in Victoria is not the only reduction of salary which Victoria teachers are feeling, except in cases where the maximum salary had already been obtained, because the board has also cut off the automatic increases which used to afford an encouragement to good teaching. The calls on teachers for patriotic purposes are very similar also to what other citizens have experienced in the past.

So the decision with regard to any change, even a five per cent. advance, will have to be taken in the immediate future, and since it is the practice to meet again in January to receive the estimates before they are sent on to the council, the issue will be decided shortly.

A chairman will be selected this evening, and the committees appointed at the inaugural meeting of the board. There is not much business beyond routine matters to be determined on this occasion. The situation with regard to Oak Bay pupils at the High school has adjusted itself since the last meeting, and the attitude of the district board will also be determined at a meeting called for to-morrow.

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ECONOMY WITH ALL DUE EFFICIENCY

New Watchword in All Departments of Provincial Public Service

MUCH WASTE IS FOUND THROUGHOUT PROVINCE

Ministers Will Insist Upon Strict Regard to Business Principles

Economy with efficiency is the watchword of the provincial government these days. The state of the exchequer makes this an absolute necessity, while, of course, the demands of the public service call for a certain irreducible minimum of expenditure.

There has always been a deal of waste and of wasteful spending of money in connection with all departments, and this was accelerated by the example of the late government and the full treasury which was at its disposal for a few years. There are an immense number of channels along which money flows with a constant draining loss on the way, and there is waste in almost every department and every office. Officials feel that it is the government that is paying, and that it has an inexhaustible fund upon which to draw, so that the same care which would be insisted upon in the office of a private individual or that of a company is lacking. In any one office the loss may not be much in money value in the course of a year, but multiplied by the great number of offices it is a very serious item, and, besides, the personal business discipline engendered is not a good one.

This waste takes many forms. Here at the seat of government, and in other clerical offices throughout the province, it manifests itself in excessive and careless use of stationery and supplies generally, and the demand for things which are not really necessary to the conduct of the public business. In departments where machinery is in use it is found that plants are ordered unnecessarily or without thought, or frequent repairs are due to negligent use, or that valuable and costly machinery is scrapped, often when new, and sold for a bagatelle. In road work there has been a needless duplication of plant in many cases, and one does not have to go very far from Victoria to see road machinery lying through the winter by the roadside entirely unprotected from the weather.

There have been works undertaken and carried out at the public cost which ought never to have been initiated, being for the benefit of party-friends of the late government altogether. Under some road superintendents and foremen there has been a looseness of management which has resulted in the work done on the roads having cost infinitely more than it should have done, and with an accompanying lack of method which has left the highways little improved for the tremendous outlay of money. In the purchase of supplies, too, for road gangs there has frequently been extravagance and downright waste.

All these and other forms of throwing money away are in the mind of the minister of public works and his colleagues in their determination that the public service must be carried on with all possible economy commensurate with efficiency. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars can be saved to the province every year without any disadvantage to the services rendered by the strict carrying out of the orders that have been issued for economy all along the line. No works but those which are absolutely required will be done, and the government agents are made responsible for the oversight of what are being carried out.

In a short time the minister of public works will be in receipt of statements from all the agents of the plant which the province owns in the various districts, and he will then be in a position to decide how the best use can be made of this and what, if any, is superfluous. He intends, by himself and his officers, to keep a very close watch on all public works, and to ensure that full value is obtained for all expenditure through his department.

This is the largest spending department of the government, and it is thus mentioned specifically, but the same principle has been adopted by the gov-

ernment as a whole, and each minister is going into the whole question of administration with a view to ascertaining wherein saving can be effected. In every instance needless spending will be cut out, whatever the object to which it is being devoted, and this principle will be emphasized and impressed upon all officials.

Travelling expenses form another outfit which calls for attention, it being felt that a good deal could be saved in this charge. The public accounts show annually a fixed appropriation for this purpose, but the fact is that the actual expenditure for travelling is more than double this, and over \$100,000 a year.

Upon the agent-general and his staff it is likely that the new principle will have to be sternly impressed. The expenditure of that office, as was noted in these columns some time ago, is not satisfactory to the government, and on the first batch of accounts to come under notice of the new minister of finance it was found that further information was necessary before they could be considered as giving proper details. For this office there was voted for the current year \$25,000, this being \$5,000 more than has been voted for some years past, the increase being made necessary by the making of Sir Richard McBride's salary \$15,000 where Hon. J. H. Turner got \$10,000.

It is understood that already, with the year nine months over, the twelve-month appropriation has been eaten up. This demonstrates a serious increase in the expenditure of the office, and one that needs to be checked at once. For the last fiscal year for which the returns are available, 1914-15, the office, under the late agent-general, did not come within \$1,724.94 of exhausting its appropriation of \$20,000. The year before it had \$34,011 left on March 31, and the year before that again there was remaining \$47,731. It must be remembered, also, that last session there was voted \$175,000 for the completion and maintenance of the new government building in Regent and Aldwych streets, a white elephant which, so far as known here, is not bringing the province in a penny rental from the offices. Under an agreement with the contractors the province is to pay an annual sum which will mean roughly a million dollars in thirty years.

To judge from the plentiful lack of knowledge which the late premier had when this matter was under discussion last session, the province seems to have run into the building project—or to have been run into it, probably is the better way to put it—without any foresight or counting of the cost. It was admitted by Mr. Bower that the building had cost \$100,000 more than the estimate. He was not able to give the House any idea of its size, or how many offices there were to rent or how much might be expected in revenue from this source. He only had the statement of the present agent-general that he was negotiating with several prospective tenants and that he expected the rentals to give the province its office free of cost.

WYLLY ESTATE ISSUE TO BE DEBATED AGAIN

New Council Will Hear of Subject Which Sharply Divided Its Predecessors

It is understood at the city hall that at the next meeting of the council the question of the redemption of the Wyllly property on Selkirk water will be raised by the solicitors to the beneficiaries, Crease & Crease. Last year the council divided evenly on the question, the present mayor taking the lead in supporting the redemption of the property on terms then outlined. The council, however, twice advertised the property for tender, and on each occasion received one other bid, but a question of title intervened, and ultimately just before the late council went out of office, caveat proceedings were commenced which stayed further allusion to the subject.

The principle behind this individual question is important, and formed the subject matter of the mayor's resolution which was for a short time before the tax delinquency committee yesterday, and laid over to give the members an opportunity to consider the policy involved. Should it become the course approved, the council would be committed to sell tax sale holdings back to owners or executors upon payment of taxes plus a penalty for the necessary expense resultant therefrom. That is a principle which is opposed as an inventive to speculation. It is easy to marshal arguments why the city should not be hard upon the unfortunate persons who are now unable to save their property particularly a case like that in question, where some ladies in a distant colony were led to believe their uncle left them a piece of property in British Columbia which has been forfeited through a blunder.

The mayor is still of the same opinion as he then so forcibly advanced in favor of redemption, and it is likely to lead to a sharp argument on the pros and cons of the case, not so much in its individual aspect, as in the broad principles arising as a result.

Postmaster Bishop, announced this morning that the collection of the cards was proceeding in a very satisfactory manner, and that practically the only ones which had not as yet been returned were those sent to people who were out of the city for the Christmas and New Year season, and had not as yet returned. "The office has received up to date well over 10,000 cards, which number I think is fairly representative of the male inhabitants between the ages of 16 and 65."

Mr. Bishop also stated that the signing of the cards by the Oriental population of the city would prove to be a success. No opposition had as yet been met with and the general sentiment of the Chinese and Japanese in the city appeared to be entirely in accord with the movement.

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NATIONAL SERVICE

Over 10,000 Cards Received by Local Post Office; More to Come.

The National Service campaign in the city is gradually drawing to a successful close. The cards that have not as yet been collected are now steadily coming in and complete figures for the city will soon be at hand. When they are known it is expected that the percentage of the male population of the city that has refused to sign the cards will be very small.

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