

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday: Victoria and vicinity—Increasing easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal Victoria—Marguerite Clark, Dominion—Lionel Barrymore, Variety—Norma Talmadge, Pastimes—The Girl, Glory, Columbia—Darkest Russia.

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ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI MEN OF RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY TALK OF A GATHERING AT KIEV

Assembly May Meet There After a Period, But For Present Sessions at Petrograd or at Other Point Are Regarded as Impossible

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—The Anti-Bolsheviki members of the Constituent Assembly, it is reported to-day, consider that it is now impossible to attempt to reconvene the Assembly in Petrograd at this time, and because of transportation difficulties it is inconvenient to go elsewhere.

The meeting of the All-Russian Congress of Councils of Workers and Soldiers' Delegates called for to-day was postponed.

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—The peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been postponed for a few days. Foreign Minister Trotsky is again in Petrograd and, according to the evening newspapers, is preparing another note to the Entente Powers.

ALCOHOL SHORTAGE IS SERIOUS MATTER

Commissioner Findlay Busy Endeavoring to Find a Solution to Problem

Prohibition Commissioner Findlay returned to the city this morning from Vancouver after a consultation with representatives of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association regarding the shortage of alcohol.

The case as it appears to the Manufacturers' Association has been put in plain language to Sir Robert Borden, who, it is understood, has been generally advised of the whole situation.

Plenty in Country. Sir Robert's interest in the matter has been actively solicited and an immediate investigation asked for to the end that Eastern Canadian distilleries be compelled to disgorge so that industrial requirements in this province may be met without delay.

As already mentioned in these columns Mr. Findlay wired to the three sister provinces now under "dry" law in the hope of securing assistance for British Columbia. So far he has heard from the Chief Inspector in Manitoba, who says that such alcohol there is supplied by the wholesale druggists and that while they have large stocks on hand at the moment they are unable to get further supplies.

In addition to the Commissioner's action with regard to "Wincarnia," mentioned in these columns on Saturday last, a similar notification was telegraphed to F. Stearns and Company, of Canada, at Windsor, relative to the medicated commodity known as Stearn's Wine.

With no desire to act without equitable consideration the Commissioner immediately advised the Stearn Company that no action would be taken until the Company had had every opportunity to submit its case to the Provincial Department.

13,974 IN CLASS A-2 IN SASKATCHEWAN

Regina, Jan. 22.—To date 23,847 men have been examined by the medical boards in Saskatchewan under the Military Service Act. Of this number 13,974 have been placed in Class A-2.

FUEL CONSIDERED BY OTTAWA CABINET

War Committee Met To-day and Discussed the Coal Situation

CONTROLLER MAGRATH GOES TO WASHINGTON

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—An important meeting of the War Committee of the Cabinet was held to-day to consider the fuel situation and devise means for relieving it.

Information submitted showed that the present fuel shortage in the United States, which resulted in the drastic expedient of closing down the industrial plants for a period, was due to the difficulties of transportation rather than to an actual shortage of coal.

Mr. Magrath later left for Washington to confer with Fuel Administrator Garfield. It is understood that the Canadian Government is co-operating with the American Government in the effort to meet the present fuel crisis.

BRITISH LABOR AND QUESTION OF PEACE

Judge Asks Proof of Provision For Draftees' Families

Montreal, Jan. 22.—Mr. Justice Macreth yesterday expressed his opinion that unless the military representative at the exemption appeal court over which he is presiding could assure the court that the families of drafted men would be provided for and not have to suffer, it would be unfair to send men to the front who claimed exemption on the ground of support.

RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BEFORE SESSIONS THIS WEEK

London, Jan. 22.—Demands for the calling of an immediate conference of labor from all countries to discuss peace will be among the most important of the resolutions to be submitted to the conference of the British Labor Party to be held at Nottingham, tomorrow and on the two following days.

A demand that labor be permitted representation at the eventual peace congress of the belligerent powers, or that an international labor conference be held simultaneously with the peace congress, is set forth by labor bodies of Great Yarmouth and Bristol.

Withdrawal of all labor members from ministerial offices under the present Government is demanded in eight resolutions prepared by the British Socialist Party or by labor bodies on the ground that co-operation of labor members in the service of a Government which "permits exploitation of the people by the capitalists" is contrary to labor's interests and a violation of the party constitution.

One such resolution from East Ham bases its demands on the continual barefaced robbery of the people by the food parties and suggests that any Labor member who refuses to resign should be expelled from the party.

MONTREAL DOES NOT SEEK NEW BURDENS

Montreal, Jan. 22.—The City Council last night passed a resolution against annexing any of the municipalities in Greater Montreal this year, especially Maisonneuve, as it is impossible for Montreal to take over the debts of other municipalities.

STATES NORTHCLIFFE POLITICIAN'S CATSPAW

London News Asks How Long British Will Tolerate Him

London, Jan. 22.—The London Morning Post announces that Col. Repington, whose resignation as military correspondent of The London Times was announced yesterday, has accepted an appointment as the military correspondent of The Post.

The Daily Chronicle called upon the Government to show courage and to prevent the press from indulging in such attacks, which are entirely beneficial to the enemy.

London, Jan. 22.—Referring to the resignation of Sir Edward Carson from the War Cabinet, The London Star asks whether it is proposed seriously that Lord Northcliffe shall take his place. It adds: "Was Lord Northcliffe made chairman of the American Mission to give entrance into the War Cabinet by the backdoor?"

ITALIANS IN STATES ATTEMPT TO BURY GERMAN MAN ALIVE

Frostburg, Md., Jan. 22.—Asserting he had expressed pro-German sentiments and had stated publicly his wish that the German offensive in Italy would succeed, infuriated Italians yesterday threw Philip Offmann, sexton, into the grave of Leonard Cavelli, being buried in St. Michael's cemetery here, and were proceeding to bury him alive when his cries for help brought back Rev. Father Denton, who was leaving the cemetery. The priest brushed aside the men, and Offmann, badly cut and bruised, was pulled out of the grave.

A DETROIT JEWELRY STORE ROBBED BY BANDITS; GOT HAUL

Detroit, Jan. 22.—Three bandits entered the jewelry store of Ralph Dewey, in the downtown district here this forenoon, bound the proprietor, and escaped with valuables said to be worth \$40,000.

New Brunswick Has 159 Smallpox Cases; Vaccination Plan

St. John, N. B., Jan. 22.—Reports to the provincial board of health show forty cases of smallpox in Kent County, sixty in Restigouche, forty-one in Northumberland, eight in York County and ten in Victoria. This is a total of 159 cases.

\$542,296,626 TRADE BALANCE OF CANADA

New Record Set Up by Dominion in Calendar Year 1917

Montreal, Jan. 22.—Final figures for the month of December, now made available from Ottawa, show that Canada's trade balance for the calendar year 1917 amounted to \$542,296,626, as against \$224,889,000 in 1916, the previous high record.

A feature of the classified exports of 1917, as was the case in 1916, was the immense growth of exports of manufactured goods, largely munitions. In 1917 the exports of manufactured goods were 44.1 per cent., as against 12.46 per cent. in 1913, the total figure in 1917 being \$682,521,000.

The Montreal Gazette summarizes the year's exports and imports by months as compiled from the official returns. The total exports during 1917 were \$1,547,420,885, as against \$1,025,134,229, and the balance, \$542,296,626.

CORN FROM STATES TO THIS COUNTRY

Hanna Arranges for Freer Importation to Assist Hog-Raising

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Arrangements have been made by the Food Controller's office which are expected to facilitate the movement of corn into Canada. Applications for licenses to import corn covering 1918, and the requirements to be made without delay to the office of the Food Controller, Ottawa.

The corn crop in the United States this year is officially estimated at considerably in excess of 2,900,000,000 bushels.

STORM IN EASTERN AREA OF STATES

Transportation Tie-Up Feared; Progress in Coaling Ships at New York

Washington, Jan. 22.—Snow was falling to-day throughout the eastern half of the United States, north of Georgia, and promised to tie up the country's transportation systems as badly as they were before the beginning of the five-day industrial shutdown.

From the New England States southward along the Atlantic coast to Georgia, and extending inland to the Mississippi River, the storm rages. Weather bureau officials said it would continue to-night.

New York, Jan. 22.—In the face of the worst ice jam in New York harbor in many years, encouraging headway has been made in coaling ships during the five fuelless days ending to-day. A week ago there were 218 ships tied up at docks, while early to-day there were but 410.

DUTCH STEAMSHIP SEIZED BY GERMANS

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—The capture by German warships of the Dutch steamship Luna, 1,588 tons gross, from Holland for Sweden, is reported in a dispatch to The Nationale Tidende. The Luna was taken to Hallumunde.

TRANSPORTATION AND GREATER PRODUCTION

These Two Problems Engaging Ottawa Cabinet's Attention at Present

HEARING OF PROTESTS ON NEW FREIGHT RATES

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The two problems that are most seriously engaging the attention of the Government at the present time are those relating to increased production and improved transportation facilities.

The representatives of labor will be back in the capital on January 23 to hear what the Government thinks of the suggestions made by them at last week's conferences. In the meantime the Government also has under review the suggestions made by the representatives of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. Out of these concrete proposals doubtless will mature.

A Minister of the Crown stated this morning that the great difficulties to be contended with at the present time are due largely to the fact that the Canadians have not been a well-organized people. There must, he said, be improved organization to meet the pressing needs of the time.

It is altogether probable that the protests of the western provinces and certain public bodies against the recent judgment of the Railway Board increasing the railway freight and passenger rates will be heard by the Government in public on Thursday. The majority of the Ministers will be in attendance, including those who at the present time are giving special consideration to transportation problems.

Manitoba's appeal from the judgment of the Board on questions of law arising out of the agreement of that province with the Canadian Northern Railway has not yet been inscribed on the list of cases to be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada at the sittings which begin on February 4. The factum for the province is being prepared, however, and will be ready for the court in a few days.

ENEMY ON ITALIAN FRONT ON DEFENSIVE

That Seems Teutons' Plan Following Appointment of New Commander

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 21.—via Rome and London, Jan. 22.—(By The Associated Press).—General Szaetzer Borevic has been appointed to succeed Archduke Eugene in command of the entire enemy front against Italy, and it is believed that the change may have a considerable effect on the campaign.

The two conspicuous enemy figures on this front have been Field-Marshal Conrad Hoetzendorf, commanding the mountain forces, and General Borevic, commanding along the Piave. General Borevic is the junior of the field-marshal and his elevation above the field-marshal is in the nature of a disgrace for the latter, probably growing out of the operations on this front.

General Borevic's tactics on the Italian front have been uniformly defensive, rarely offensive. For two years on the Isonzo front General Borevic had maintained the defensive and took the offensive only when German forces compelled an advance. Since the formation of the new Piave line his policy has been chiefly defensive.

IRELAND IN ST. CATHARINES

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 22.—The office of The Daily Journal here was gutted by fire last night, with a loss estimated at \$10,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

WORKERS IN AUSTRIA DESPERATE; WEARY OF WAR AND LACK FOOD

Clashes Between Hungry Civilians and Soldiers; Some Peace Demonstrators Arrested; At Points Soldiers Would Not Fire on Crowds

London, Jan. 22.—Austria-Hungary's cry for peace, accompanied apparently by a condition if incipient revolt, is featured by The London Daily News as an indication that the Dual Monarchy is hurrying to a crisis.

There is an evident connection of the strike movement with the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, which have encouraged the Socialists to insist that the war should not be prolonged merely for the purpose of territorial aggression.

While most of the newspapers here attach the greatest importance to the upheaval and some infer that the Austrian Government is encouraging the movement in a genuine endeavor to promote peace, the fact that the censorship has permitted reports to be telegraphed from Vienna with freedom suggests to other commentators that there may be a deliberate purpose behind the license allowed in Vienna.

Reports from Switzerland mention the arrest of peace demonstrators at some places in Austria. Clashes between hungry civilians and soldiers are reported, while in some instances it is stated the soldiers refused to fire on demonstrators when ordered to do so.

The report in German newspapers that Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian Premier, has resigned and that Dr. Weyerler, the Hungarian Premier, has determined to retire next month, is not supported by an official announcement.

ONLY RAIDS ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

French Took Prisoners Near Auberive; Enemy Raids Were Failures

London, Jan. 22.—Almost complete military inactivity continues on the fronts in France and Italy. No engagements, raids and the usual artillery actions make up the sum of the operations.

A report from Field-Marshal Haig, made public here to-day, said: "An attempted enemy raid last night east of Ypres was repulsed. Otherwise the night was calm on the whole front."

Paris, Jan. 22.—A German raid west of Navarra Farm, on the Champagne front, was without result, says today's official statement. "In the region of Auberive, French patrols brought back prisoners. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

SPEECH BY HERTLING EXPECTED THURSDAY

Before Reichstag Committee; Bolsheviki Reorganizing Aviation Service of Russia

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—The Zeitung Am Mittag, of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here, says that Count von Hertling, the German Chancellor, will deliver his proposed speech to the main committee of the Reichstag next Thursday.

General Borevic's tactics on the Italian front have been uniformly defensive, rarely offensive. For two years on the Isonzo front General Borevic had maintained the defensive and took the offensive only when German forces compelled an advance.

Count von Torggenburg, Minister of the Interior, announced the coming introduction of bills to extend the democratic principles of parliamentary suffrage to municipalities, including proportional representation. He would raise no fundamental objection to women suffrage.

Vienna, Jan. 22.—Herr Hoefler, president of the Austrian Food Board, addressed the labor delegates at the Ministerial conference Sunday on the food question, explaining the Government's efforts through negotiations with Hungary and Austria's allies to improve the situation.

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BOTH Breslau AND GOEBEN HIT MINES, LONDON REPORTS

London, Jan. 22.—The following report on the naval action at the entrance to the Dardanelles, supplementing the first announcement, was given out by the Admiralty last evening:

"In continuation of the announcement of Sunday, the following particulars have been received: The Goeben and Breslau emerged from the Dardanelles Sunday morning and attacked our naval force to the north of Imbros, with the result that the Raglan and the small monitor M-28 were heavily hit and sunk by gunfire.

"The enemy ships then proceeded south of Imbros, where the Breslau was forced into one of our mine-fields. She struck a mine and sank. The Goeben left her, steaming at full speed, and turned toward the Dardanelles. Turkish destroyers coming to the assistance of the Breslau were engaged by our destroyers and driven off.

"As the Goeben neared the entrance to the Dardanelles she also struck a mine, which reduced her speed and caused her to settle down aft, with a

list of 15 degrees. She finally beached herself on the west side of Nagara Point, where she is now being bombed by our aircraft.

"We saved 125 survivors of the Breslau, and they are now prisoners of war in our hands.

"The names of the survivors of the Raglan and the small monitor are not yet known, but there are 122 survivors at present reported out of a total of about 310.

DIES OF INJURIES.

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—Margaret Greig, aged sixteen, died here early this morning of injuries sustained in a collision between an automobile in which she was a passenger and a street car on Sunday night. Peter Rothstein, driver of the motor car, was instantly killed and Peter Crenidas is in a critical condition.

LIEUT.-COL. GENET GETS D.S.O.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 22.—Lieut.-Colonel Genet, of this city, commander of the 58th Battalion, has been awarded the D.S.O. and his sons, Lieutenants John and Henry Genet, were each decorated with the Military Cross for distinguished service. Lieut. John Genet is with the engineers.

SEEK MURDERERS IN CITY OF PETROGRAD

Bolsheviki Hunting for Men
Who Killed Shingaroff
and Kokoshkine

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—Premier Lenin and Secretary of State Burevitch have ordered the Red Guard and sailors to comb the city for "the motor car with Red Guards and sailors who killed Shingaroff and Kokoshkine." The murder of the former Ministers has created a feeling of protest and revolution among the Bolsheviki officials, who are anxious to prevent the situation from getting beyond their control.

The Petrograd Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has adopted a motion of the most strict censure of the murderers, declaring it never could approve of summary justice, and that no crimes had been committed by those killed. The resolution urges all soldiers to search for the murderers.

It has been learned that the sailors who were among the assassins were no part of any crew stationed in Petrograd, but had recently arrived from Finland, where they had been attached to the Baltic fleet.

The bodies of the slain Ministers, together with those of the victims of Friday's demonstration, including M. Logunoff, a Siberian member of the Constituent Assembly, were reviewed by thousands to-day in a chapel of the marine hospital. Four others who were members of the Kerensky Government, who had been in another hospital because of illness, to-day were transferred to the Krezay prison by the Bolsheviki authorities. The ex-Ministers transferred are A. V. Kartasheff, A. Konovotoff, S. Tretyakoff and S. Smirnov.

INQUEST ON DEATH OF GEN. SIR B. DUFF

London, Jan. 22.—Testifying at the coroner's inquest into the death of his father, General Sir Beauchamp Duff, who was found dead in bed Sunday morning, a son said the General had been greatly affected by an adverse reference to him in the report of a commission appointed to investigate the Mesopotamian campaign and that the General had been busy preparing an article in his defence. The jury found that the death of General Duff was due to an overdose of a sleeping potion, taken to induce sleep.

INLAND REVENUE.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The inland revenue for the month of December brought in \$2,642,926, against \$2,481,462 in the corresponding month last year. Excise last month returned \$2,472,531, of which spirits accounted for \$1,283,698; tobacco, \$896,506; malt, \$109,113, and cigars, \$65,853. The war tax yielded \$121,542.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Died—Pte. E. E. Hutcherson, Vancouver.
Prisoner-of-war—Lieut. A. W. Barnard, M. M., London, England.
Wounded—Lieut. J. R. F. Aldridge, England; Pte. R. Boulton, Vancouver; Pte. S. Gino, Victoria.
Forestry Corps.
Ill—Pte. J. Livingston, Dunbar, B. C.

GERMAN AEROPLANES DESTROYED AT VERDUN

With the French Armies in France, Jan. 21.—via London, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Thousands of soldiers in the vicinity of Verdun, Saturday, witnessed a most exciting air fight which ended in the destruction of three German aeroplanes. In the afternoon of the first bright day for weeks a squadron of six enemy machines appeared above the ruined city of Verdun. While a heavy barrage from the French artillery greeted them, three French chasing machines ascended in an endeavor to cut off the retreat of the Germans.

One of the enemy machines attacked a French observation balloon, which it set on fire, the occupant dropping in his parachute to safety. One of the French chasers caught this machine under his machine gun fire and sent it crashing to the ground.

The same Frenchman pursued the other Germans and after a sharp fight in which there was some clever manoeuvring sent down another victim with his wings broken.

An hour later the third enemy machine was destroyed by the same French squadrille.

Sunday morning's fourth enemy machine met his end in the course of a combat with a French opponent a short distance from the same spot.

BRITISH AND GERMAN SUBMARINE OPERATIONS

London, Jan. 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—In the House of Commons Sir Richard Cooper asked: "How can enemy submarines operate regularly in the Mersey while British submarines cannot operate near enemy ports in the North Sea?"

Mr. McNamara, Under-Secretary for the Admiralty, said he was not prepared to admit that British submarines could not operate near enemy ports in the North Sea. He emphasized that conditions in the vicinity of the enemy ports are wholly different from those near British ports. Absence of merchant shipping enabled the Germans to do extensive mining, while the volume of merchant traffic in British ports necessitated the keeping of British ports clear of mines.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Seattle, Jan. 22.—Accused of killing Mr. and Mrs. J. Collison, of Vancouver, B. C., in Seattle on the night of August 18, 1916, Franziskus van der Heiden, 35 years old, was delivered to the county authorities here yesterday and is now in the city jail, held without bail on a charge of murder in the first degree. He was arrested in New Orleans on January 12.

Von Der Heiden is a Hollander and his accent is similar to that of a German. He was brought here by Charles Gibbons, formerly a private detective of this city. When questioned by Gibbons after being held in New Orleans on suspicion of being a German, Von Der Heiden frankly admitted he was "wanted" in Seattle and wished to return. The reason he gave for declaring his identity was simply that he was "tired of wandering around."

CARSON RESIGNS SEAT IN CABINET

Lloyd George is Informed Irish
Situation is the
Cause

London, Jan. 22.—The political world was surprised last night by the announcement that Sir Edward Carson, Minister without portfolio in the War Cabinet, had resigned, the action being the result of the present situation in the deliberations of the Irish Convention.

In his letter of resignation Sir Edward said that on account of his dual position as a member of the Government and leader of the "Ulster" party, he felt it to be to the national advantage to resign, since the Convention might require a decision by the Government on grave matters of Irish policy. Mr. Lloyd George in a laudatory acceptance of the resignation, admitted there was wisdom in the course.

Sir Edward has been the leader of the Ulster faction, and at the forefront of the opposition to Home Rule since the beginning of troubled times in Ireland, which preceded the war. He was chief organizer of the Ulster army, and there is no sign that his convictions have altered, although changed conditions resulting from the war may impel him to a different policy and the abandonment of his hostility to an agreement between the Irish parties.

Newspapers indicated recently that the Irish convention was likely to fail of agreement and that it was chiefly because of Ulster's unyielding attitude, although there also were minor points of difference on financial plans.

Influential newspapers like The Times, which hitherto have supported Ulster, have been declaring that the national interests greatly outweigh those of any Irish faction and that the Government should, if necessary, use all its influence to compel any stiff-necked faction to yield its rights to the common good.

If Sir Edward should follow that course the prospects of an Irish settlement would brighten sharply. There is no indication in his letter that this is his disposition, however. If he resigned to accept the leadership of a belligerent and hold-fast policy, the prospects of an Irish settlement by the Convention are darkened greatly.

The same newspapers which are urging the stand-patters to yield have declared that the Government must have a plan for solving the Irish problem with a strong hand if the Convention fails entirely, and thus eradicate dissatisfaction in the Overseas Dominions and Colonies and the United States over this open sore.

Sir Horace Plunkett, Chairman of the Convention, to whom all look as a reconciler in Irish affairs, spent the week-end in London consulting members of the Government.

UNIFICATION PLAN FOR THE DOMINION

Toronto, Jan. 22.—The Toronto News publishes a letter from W. G. Hunt, of Calgary, in which he outlines an original plan for getting the English-speaking Canadians and French-speaking Canadians to understand one another. His proposal is that immediately after the war the Dominion Government should set aside \$500,000 annually for 1,000 travelling scholarships to be awarded to highly proficient students in all the provinces. In the English-speaking provinces the scholarships would go to those who have made a specialty of the French language and took ten per cent. higher standing than that required to pass matriculation. In Quebec the scholarships would go to those who took a similarly high standing in their general school work and acquired a working knowledge of English.

These travelling scholarships would enable 1,500 of the brightest pupils produced by the English-speaking provinces every year to spend several weeks in becoming acquainted with the Province of Quebec, its people and its customs. The 400 scholarships allotted to Quebec every year would enable many French-Canadians to familiarize themselves with the conditions in and the outlook of the other provinces.

RAID IN ARGONNE BY FRENCH TROOPS

London, Jan. 22.—A report from Field-Marshal Haig, made public here last night, said:

"The enemy's artillery was active during the day west of Lens. Otherwise there is nothing to report."

Paris, Jan. 22.—An official report issued here last night said:

"In the Argonne a raid on the enemy lines at Four-de-Paris enabled us to win back about fifteen prisoners and three machine guns."

"Both artillery were active on the right bank of the Meuse and in Al-Hain in the region of Sulez and Hart-Magnus-wellerkopf. Calm prevailed everywhere else."

"On January 20, three German aeroplanes were brought down, and four enemy machines fell inside their own lines after engagements with our pilots."

"Belgian communication: On the night of January 19-20 we repulsed an enemy patrol which had advanced in the direction of one of our posts in the region of Ramoncapelle. During the night of January 20-21 patrol encounters occurred in the region west of Houthulst Forest. To-day there was some truce of small importance along the whole front. A German bombardment aeroplane returned from Dunkirk, but was forced to make a landing on Saturday evening near Bulcamp. Four passengers, one of them an officer, were made prisoners."

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GREEK TROOPS SCORED OVER THE ENEMY ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

Paris, Jan. 22.—An official report on the operations on the Macedonian front issued here last evening said:

Eastern theatre, Jan. 20.—About 2 o'clock on the morning of January 20, after violent artillery preparation, Greek troops delivered against our positions west of the Vardar, north of Lumlica and west of Seka di Legen, a series of attacks which failed completely. At only one point was the enemy able to enter our trenches, which had been entirely demolished, but he was driven out immediately by a vigorous counter-attack on the part of Hellenic troops, whose bearing was particularly brilliant."

TO PENITENTIARY.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—P. Reinhold Faust, who confessed to placing a bomb in a local theatre during an opera performance, was found guilty by a jury yesterday of attempting to extort \$500,000 from Frank Wetmore and James Forgan, Chicago bankers, and was sentenced to an indefinite term of from one to twenty years in the penitentiary.

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LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Wooden Freight Shed, Vancouver, B. C.," will be received at this office until 4 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 1918, for the construction of a wooden freight shed and fireproofing of grain conveyor supports on the west side of the Government Wharf, at Vancouver, B. C.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the offices of the District Engineers, Equity Chambers, Toronto; Shagnessy Building, Montreal; and at the Post Office, Vancouver, B. C.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fails to complete the work contracted for, if the tender is not accepted.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

NOTE—Blue prints can be obtained at the Department of Public Works by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$5, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary,
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, January 7, 1918.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
PRIVATE BILLS**

Notice is hereby given that the time limited by the Rules of the House for presenting petitions for Private Bills will expire on February 16, 1918.

Private Bills must be presented on or before February 16, 1918.

Reports from Standing or Select Committees on Private Bills must be made on or before March 7, 1918.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1918.
THORNTON FELL,
Clerk Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate an Association known as "THE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA," with power to promote and increase the knowledge, skill and proficiency of its members in all things relating to the Architectural, Engineering, Surveying and Technical professions, and to that end to establish and conduct examinations and prescribe such tests of competency and moral character as may be thought expedient; and to grant certificates of membership to those approved of; and to purchase or otherwise acquire and hold real and personal property for the purposes of the Institute, and to dispose thereof and invest the proceeds in such manner as may seem fit, and to fix entrance fees and annual fees or subscriptions to be paid by the members and to vary the same from time to time; and to provide for the management of its affairs by council, to be constituted in such manner as may be provided for by By-law, and to have its head office and hold its annual meetings within British Columbia, and to have, enjoy and exercise all powers, rights and privileges necessary, useful or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

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FRUIT GROWERS MOVE TO SECURE LABOR

Representatives of Association Confer With Vancouver Labor Leaders

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—The executive of the Fruit Growers' Association and the executive of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council held an open conference here this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the labor question.

The fruit growers claim that they are facing a very serious condition due to labor shortage, and declare that if the production of last year in potatoes, vegetables and fruits is to be equalled this year some immediate steps must be taken to provide labor. The season is advancing apace and the producers must get on the land shortly. They have not at present nearly a sufficient amount of labor. They have approached organized labor with a view to co-operation in obtaining this labor supply, or, in case labor can not assist in getting a sufficient supply, the fruit growers ask organized labor not to block any attempts the producers may take to accomplish this end.

The fruit growers were represented by their vice-president, J. E. Reekie, of Kelowna; Professor F. M. Clement, of the horticultural department of the University of British Columbia and secretary of the association; Messrs. Taylor, of Kelowna; Laidman, of Vernon and Trank, of Oyama, other members of the executive. The Trades and Labor Council was represented by the president, G. J. Kelly, and other members of the executive.

THREE CADETS OF ROYAL FLYING CORPS KILLED AT TORONTO

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Three cadets of the Royal Flying Corps were killed here yesterday while making flights in a zero temperature. Their names were N. M. Milne, D. E. McMillan and Cadet Bendicks. Milne and McMillan collided with terrific force and evident flames, as he was badly burned. Milne and McMillan belonged to the squadron at Armour Heights and were flying at a fairly high altitude.

Cadet Bendicks, who was making his first flight, belonged to the 53rd squadron at Leaside. He was about fifty feet in the air, but traveling at a fearful speed when his machine crashed to earth. His body had just been received at the morgue when the other two victims of the collision at Armour Heights were brought in. The bodies were badly mangled. McMillan, it is stated, belonged to Nova Scotia. The machines were totally destroyed.

It is not known whether the machines were faulty or whether the flight in the rigid atmosphere numbed the fliers to such an extent as to cause the fatalities.

HOSE REMAINS ON HALIFAX COMMISSION

Halifax, Jan. 22.—Denial that Capt. Hose, R. N., Nautical Assessor of the Commission investigating the Mont Blanc-Imo collision here, was in any way responsible for the movement of ships in the harbor was made yesterday when the inquiry into the disaster was resumed.

Mr. Justice Drysdale, chairman of the Commission, who made the denial, said the statements made about Captain Hose's responsibility were "wrong, misleading and improper." Capt. Hose, said His Lordship, would remain a member of the court.

NO COALITION IN AUSTRALIA POSSIBLE

Melbourne, Jan. 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—After a meeting of the Laborites to discuss the coalition proposals, Hon. Frank Tudor, leader of the Opposition, stated that there was not the slightest possibility of agreement between the opposing parties.

In the course of the debate in the House of Representatives Mr. Fowler, a Ministerialist, declared that tens of thousands of votes were not against coalition but against Premier Hughes, who created a spirit of bitter antagonism which had hitherto been foreign to Australia.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND IRISH SETTLEMENT

London, Jan. 22.—The London Daily News says there is reason for stating that President Wilson quite recently made urgent representations to the British Cabinet on the desirability of an Irish settlement.

The Dublin correspondent of The Times reiterates the partially hopeful view of the Convention, where the representatives, he says, will at least advance the solution of the problem by stages of unprecedented length and importance. The end, he adds, cannot long be delayed.

CROP OF WHEAT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide, Australia, Jan. 22.—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Government's estimate of the wheat crop of South Australia is 36,599,959 bushels, as compared with 46,000,000 last season, which record decrease is due to the smaller area sown and also the destruction by mice, and, after sowing, the excess of rain and rust.

Mr. Daniels, United States Navy Secretary, has received so far 40,000 suggestions for eliminating submarines.

LONDON HOUSEWIVES SOUGHT LLOYD GEORGE ON FOOD QUESTION

London, Jan. 22.—A crowd of fifty or sixty housewives hailing from the poorer districts gathered in front of the Prime Minister's residence yesterday afternoon. They said they wanted to see the Prime Minister and ask him "how long must we stand in queues for food?"

Some of them said they had been standing in line for many hours, and their patience was exhausted. Attendants told them that Mr. Lloyd George was engaged; so they said they would wait.

After waiting about an hour several women went to the House of Commons, where they explained the matter to some of the members, who said everything possible would be done to alleviate the situation. Returning to the Prime Minister's residence, they stood around for a time, and then all dispersed without having seen the Prime Minister.

LABOR BUREAUS AS GOVERNMENT BRANCH PROPOSED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The Ottawa Journal says:

"It is understood that the chief proposal made by the labor men to the Government last week was the establishment of Government controlled labor bureaus and the abolition of all private bureaus charging fees and leading to much confusion and general lack of co-operation. They urged a central Ottawa exchange in charge of a Dominion organization, with local bureaus in each province, and extending a network of employment agencies all over the Dominion. These bureaus or Government-controlled employment agencies would look after female as well as male labor. This scheme was put forward by the labor men as a counter-proposal to the suggestion of the agriculturists that labor might be conscripted for essential industries. It is now understood that the agriculturists are in agreement with this proposal, and the indications are that it will be carried out."

BRITISH CABINET AND THE CAMBRAI REVERSE

London, Jan. 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—In the House of Commons Mr. Han. Andrew Bonar Law stated that all documents connected with the Cambrai inquiry had been submitted to the War Cabinet at whose request Lieut. Gen. Smuts went through them. Gen. Smuts's report had been approved by the Cabinet and was not subject to revision by Earl Derby or any army council. A decision not to publish the report had been taken by the War Cabinet.

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HARDEN'S VIEWS NOT THE JUNKERS' VIEWS

Writer Against Germany Seizing Russian Areas; Would Restore Alsace

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—Germany should not take any territory from the Russian Empire and might give back Alsace-Lorraine to France, Maximilian Harden declares in Die Zankunft. He says: "He who wishes to tear away Poland, Courland, Lithuania, Estonia and Livonia from the Russian Empire makes of this Empire (Germany) a mortal enemy for Russia, which will not always have Leninistic feelings. These countries would bring us no advantage. Their economic development could not in the least be helped by gold fertilization by Germany as its 150,000,000 marks of war debt and a Slavic strain through Germany would endanger the life of the country, not merely the life of East Prussia. After our experience in the West is there now to be created a new and more dangerous Alsace-Lorraine?"

With regard to Alsace-Lorraine, Harden writes: "Neither Lloyd George nor President Wilson believes Germany is willing to surrender Alsace-Lorraine to France at the present time, but what about Germany's attitude two or three years after peace is signed when there can be a fair consultation with the people? It was admittedly a mistake to take possession of Alsace-Lorraine. Must we always carry this burden as some inheritance of our forefathers? We are strong enough to be our own masters and to cease to be trampled by errors of the past."

FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN EAST AFRICA

London, Jan. 22.—An official communication dealing with the operations in East Africa, issued here last evening, said:

"About Pangani Hill, southeast of Port Amelia, our advanced troops are in contact with an enemy force. In the Mwanze Mtaraka area our column from Nyassaland has occupied Luvumbula Bonaw, in the angle formed by the confluence of the Luvumbula and Tujenda Rivers. The enemy's withdrawal northward is being hastened by the destruction of bridges caused by floods."

CHINESE FIRED ON AMERICAN GUNBOAT

Peking, Jan. 21.—The American gunboat Monacacy was fired upon by Chinese fifty miles above Yochow, on the Yangtze Kiang. A sailor named Eric was killed and two other sailors were wounded.

The firing lasted half an hour. It is presumed that the assaults were a detachment of the southern revolutionary forces.

DAWSON D'ATHS.

Dawson, Jan. 22.—John Laumeister, one of the old-timers of the North, is dead at the age of sixty-eight. Before coming North in 1855, Laumeister lived in Napa, California and Tacoma, Washington. He was a member of the first city council of Skagway and a member of the famous Vigilance Committee of 1911 which rounded up the Soak Smith gang. He had lived in Dawson for several years.

Edward Monahan, a pioneer of the Klondike, died in the hospital here, aged eighty-six, after a long illness. Many years ago Monahan was one of the most successful miners in the Yukon.

GERMANY AND SWEDEN.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—The Cologne Gazette says it believes the time has come to warn the Swedish Government against allowing Swedish vessels to be employed in the American coastal trade, which the newspaper considers to be a neutral act.

"In view of our enemy's methods and war measures," says The Gazette, "we must earnestly appeal to the neutral conscience not to give one-sided assistance in this terrible struggle; not to deviate from neutrality of which it is the back under the hypocritical pretence that neutrality is not being violated."

BRITAIN AND PERSIA.

London, Jan. 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—In the House of Lords Earl Curzon announced that Great Britain had informed Persia that British regarded the Anglo-Russian agreement of 1907 as henceforth suspended. He emphasized that Great Britain desired Persia to remain neutral in the war and retain complete independence after the war.

ACCLAMATIONS IN HALIFAX.

Halifax, Jan. 22.—There will be no election contest in Halifax on January 23. The Unionist candidates, Hon. A. K. Maclean and Maying P. F. Martin, will be returned by acclamation. This was decided at a meeting of the Liberal executive yesterday, at which about thirty-out of seventy-five members were present.

A GERMAN THREAT.

Copenhagen, Jan. 21.—Via London, Jan. 22.—The Loket Anzeiger, of Berlin, says that unless Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, accepts the demands of the Central Powers when he returns to Brest-Litovsk on January 23, the Central Powers will break off the peace negotiations.

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AUSTRIA IN FERMENT.

The demand of the Austro-Hungarian people for peace is being reinforced by a general strike which, the correspondent of one German newspaper writes, has gone too far to be stemmed by force. Complicating this is the agitation of the Czechs, Slavs and other hostile racial elements, which makes anything like a stable government impossible, while a serious breach has developed between Austria and Hungary over the latter's insistence upon the reorganization of the Hungarian military forces as a distinct unit, preliminary, no doubt, to the creation of a national Hungarian army.

But Austria's path is barred by Germany, now under the complete domination of the militarist party with its programme of annexations, and the people of the Dual Monarchy know it. Hence the bitter recrimination between the press of the Central Empires, reflecting a widening breach between the two. With the outbreak of the Russian revolution, the pretext for which Austria-Hungary went to war to protect herself against pan-Slavism in the Balkans disappeared. Therefore, by remaining in the struggle after the peril had passed away, she was merely sacrificing her human and material resources for the promotion of Prussian aims of conquest, which, in the final analysis, meant conquest not only at the expense of the Entente but at the cost of Austrian independence.

Pan-German newspapers, inspired by the German Headquarters, have hurled threats at the Dual Monarchy before they proved effective because they were reinforced by German influence in Vienna. But threatening the Austrian Government cannot help the present outlook. The hundreds of thousands of hungry strikers, who evidently had been organizing for a long time, will not surrender their keys to the situation in response to German threats. The failure of the mailed fist to intimidate even demoralized Russia at Brest-Litovsk has been noted in its proper significance by the thirty million Slavs and kindred nationalities in the Dual Monarchy.

Austria-Hungary has had one bitter disappointment over peace prospects within the last few months and that is why her people are determined that there shall not be another in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations. The campaign against Italy was declared to be the avenue to peace before winter. That hope has vanished. Now pan-Germanism is blocking the way to the realization of the second hope. The situation is full of sensational possibilities. Will Austria-Hungary be forced by internal conditions to make her own peace with Russia, involving a break with Germany? Or will she stick to the Central Alliance until she has a revolution?

THE DANCING DERVISH.

Lord Northcliffe is at his old game of trying to run the war from the office of The Daily Mail. He now yelps for the retirement of Earl Derby and the dismissal of Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, in consequence of the failure to hold all the ground won by Sir Julian Byng at Cambrai. Apparently his latest outbreak has brought him into contact with Colonel Repington, the military critic of The London Times, who has severed his connection with that paper in protest against outside interference with the military service of the country.

the call of Lord Northcliffe. Things would have reached a pretty pass, indeed, if this dancing dervish of sensational journalism, the European counterpart of William Randolph Hearst, could make or break leaders in the army or navy. It would seem to be high time that the British authorities applied to Northcliffe the methods adopted by the French Government in the case of the yellow journalists of Paris.

What Northcliffe is driving at is nobody's secret. He aims at a dictatorship by Carmelite House. This, indeed, always has been his aim. During his visit to Canada some years ago he intimated the possibilities of such a development in England if one could get control of enough newspapers. It is time he went into eclipse. Already his papers have done irreparable damage by their crazy attitude to Russia, while he made himself so obnoxious in the United States that he had to be withdrawn.

THERE CERTAINLY ARE.

The Toronto Telegram says there are enemies of protection in the Union Government and in the Union party throughout Western Canada. Our contemporary is quite correct. There are enemies of the protective tariff in the Union Government and in Western Canada and soon they will be heard from. And they will be heard from in respect of other matters in which the interests of the four western provinces have been subordinated to those of Eastern Canada.

SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY.

It is common knowledge that the food situation in Great Britain, France and Italy is very serious, and Food Controller Hanna intimates that it is worse than the reports given out indicate. France, he declared in Montreal, had only three days' reserve supply on hand. In that case the Western Allies are living from hand to mouth.

Canada is willing to do everything in her power to ease the food situation in Great Britain and Allied countries and to that end will support the Government in any prompt action it may take. The Food Controller should not hesitate to acquire large quantities of foodstuffs and send them forward at once, even if the Canadian people have to make up by saving any discrepancies such action might involve. This is what the Washington Government did a few days ago. To meet the present crisis across the Atlantic it took 90,000,000 bushels of wheat from the reserve supply of the American people and is loading it for shipment. The people of the United States will have to make up that amount by saving and they will do it handily. They have no other choice. Necessity, the great-sat of all instructors, will teach them how to do so.

Canada has a surplus of certain commodities. That surplus either should be sent to Europe or it should be used as a substitute for other foodstuffs of which there is no surplus but which are most urgently required across the Atlantic. What about our fisheries? They should be drawn upon without limit as a factor in food substitution, but this use cannot be made of them unless they become accessible to the public at reasonable prices.

Had the German authorities confined their food conservation activities to appeals to the public the chief enemy state would have been starved out long ago. The Government, instead, made food production and distribution a part of the state organization for war. It commandeered all the food resources of the country and put the people on rations. Canada has more than enough food for her requirements. She has reserves, like the fisheries, that have scarcely been tapped. She never will have to suffer the privations to which Great Britain, France and Italy have been subjected, but with proper direction and organization she can play a much more effective part in relieving the situation in Europe than she has played to date.

AN OLD HABIT.

The New York Times has been delving into Caesar's Commentaries to ascertain what the great Julius thought of the Germans of his time. Over and over again Caesar, from whom Wilhelm took his title, wrote of their "treachery and dissimulation" and their tendency to secure peace when conditions were unfavorable to them by means of an "insidious truce." On one occasion they crossed the Rhine to depose their neighbors, telling the Romans as they did so that they had no ulterior purpose and would be glad of an alliance with them. Caesar replied that if they returned to the other side of the Rhine peace would be possible with them. Thereupon they asked for three days to consider the matter and finally took oath to accept the Roman terms. Caesar's forces being ordered not to fight. Thereupon, to quote the Commentaries, "the Germans fell suddenly upon the Romans, who had no apprehension of their design, because they knew their ambassadors had been with Caesar a little before and obtained a day's truce, and easily put the Romans into disorder. After this battle Caesar resolved neither to give audience to their ambassadors, nor to ad-

HIGH HOPES BASED ON NEW SEA LORD

mit them to terms of peace, seeing that they had treacherously applied for a truce, and afterward of their own accord had broken it." The sequel, of course, is easily guessed. Nobody tried that game upon Julius more than once. He fell upon the German camp and put everybody in it to the sword. The historical parallel is interesting because it shows that the Germans were breaking treaties and trying to gain their ends by treachery as far back as two thousand years ago.

Russia, with the biggest army in the world, was the weakest of the first-class powers composing the Entente, and collapsed first. Austria will be the next to go and when she goes she will carry Bulgaria and Turkey with her. Indeed, she may carry Saxony and Bavaria as well.

Press Comments

CANADA AND CHINESE LABOR.

The proposal to import Chinese labor into Canada on a large scale for food production is objectionable from every point of view. If the Federal Government contrived or countenanced such a scheme it would meet with resolute resistance from organized labor, and the full weight of popular disapproval. The turmoil in the country would not lighten the load which the tasks of the war have thrown on its shoulders. The advocates of Oriental immigration plead the necessity of increased production, but the problem must be solved by methods which will carry no menace to Canadian wage-earners and it is not convincing to citizens that the Chinese would be brought in under lead to return home after the war or the harvest. South Africa's experience of indented Oriental labor is still fresh in the public mind. The system was abolished amid the execrations of the British and South African democracies, and the Government that sanctioned it was crucified by popular resentment. If not actually slavery, it was almost as repugnant to free peoples.

The fact that Chinese coolies are being used extensively behind the lines in France and Belgium, in order to release men for the front, is no argument for flooding Canada with the same class. In Europe they are a part of the army organization under military surveillance and discipline at selected points in the war area. In Canada a Chinese horde would not live in compounds as in the Transvaal, under the watchful eye of the authorities, but would be dispersed over the country. How could these scattered thousands be rounded up for return to the Orient? Nor would it be possible to insure that all of them would remain at farm work during the war. Inevitably many would seek or be tempted into other employment. The trade unionists have complained to the Minister of Labor that Chinese are being introduced in large numbers into munitions factories, with a resulting fall in wages for Canadian workers. The labor organizations do well to be on their guard, even though there is no evidence that the Government has taken seriously the agitation to throw down the bars against Orientals during the war. The proposal is not the less dangerous because it has originated with disinterested persons who are genuinely concerned over the shortage of farm labor. The demands of agriculture must be met by other plans. It is a problem of organizing and adapting Canadian industry and Canadian labor to the most vital needs.

GRATEFUL FOR CANADA'S WORK.

It is true that the United States stands now side by side with the Dominion in alliance of arms and of purpose. Yet for how long was Canada alone among American peoples in the sacrifice of this war for humanity, of our war had the country at large been but willing to fact! What long toil has Canada paid in material goods and in life blood! And now, after months when the port of Halifax has served as a vital link in the United States system of transport to France, there falls this new burden on Canada, this direct damage to Halifax, this calamity to a people who are our Allies! It has brought an emergency in which enough cannot be done to prove the strength of our sympathy, or one act omitted which will show the gratefulness America feels for the past labors of Canada.

QUEEN VICTORIA AND PALESTINE

The victories of General Allenby in Palestine have given a new interest to what is called "British Israelism." The late Queen Victoria was profoundly impressed by some of these ideas, and studied a chart which set out to prove that we were the direct inheritors of the Israelite tradition. She was particularly pleased that the Prince of Wales had the name David given to him because of its Scriptural associations.

NO NEW HATS.

A disquieting rumor is current in the city to the effect that no new men's hats will be manufactured after the end of this year until the war is over. The explanation is that the Government have commandeered certain materials that are necessary for the production of hats as they are worn today, so that we may have to imagine ourselves as back in the days of our Saxon ancestors, when coverings for the head were exceedingly rare—as can be gathered from illuminations representing the peaceful occupations of those times. The Phrygian cap, however, appears in battle scenes, and it is apparently made of leather, and sometimes bound and bordered with metal. Are we returning to the days when fighting men had a lion on their heads?

WORKERS IN AUSTRIA DESPERATE; WEARY OF WAR AND LACK FOOD

(Continued from page 1)

No Newspapers. Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—A Vienna dispatch under Saturday's date received here yesterday said: "No newspapers appeared to-day, the only issue being a sheet published by The Arbeiter Zeitung, which contained nothing but announcements regarding the strike and peace developments. At the head of the announcement was one by the directing board of the German Socialist democracy of Austria, making an appeal to the workers of both sexes. The board, said the announcement, had taken cognizance with satisfaction of the declaration regarding peace by Count Casarini, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, and recognized their firmness. The board, however, held it to be necessary that labor be enlightened concerning the Government's attitude upon the concrete questions which are the subject of the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

"This demand and other demands of labor were to-day the subject of negotiations with the Government. The Food Minister received a large delegation of strikers."

Pollen Says Wemyss Was Appointed on Merit Shown in War

I am asked to say what the most recent changes in the British Admiralty signify, writes Arthur Pollen from London to The New York Times. The simplest answer is that for the first time we have an officer appointed as First Sea Lord, not because of his seniority in the navy list, nor because he is blessed or cursed with a newspaper or popular reputation, but simply on merit shown in war. When I was asked in America why Lloyd George had put an ex-railway manager, presumably quite ignorant of sea affairs, at the head of the British Navy, I replied that he had done so for the quite workable reason that Sir Eric Geddes had demonstrated himself to be the best man for the place. Just as the Premier passed over all the popular politicians and chose the ablest man; so Sir Eric himself has passed over all the advertised Admirals and appointed the proved man.

THE LAUGH LINE

SAW THE POINT. "I asked her if I could see her home." "And what did she say?" BUT ARE THESE LEGAL TENDERS? "Buy your food with thought," says a Hoover bulletin. "Pay your taxes with a smile," runs a revenue slogan. GEOGRAPHY LESSON. Teacher—Johnny, can you tell me where Lake Ontario is? Pupil—Yesum. Page 18—Philadelphia Telegraph.

BALANCED RATIONS.

Speaking of balanced rations, how is this one from The Erie Record: "Our little girl, who was five yesterday, can tell you the name of every member of the Chicago White Sox. Yes, she knows her Sunday School lesson for today too. Her mother taught her that."—New York Evening Post.

LITTLE PITCHERS.

"Pa, was that a Christmas present you brought home last night?" "I didn't bring anything home last night, Tommy." "Well, I heard Mr. Smith next door tell Mr. Jones as I was passing them on my way to school that he saw you go in last night with a large-sized package."—Exchange.

THOUGHT KEPT HIM ALIVE.

Murphy was making his first trip across the Atlantic, and he felt unexpectably awful. He failed to connect the fact of his being on the trip across for the first time with his agony. The doctor at last came to answer all the queries he always left without buying anything. At last the assistant got tired of giving advice free and waited an opportunity to choke the old gentleman off. "My hair keeps falling out," said the old man one day. "Can you give me something to keep it in?" "Certainly," said the assistant, smiling. "Here's a beautiful cardboard box."—Exchange.

TIRED OF PRINT.

Mr. Smithers, said his wife, "If I remember rightly, you have often said that you dislike to see a woman constantly getting herself in print." "You consider it unwomanly and indelicate, I believe?" "Very." "And you don't see how any man could allow his wife to do anything of the kind?" "Certainly I don't."

His Authority Real.

There need be no uncertainty about its being real authority. We hear a great deal about younger men being brought to the Admiralty with war-inspired ideals and plans. There are many good ideas in the world, as there are edifying texts in the Scripture. The difficulty in life is to live up to the texts. The difficulty in war is to convert sound ideas into practical and effective action. This latter difficulty can only be solved by scientific staff work.

Not since the beginning of the war have things looked so hopeful from a naval point of view.

From the first of this war it has been, and to its finish it must remain, a thing that will be decided at sea. The submarine is Germany's last hope. Against it the allied navies are getting together, as they never have before. The British Admiralty, necessarily a predominant partner in the business, has laid itself out to make that co-operation as real as complete and as generous as is humanly possible. Immense results should follow from this interchange of confidence and experience, but indisputably the British Admiralty's greatness is its example. "Of 10,000 children born five years ago only 8,085 are alive to-day."—Lord Plunkett (late Governor of New Zealand).

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—Waists, First Floor

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Useful garments that save lots of washing and wear and tear on better clothes. The following are splendid values:

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Children's Rompers of blue and white and pink and white stripe. Style features square neck with yoke, finished with bands of blue chambray, belt and elastic at knee; sizes 1 to 4 years. Each **65¢**

Cotton Crepe Rompers in saxe and navy blue, finished with narrow white braids and elastic at knee; sizes 1 to 4 years. Each **75¢**

Girls' Overall Aprons of colored prints, made in loose style with belt at back; in neat pink and blue stripes and pink and white and blue and white checks; sizes 4 to 12 years. Each **65¢**

Girls' White Overall Cooking Aprons, with sleeves, for ages 12, 14 and 16 years. Each **85¢**

—Children's, First Floor

Munsing Underwear at Very Low Prices

—And you will realize more what low prices they really are next season. For, according to to-day's mill costs, underwear will be at least 25 per cent. more next season. To buy to-day is therefore to save considerably later on.

Munsing Combinations for Women, winter weight cotton; high neck and long sleeve, also Dutch neck and half-sleeves, knee or ankle length. Priced 75c to **\$1.75**

Munsing Combinations of a good quality silk and cotton. Odd sizes in high neck, long sleeves and ankle length. A suit **\$2.50**

Munsing Vests of good quality wool, with one thread cotton; splendid wearing; finished in two styles, high neck and long sleeves, also Dutch neck and half sleeves; odd sizes. Special at **\$2.00**

Children's Hygienic Vests of natural color and heavy fleece lined; sizes 6 to 14 years. Priced from 55c to **75¢**

Nazareth Waists, good quality, fleece lined cotton, in natural color. Each at **50¢**

—Knit Underwear, First Floor

Good Values in Women's Cashmere Hose

It will pay you well to stock up with Cashmere Hose at the following prices. Inferior qualities will cost you more later on.

Penman's Black Cashmere Hose for Women, in a nice weight, fine weave, finished with extra spliced heels and toes. Full fashion and garter top. Special, a pair **50¢**

Penman's Cashmere Hose in Heavier Grades—A pair, 75c, 85c and **\$1.00**

Cashmere Ribbed Hose—1 in 1 and 2 in 1; sizes 5 to 10. Priced according to size.

—Hose, Main Floor

New Novelty Sports Skirts

A Particularly Smart Range of New Skirts, suitable for sports wear, is being shown in our window to-day. Each model is cut on the new straight plain lines, pleated or gathered backs, with pockets. Very smart materials in check and stripe designs and superior grade fabrics. Prices range **\$12.50** to **\$20.00**

—Mantles, First Floor

We Have Re-Sorted the Balance of Our Women's Velour and Tweed Coats

Making Two Attractive Offerings at

\$24.75 and \$14.90



Quick selling during the past three weeks made it essential for us to re-sort our Women's Coat stock. This we have done and for to-morrow morning's shopping we have arranged two most attractive offerings to go at \$24.75 and \$14.90.

AT \$24.75

We have grouped a good range of Velour Coats, including the most wanted shades and styles. There are models of all plain burgundy shade, African brown, navy and black. Also khaki shade in the popular trench model. Values as high as \$35.00 in this range.

AT \$14.90

These are good serviceable models of hard-wearing tweeds. Smart patterns and shades, and nice warm garments for present wear. Coats such as you will need for the next two or three months. Values you can only appreciate by seeing and by comparison.

—Mantles, First Floor

EARLY CLOSING DAY SHOE SPECIAL
Four-and-a-Half Hours Clean-Up of Women's Street Pumps at \$2.95

About seventy-five pairs of Shoes in this lot—just sufficient for a morning's quick sale. The styles are all good, suitable for present wear, with ten-button spats, also for early spring. Represented are Gun Metal Pumps, Glazed Kid Pumps, Patent Leather Pumps and Patent Strap Slippers.

—Every pair with turn soles, French or Cuban heels. Smart footwear, formerly priced as high as \$6.00 a pair. You save considerably by buying at this sale. Broken assortments, but all sizes represented in the lot. Shop early for best selection.

—Shoes, First Floor

Another Big Range of 36-Inch Silk Poplins, to Sell at \$1.50 a Yard

This Silk, if bought in the ordinary way, would cost you at least \$2.00 to \$2.25 a yard. We place this big shipment of new shades on sale at our old price.

Silk Poplins are always fashionable for ladies' suits, coats, skirts and dresses. This coming spring Poplins are bound to be to the front, for the new styles demand materials of this class.

The range of shades as follows: Navy, light navy, royal blue, saxe, Copenhagen, seal brown, mid-brown, sand, maize, lemon, bottle green, Russian green, reseda, old rose, mauve, heliotrope, mid-grey, silver grey, Paddy, Nile green, sky, cream, pink and black.

VERY SPECIAL, A YARD, \$1.50

—Silks, Main Floor

The Y.W.C.A. Linen Shower Will Be Held Thursday, January 24th

From 2.30 to 6.00 o'Clock

When contributions of Sheets, Table Cloths and Towels are asked for. For this shower we are offering special lines in these wanted goods at very low prices.

Sheets are required 2 yards by 2 3/4 yards long, and as we do not carry this size in stock, we are prepared to make up free of charge, any Sheetings in stocks to the required size. Our qualities range in price from as low as 50c to 85c a yard.

Table Cloths, size 2 yards by 2 1/3 yards, in two good qualities that we are certain will be satisfactory after washing and give splendid service. Regular values \$3.00 to \$3.50 for, each, **\$2.50** and **\$2.75**

Bath Towels in a good large size, and a nice thick heavy weave. Good driers and splendid for hard wear. Prices range from as low as, each, **30¢** to **40¢**

Hand Towels in a thick huckaback weave, and a good size. A Towel that is easily worth 40c, selling for **30¢**

A basket is in the department, and we will be pleased to send your parcels if you will leave your card.

—Staples, Main Floor

400 Laco Tungsten Electric Lamps

In 40-Watt Size

On sale Wednesday morning only at, each **44c**
Household size—the Lamp that cuts down your electric light account.

—Hardware, Second Floor

Exceptional Clean-Up Bargains in Boys' Clothing

We must clean up the balance of these goods before we remove at the end of this month. Prices have been reduced so low that another few days of quick selling will see the lot cleared.

Don't delay your purchase if your boy needs a new Suit or Overcoat. Read the following offerings and shop right away.

Boys' Mackinaws, \$5.75 and \$6.75.

Warm, cosy garments and just the styles the boys appreciate. Finished in red and black and blue and green plaid effects.

Sizes 22 and 23 clearing at **\$5.75**

Sizes 24 and 27 clearing at **\$6.75**

Boys' All-Wool Tweed and Worsted Suits at \$5.00

A clean-up of good quality Suits, some of the old all-wool materials, splendid grades for wear; sizes 9 to 11 years only. Better hurry if you want to secure one.

Boys' Overcoats at \$8.95.

Including styles with Raglan shoulder, set-in sleeves, pinch-back and double-breasted uster effects. Materials are dark browns and greys and tweed mixtures; sizes 8, 9, 11 and 13 years only. Worth regularly \$16.50

Boys' Wool Jersey Suits at \$2.50.

Two-piece Suits, jersey and pants to match, in shades cardinal, navy, saxe, myrtle and brown and white; sizes

20, 22, 24 and 26. Warm and serviceable.

—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor



Men's English Flaxman Shirts \$1.50

A great favorite with working men—but this is your last chance to buy one. We are unable to import this shirt now. Our present stock is being sold off at the above price and we advise all men accustomed to wearing this quality to take advantage of this announcement and buy at once. Sizes 14 1/2 to 17 1/2 in stock now and your choice from light fancy stripes and plain colors; with and without collars.

—Men's Shirts, Main Floor

Fine Cambric and Long-cloth Embroideries at Great Bargain Prices

We are disposing of a special purchase of fine quality Embroideries. Qualities and styles such as you will need shortly for summer wear. Why not take advantage of this special offer and buy them now. You will save considerably by doing so.

Represented are narrow widths up to and including 27 inches. Beautiful designs.

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—Embroideries, Main Floor

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DOMINION THEATRE

TO-DAY LIONEL BARRYMORE in "HIS FATHER'S SON"

COLUMBIA

TO-DAY Alice Brady in "Angel of Mercy, or Darkest Russia" Also Charles Richman in the 6th Chapter of "The Secret Kingdom."

MARGUERITE CLARK

"Bab's Burglar" A Paramount Picture Marguerite Clark tries to find a "beau" for her "old-maid" sister in Mary Roberts Rinehart's famous "sub-dec" stories and makes a terrible mess of it. Don't miss this breezy laugh-maker.

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MISS TERRY SUPPORTS NORMA TALMADGE

Ethel Grey Terry, who is supporting Norma Talmadge in "The Secret of the Storm Country," at the Variety to-day and to-morrow, is a daughter of the famous stock actress, Lillian Lawrence, and made her stage debut at the age of three months.

Under the management of Charles Frohman, the youthful Miss Terry played child parts until she was nine years old. Then she entered a convent, Notre Dame Academy, and remained there for seven years. When she returned to the stage it was under the Shubert management in "Giria." This led to an engagement for two seasons in David Belasco's company, "The Lily," in which Miss Terry replaced Julia Dean. She has played in New York in "Smouldering Flame," "Somebody's Luggage," "Search Me," "Success," "Our Country First," and "Sadie Love."

Miss Terry entered pictures two years ago playing the lead with William Farnum in "The Sign of the Cross." Since then she has appeared in Famous Players, World and Equitable Film Productions; also as leading woman for Earl Williams in Vitagraph in "Arsene Lupin," "The Hawk," and "Apartment 29," and with Mrs. Vernon Castle in "Vengeance is Mine," for the Astra Film Company.

NOVELTY MOTOR SKIT HEADS PANTAGES BILL

At least four acts of feature calibre are booked for the new bill of "Pantages vaudeville, commencing with the matinee performance on Wednesday, and the other two turns are right up to the top in their class. Another installment of the interesting "Fatal Ring" serial brings this popular picture story close to the thrilling conclusion.

Harry Langdon and Company will offer their novelty auto skit and singing which is entitled "Johnny's New Car," a most amusing number, depicting the tribulations of a new convert to automobilism; some very ludicrous situations arise that are the cause of continuous laughter. The scenic effects are really very good, while the singing and dancing which is introduced during the act are very enjoyable.

Miss Rosa Rosalind, who is the greatest woman equestrienne in the world will offer, for the first time in vaudeville, a sensational and graceful novelty that combines grace, ability and agility. Miss Rosalind, is the champion somersault equestrienne, turning somersaults from one horse to another and doing flip flaps on a horse. Jarvis and Harrison will offer their comedy playlet entitled "Shooting the Shoots," which is full of bright repartee and clever sayings; their dancing is an item worthy of mention. Dixie Harris and her Variety Four will entertain with bright and tuneful singing numbers.

George and Tony Florenz, formerly of the famous Florenz troupe, will present a combination of acrobatics and comedy. The Cortez Trio is a small group of Naples street singers who combine as well the playing of two violins and a harp.

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SATURDAY EVENING POST STORY FILMED

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The story was followed by thousands of readers all over the country, who will recognize in Miss Clark a perfect "type" for "Bab."

Younger sister of an attractive girl of twenty-four, and even more romantic than the average boarding school girl, Bab's efforts to marry off her older sister are screamingly funny and her experiences with her thousand dollar allowance, which she spends in two weeks, still funnier.

Director J. Searle Dawley, who has directed many of Miss Clark's biggest productions, was also responsible for "Bab's Burglar," which will be shown at the Royal Victoria Theatre to-night.

On the same programme Roscoe Arbuckle will be seen in his latest success—"Fatty in Coney Island." This comedy is considered by those who have seen it to be one of Arbuckle's funniest and should make a very welcome addition to the above programme.

He who praises men and flatters women has many fair weather friends.

PANTAGES THEATRE

Vaudeville HARRY LANGDON AND CO. in "Johnny's New Car," And Six Other Features. Matinee, 3; Night, 7 and 9.

Variety Theatre

TO-DAY NORMA TALMADGE in "THE SECRET OF THE STORM COUNTRY."

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DARKEST RUSSIA AT COLUMBIA THEATRE

"Darkest Russia" is shown at the Columbia Theatre to-day. In this the people of Victoria have the opportunity of seeing one of the most vitally new pictures ever projected. This feature tells the story of the conditions in Russia before the big revolution and with the glimpses given of the fight made by the liberty-loving groups for freedom, it is wound one of the sweetest love stories ever told, with Alice Brady as the star.

MINIMUM WAGE FOR WOMEN.

A minimum wage for working women will be strongly urged at the next session of the Legislature by the Women's Minimum Wage League of Vancouver, which will send delegates to Victoria accompanied by representatives from other prominent organizations. Under the Minimum Wage Law of Alberta, girls get \$6 for the first year, and after that \$9. Supervision of workshops is also a matter which women are considering, and a woman factory inspector is one of the aims of several organizations. While there has been much improvement in the sanitary conditions of workshops and factories, those who have made investigations say that there is still room for reform. The minimum wage is based upon the cost of living, and is intended to give every working woman sufficient to live in decency.

DIFFERENT DEMANDS.

"It is no hour for selfish pride when perils great draw near; The politician stands aside, The statesman must appear."—Washington Star.

Social & Personal

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Baker, of Cumberland, have arrived in the city for a short stay with friends.

Miss Arbuthnot has returned to her home in this city from Vancouver, where she has been the guest of Mrs. J. J. Banfield for the past two weeks.

The local order of Elks have completed arrangements for the big dance to be held at the Alexandra Club on Thursday evening in aid of the funds of the Hollywood Red Cross. The hall is being effectively decorated with flags, bunting and Red Cross emblems.

Mrs. D. C. McLellan, of Prince Albert, Sask., has arrived to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Matheson, 245 Linden Avenue. She was accompanied by her little grandson, Harold Matheson, who has spent the last eight months with his grandparents at Prince Albert.

Helen Mary, only daughter of Major-General the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, K.C., C.M.G., Minister of Militia, and Mrs. Mewburn, was quietly married in Hamilton on Saturday January 12 to Capt. David Stinson Thompson, son of the late Dr. David Thompson, Lieut. Lester Husband, M.C., was among the ushers at the ceremony.

Dean Quainton left the city last night for Vancouver, where he will deliver lectures on New Thought, Theosophy and Christian Science in the Labor Temple to-day, Wednesday and Thursday. These lectures were delivered at Christ Church Cathedral last year and aroused so much interest on the coast that the Dean was asked to repeat them in Vancouver.

On Saturday evening at "Breadalbane" the Rev. Dr. Campbell united in marriage James Brown and Miss Grace Meredith Lumley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lumley, all of Victoria. The bride was attended by the groom's sister, Miss Ella Brown, and the groom supported by Melville Lumley, brother of the bride. After the honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home in this city.

Princess Patricia recently performed the opening ceremony at the Canadian Red Cross Home for Nurses at Ennismore Gardens, London. The establishment was the town house of Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. Gretton and has been lent by them for the duration of the war, complete with beautiful furnishings. The Red Cross Society have supplied the necessary equipment and accommodation is provided for forty nurse-patients.

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ADDRESS ON BROWNING

Chas. Lazenby, B. A., Dealt With the Poem, Rabbi Ben Ezra.

Browning's noble philosophy of optimism and hard knocks as presented in "Rabbi Ben Ezra," was the subject of an address at the Unitarian Church Sunday night. The speaker was Chas. Lazenby, B.A., a recent arrival in Victoria. Mr. Lazenby is a gifted orator as well as a vigorous thinker. This poem, with its majestic range of thought and feeling, gave splendid scope for his rhetorical powers, while his exposition was in every sense worthy of his subject.

The wholesomeness of Browning's philosophy, with its overflowing joy in the life of the senses, combined with their rigorous subjugation to high ends, was well brought out. It was especially the subjugation of all brute instincts and sensuous impulses to the purposes of the soul that called out the speaker's happier phrases. For example, the famous couplet, "Then welcome each rebuff That turns earth's smoothness rough," called up the figure of a golf-links. Does not its charm lie in the rough places? What were the game without the bunkers and hazards? And would not life without its discipline be as meaningless as golf on a croquet lawn?

If anything can make us resigned to the hard fate that "turns earth's smoothness rough" it is just such an illustration that will help to do it. Perhaps the speaker reached the climax of his lecture in the part in which he described the soul's awakening—the moment when a man's mental and material acquisitions are first truly established—the dawning consciousness that to stop short at these is to brand life as a failure. Here the speaker reinforced Browning's statements with quotations from Dante and Goethe, rendered with a fire and realism that one usually misses in translations from these immortal authors. The cumulative effect of their tremendous diata was to make the audience realize vividly what all had at least vaguely apprehended, that the moment of the soul's awakening, whether for the individual or for the nation, is the greatest that history has to record.

The audience was warmly responsive, and appreciated to the full the charm and force which were given to Browning's practical idealism.

APPRECIATED.

Dinner Guest—I've brought my own sugar. How sweet of you.—Boston

JOINT MEETING HELD

Committees Decided to Organize for Victoria's Father and Son Banquet.

At a joint meeting of the Local Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Boys' Work and the Y. M. C. A. Boys' Divisional Committee it was decided, after some discussion, to fall in line with the general programme being adopted throughout Canada to hold a "Father and Son Banquet" on Friday, February 23. The affair will take place at the local Association, and will be open to all organized Sunday school classes of teen aged boys and also to Association members, and announcement has been made that five denominations are co-operating with the Y. M. C. A. in the interests of the movement.

The following committees were appointed at the meeting to undertake the organization of the banquet: General administration, A. E. Foreman, Rev. R. M. Thompson, Rev. F. A. F. Chadwick, G. G. Emery; programme committee, T. W. Cornett, Rev. A. deB. Owen; guests committee, H. A. Beckwith.

In addition to these other representatives were appointed to attend to decorating, catering and various other details.

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And it is the nature that responds to music in the home in the evenings.

TIME TO SPARE.

Tenbergs, tailor by trade, had just taken out an insurance policy. Three hours later, by a curious coincidence, a fire broke out, which consumed his shop and its contents, says an exchange. The insurance company could find no ground on which to refuse payment, but the letter which accompanied their cheque concluded as follows: "We note that your policy was issued at 9 o'clock Friday, and that the fire did not take place till 2 o'clock the same day. Why this delay?"



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INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE ON GEOGRAPHY OF WAR

Major Harold Nation at Meeting of Natural History Society Last Night

One of the most interesting and instructive points in this world war, said Major Harold T. Nation in an address last night at the regular meeting of the Natural History Society, held in the City Hall, was the topography where battles were fought, and the disposal of the armies in the various war centres. Major Nation returned to the city last fall, after service at the front, and has resumed his position as assistant to the Deputy Minister of Mines. He is also an ex-secretary-treasurer of the Natural History Society.

In his address Major Nation showed the enormous effect the Berlin-Bagdad railway had throughout played in the plans both of the Germans and the Allies. He also clearly indicated that the military considerations which were most important at the beginning of the war were not now the big questions, the principal considerations of both contending parties now being to feed the armies.

Dealing with the geographical aspect he instanced the fact that Julius Caesar practically covered the same ground which, later, became known as "the cockpit of Europe;" that Hannibal did the same thing; and how, before Caesar's time, the Romans came into France in the endeavor to take Gaul.

Germany's Lost Colonies. Apart from showing geography as being one of the controlling features of the war the lecturer, with the aid of a map, took his interested audience on a visit to the colonies of Germany and showed how each German colony, particularly German West Africa and German East Africa, were lost. He then proceeded to refer to the four Empires left to the pro-Germans—Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.

The reason the Germans allied themselves with Turkey and Bulgaria, and turned the Serbians out of Serbia, was, he said, to enable them to control the whole of the Berlin-Bagdad railway. Germany having succeeded in this move, the counter-stroke was up to Britain, and that accounted for the occupation of Salonica as a base from which to attack the railway.

Berlin-Bagdad Railway. Major Nation showed, geographically, why these points were chosen. Then how the Palestine expedition, too, was for the purpose of clearing the air for the pro-Germans out of Egypt and Syria, and right through to Aleppo, through which the Berlin-Bagdad railway passed. The Mesopotamian expedition, he said, was also undertaken to occupy the country aimed at by the Berlin-Bagdad railway.

"The Russians in coming down out of the Caucasus and joining hands with the British at Mosul, had the same object, and at the same time, the Italians, in order to penetrate into the heart of Austria, were getting on the Isonzo front. Rumania penetrated into Transylvania because she wished to get into the country which formerly had been hers. The Germans—through the Hungarians, having prepared the country for war by making the railway parallel to the mountains instead of at right-angles, as was the case in Rumania—were able to march troops quickly through from one pass to another, thereby out-flanking the Rumanians and driving them into the

Dobruza, thus releasing wheat and oil for their own use.

Military Rule.

Coming to the Western front he stated that one of the military rules taught was that an army must have two anchors—one on the right and one on the left flank. That condition held, as the Allies had Switzerland on their right flank and the North Sea on their left, the latter being held by the British navy. As the line stood, neither Britain nor Germany could be out-flanked.

Like a Saucer.

The general topography of Northern France he likened to a saucer, with Paris for the centre, the eastern side being the upturned edges of Vimy Ridge and Messines and, on the other side, the Chemin des Dames. These natural features controlled the position of the opposing front lines. There was a very gratifying attendance which easily followed the illustrations from the map and appreciated the clean-cut style and informative value of the address. Rev. R. Connell, president of the Society, occupied the chair. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer of the evening.

CONTROLLER URGES SEED PRODUCTION

Subject is Revived on Account of Shortage of National Supply

A public meeting to consider the cultivation of seeds is planned as a sequel to wires from H. B. Thomson, of the Food Controller's headquarters, Ottawa, with regard to raising vegetable and flower seeds on Vancouver Island. Mr. Thomson's familiarity with local conditions led him to recommend a resuscitation of the movement inaugurated two or three years ago, which was successfully launched, but which has somewhat languished in spite of the spur given to it by the seed fair at Duncan last November, in which local growers were successful. The principal efforts made in this neighborhood in this direction, apart from private concerns, have been the valuable set of tests conducted at the Sidney Experimental Station by Professor Stevenson, some of which have suggested valuable crops for cultivation. The Victoria and Island Development Association, which took an active part in the inauguration of the movement, is again asked by the authorities to be the means of bringing the subject under public attention in conjunction with the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

The lot cultivators in the city last year had some seed on exhibition at the Home Products Fair, which made a capital feature, and showed what could be done on the soil of the Island. The cultivators this year have been encouraged to use more local grown seed, and at any rate as regards some of the main vegetable crops they will have enough carried over to seed small areas.

It is, however, in the larger way that the Food Controller's department wants the question taken up—not so much from the development of a local business as from the standpoint of supply to districts not so well situated as this part of the country. California supplies a large quantity of the seed for Eastern points, and it is with the hope of assuming a relative position with regard to the Canadian market that the subject is now being emphasized. Two experts at least, a leading British seed merchant with international reputation and the expert sent out by the Federal authorities, have both borne tribute in the last two years to the suitability of the district for seed growing.

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NEWS OF THE MINES

The principle of bi-metalism is beginning to be discussed by experts in the money centres as an outcome of the war. It is receiving attention in quarters which ridiculed the remarkable agitation of twenty-two years ago, upon which the McKinley-Bryan Presidential election was fought.

One leading mining man said in Seattle last week that many financiers of the United States "believe that silver will have to come to the rescue of gold to furnish backing for the recent big issues of paper currency and bonds. Silver would probably be worth a dollar an ounce, resulting in the opening up of many mines which have been idle for a generation or more."

The basis which is now under discussion to fix the relative values of gold and silver is not that of the election of 1896, but of twenty to one instead of sixteen to one. Silver at \$1 coinage value would, on a bi-metallic basis, give silver and gold a ratio value of twenty and sixty-seven hundredths to one, or in other words twenty and sixty-seven hundredths ounces of silver would be equivalent to an ounce of gold. An ounce of gold is worth \$20.67 in gold coin.

At the present time silver is climbing and is round the ninety cent mark, after fluctuating considerably in the past two months. Three courses are discussed to meet the situation, bi-metalism, reducing the legal gold reserve from twenty to ten per cent, and also increasing credit through bank acceptances. A system of bi-metalism would greatly aid the silver producing countries, such as the western states of the Union, and parts of Canada.

The price of eighty-five or eighty-six cents which the Anglo-American allied conference has decided upon for the purchase of at least 100,000,000 ounces of silver in 1918, is significant. A ratio of twenty-four to one would make an ounce of silver for coinage purposes worth eighty-six and one-eighth cents, which is remarkably close to the actual price debated. It is also significant that with eighty-five or eighty-six cents silver and current exchange on India, the silver in Indian rupees is worth eighty-seven cents per ounce. Higher prices for silver would result in remelting rupees and dumping that silver on the market unless rupee exchange re-adjusted itself accordingly. That is probably the main reason for fixing the price of silver around eighty-five or eighty-six cents.

Had it not been for the Coal Creek accident in April, the number of fatalities in the mines of British Columbia in 1917 would have shown no appreciable difference from 1916. Of the forty-four killed in the coal mines of this province last year thirty-four were killed in a single accident, as against twenty-eight killed in 1916, half of whom also came to their ends during a single month.

The metalliferous production appears to be about the same as in the preceding twelve months, so that it is not surprising to find the fatalities about the same as in 1916, seventeen last year as compared with twenty in 1916. The chief causes of the deaths in metal mines during the year

were the falls of ground, which accounted for six fatalities in each year.

A Revelstoke dispatch says: "Word has come of a big strike on the property of the Mastodon Mines in Laforme Creek. Eight feet of what is described as practically solid ore, carrying good values in silver and lead, has been struck in a crosscut on a 110-foot level. This is one of the biggest strikes ever made in the Northern Kootenay, and has doubly renewed the confidence of mining men in the resources of the district north of Revelstoke. Next season promises to see much mining activity in the north country in silver, lead and copper."

The Nelson Board of Trade proposes to make a protest against the ten per cent tax on gross incomes of mining companies of the province. The details of the matter will be gone into later, and the resolution presented to the associated boards of trade convention in Nelson next month.

Ore reserves at the Cork-Provence mine were doubled by operations carried on between June 19 and the beginning of December, according to a report on the property, which has been issued by the directors. Production of 414 tons at the mill during July, August, September and October yielded \$24,623, or about \$60 a ton.

"The war has brought a large number of hitherto neglected metals to the front. Our mines north of Spokane last year shipped 90,000 tons of manganese ore and molybdenite and tungsten properties are in big demand," says President Thane, of the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company, of Thane, Alaska, which controls mines in Alaska, and the Western States.

The Standard Silver-Lead Mining Company, operating at Silverton, had a surplus of \$167,706 on October 31 last, according to a statement issued from its Spokane office recently, as compared with a surplus of \$202,069 in the corresponding month of 1916 and \$278,584 at the end of September, 1917. The difference in the surplus between September and October, 1917, is explained in part by the disbursement of a dividend of \$100,000 in October.

On Tuesday week, says The Kootenian, Kaslo, the Ulica mine, which has maintained a hitherto unbroken record of six years' steady operation with a shutdown, ceased operations on all work, the crew being laid off. Various reasons are given for the action taken.

Two lead furnaces of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company are operating and some of the copper furnaces are about to become active, according to a report from Trail. Several hundred men were employed on the resumption of operations two weeks ago. The huge plant, capable of receiving 8,000 to 10,000 tons of ore a week, will be on a basis of service that is nearly normal within a short time. It had been idle since November 15, when a strike was declared.

Among sections becoming active are the furnaces, roasters, sintering machines, converters, leaching tanks and sulphuric acid plants. The concentrating plant was reworked in the period of idleness. The size of the building is to be increased. Operations have been resumed at the Roseland, Eholt, Kimberly and other mines of the Consolidated Company and on many other properties where the suspension had been total or in part.

Beginning on February 1, shipments of lead ore may be made each month to the smelter on the basis of a twelfth of the shipment made in the twelve months ended September 30 last.

John Broatch, superintendent of the Drum Lummon mines, is down from the north to spend a month in Vancouver arranging with the owners for an enlargement of the operating plant. It is proposed to install a mill and other development. The mill, Mr. Broatch reports that the winter force by keeping at work notwithstanding had weather. Considerable ore was washed away from the dump recently by the freshets following a series of storms. A shipment is now on the way to Granby. It was originally intended for Ladysmith, but the shutting down there switched the shipment to Granby smelter.

In Vancouver an agitation has commenced for the minting of gold as an auxiliary to the Assay Office. Last year to the United States Assay Office in Seattle, British Columbia sent gold and silver bullion to the value of \$2,115,424, which shows that the Federal Assay Office in this province still has a serious competitor. Through the Seattle office in twenty years this province has sent \$2,287,194, and the Yukon the large sum of \$8,096,169.

John Carmichael, engineer for the Princess Copper Mines Company, has returned to Vancouver following a trip to the group on Knight Inlet. He reports satisfaction as to ore showings and possibilities. The Princess Mary claim has recently been added to its other half-owned holdings. The Mary has a fine ore showing and being situated on tidewater, is regarded as a valuable addition to the Princess group.

The Nanaimo colliery, situated near Nanaimo, last month produced 4,200 tons of coal, bringing its total up to 22,512 long tons. While this is but small output in comparison with that of other mines, it is an encouraging beginning.

OVER HUNDRED JOIN NEW VETERAN BODY

Admiral Story Executive Head of Branch Organization Launched Yesterday

VANCOUVER OFFICERS TELL OF ACHIEVEMENT

There is now in Victoria a branch of the Dominion-wide organization known as the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada. It was formed at a meeting called for the purpose, held in the large hall of the Belmont House last night, under the chairmanship of Vice-Admiral W. O. Story. More than one hundred names were inscribed on the initial membership roll. Members of the Victoria Veterans Club, the British Campaigners' Association, the Great War Veterans' Association, and veterans who claimed no association with any institution, signed the formal application for admission into the ranks of the new body.

Admiral Story explains. Admiral Story briefly outlined the object of the gathering, taking advantage of the occasion to observe that there were several excellent organizations in existence in the city but none claiming such elastic qualifications for membership as the Army and Navy Veterans. It was the hope of the sponsors of the meeting that it would be possible for all similar bodies in Victoria to throw in their lot to the end that one large live institution could be formed with the sole purpose of looking after the returned man, be he of this campaign, or a member of either service in the wars of an earlier day.

Organization's Growth. Colonel Markham, president of the Vancouver branch, who claimed twenty years' service with the Canadian Militia, explained at very considerable length how he had become interested in the returned soldier through his association with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, with the final establishment in Vancouver of the Returned Soldiers' Club, and latterly the Terminal City's branch of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada. He quoted membership figures relating to the various branches throughout Canada, indicating the strides made since the formation of the headquarters in Winnipeg. Over twenty thousand veterans, many of them with service in the present struggle to their credit, had joined the organization during the twelve months just past.

The Power Behind. Lieutenant Croft, secretary of the Vancouver body, a veteran of thirty years' service and in possession of a much ribbed chest, dealt interestingly with the origin of veterans' organizations in the British Empire. He told of the failure in the days gone by and the desire of the present to establish something that would really take care of the veteran. To do that, he said, it was necessary to have power and influence at the back of any move so directed. As a first cousin to the older body incorporated in Great Britain, the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada was fortunate in that it was the only organization of its kind operating under a Dominion charter. The fact that His Majesty the King, the leading officers of the Imperial Navy and Army, His Excellency the Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governors of the provinces of the Dominion were behind it suggested to him the driving power of the institution.

"Why if anybody had told me six years ago that I should be addressing a gathering here to-night with an admiral in the chair I should have looked at the suggestion as crazy in the extreme," said the lieutenant as he bowed his acknowledgment to the chairman.

Woman's Noble Work. He went on to explain how the organization in Winnipeg and in Vancouver, through the distinguished patronage of Lady Drummond and Lady Tupper respectively, had done magnificent work. In neither case had the association wanted for money. It had not been necessary to "ask for charity" from anyone. There had been no tag days. The women had seen to that. What was more, the Winnipeg branch had been able to invest the sum of \$4,000 in the last War Loan. Lady Drummond had headed the Ladies Aid and much magnificent work had been done in the furnishing of the prairie city's headquarters. Vancouver had similarly gone ahead under the distinguished guidance of Lady Tupper. In the Terminal City membership had commenced with 123; there were now 1,223, of whom 863 were veterans of the present war.

All Comrades. No less than eighty-two officers were on the membership roll, men who in days gone by did not want to join such organizations, but who joined now to show that such bodies "do some stuff in 'em." "You have got to get some power behind the organization," continued the lieutenant, "because organizations without stamina behind, fall by the wayside. It was the Vancouver branch which made representations to Ottawa through H. H. Stevens and Senator J. D. Taylor to get home guard men paid at the same rate as overseas men. "How did they do it?" he asked. "They had power behind them," he answered. Lieutenant Croft was emphatic on the point of equality. When a man entered the veterans' membership he left his rank outside. Within, all were comrades.

Veterans' Club Amalgamated. Captain Craddock, who acted as secretary, pro tem, explained his activities in the matter of organizing a branch here of the A. and N. V. in Canada, which had resulted in so successful a meeting. The Veterans' Club of this city had offered to throw in their lot with the new branch as a nucleus membership and place their premises at the disposal of the new organization. He spoke of the encouragement he had received from those interested in the movement.

Colonel Haggard, D. S. O., formally proposed the resolution that such a branch should be formed and Beaumont Boggs seconded. His passage being assured at the outset.

Admiral Story, President. Nothing now remaining but the election of officers, Admiral Story pointed out how necessary it was that every consideration be given to the selection of the right men, since upon executive ability the success or failure of any organization very largely depended.

Colonel Ridgway Wilson proposed that the Admiral fill the bill as president of the new body, a suggestion which found immediate favor. Likewise Colonel Haggard, D. S. O., as first vice-president and Major Walter Bapty as second vice-president were the unanimous choice of the meeting.

With fifteen nominations for a council of nine, the following were elected: Commander Shestern, Capt. Lamard, Beaumont Boggs, Petty Officer Pomroy, Capt. Taylor, Chief Master-at-Arms Hadley, Sergt.-Major John Birch and Colonel Cunliffe. Captain Craddock was appointed to the secretaryship.

Great War Veterans.—Every member of the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association is asked to be in attendance at the adjourned meeting of the organization stated for 8 o'clock this evening. Business of vital import to the Association is to come up for discussion and certain executive officers require to be filed.

MEMBERS CALLED TO BAR THIS MORNING

Lieut. H. N. Wootton, M. C., Officially Enters Legal Profession

"It gives me pleasure to welcome you to the bar of British Columbia, and I trust you may have very successful and honorable careers," said Mr. Justice Gregory, when the formal ceremony attendant upon the calling to the bar of six members had been completed this morning.

The names of those who thus were officially entitled to enter upon their legal careers were as follows: Henry Newton Wootton, as barrister and solicitor; Wesley Alexander Brethour, as barrister and solicitor; John Hamilton MacLeod, as barrister and solicitor; Rufus Redmond Earle, as barrister and solicitor; Gerald Vincent Pelton, as solicitor; Thomas Bond Shoebottom, as solicitor.

Lieut. Wootton, M. C., who is at present on six-months leave, returned from the firing-line in September last, having first, however, displayed such gallantry as to win the Military Cross. Lieut. Wootton is a native son of Victoria, his father being E. E. Wootton, barrister of this city. He was educated at the public schools here and later attended the High School. At the time of his discharge he was in his father's law office. He volunteered for overseas service and left with one of the first drafts to the 7th Battalion.

Early in 1916 he was wounded at Festubert. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Canadian Field Artillery. When he was sufficiently recovered, he acted as instructor at Shorncliffe and later when passed as fit, he returned to the firing line. At Vimy he won his military cross, and also received the wounds that necessitated his return to Canada on six months leave.

Since the sitting of the Appeal Tribunals under the Military Service Act, Lieut. Wootton has been acting as mil-



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PLAYERS EXPECT TO LEAVE ON SATURDAY

When the Fragments from France, or as they are more commonly known in senior soccer circles, Esquimaux Military Convalescent Home footballers, set sail for Camp Lewis, it is expected that they will be accompanied by a goodly number of their followers who intend to support the team with the usual side-line rooting. Every one who makes the trip will do so with the one idea of giving the locals all the support possible. A little good cheering at the right moment might prove the means of the first points of the international contest coming to Victoria.

From all reports received concerning the Camp Lewis eleven, the E. M. C. H. boys will have plenty of work to do while engaged on the football field with the Sammies. Although the game is by no means so well known on the American side as here, it is said that interest has been on the increase for some time past and with a strong league in action in Seattle it is easily understood that the popularity of the association game has spread to the great continent of American Lake.

It is thus by no means a foregone conclusion that the locals will win. In fact, if they do not as a team put a better brand of soccer than that displayed by some of their members at Beacon Hill, on Saturday, the prospects will be doubtful. Let them set a standard such as displayed by Bowers and Captain Pitts, and they will annex the bacon before the Sammies begin to even warm to the task.

The following sketches of the players who will form the Fragments eleven for the international game will be of interest to the fans:

Seigneur-Instructor R. E. McMinn, who defends the goal, joined up with the 2nd C. M. R.'s in October, 1914, and was hit at Sanctuary Wood in May, 1915. Sergeant McMinn also saw service with the Cape Mounted Rifles (South Africa), being all through the Boer War, Zululand, and Damareland. He says football is quite strenuous enough for him now and his comrades after considering his record, agree.

Pte. Gomm "went across" with the 8th Battalion from Victoria. He now plays left back for the Fragments. Pte. Gomm says that after consideration he prefers football to war. The fans who have watched him play agree that it's a lucky thing for the Fragments that he does.

Among the Firsts, C. S. M. Edward McAdam only took so to speak, time to get a military haircut and a shave before rushing into the C. E. F. In other words war was declared on August 4, 1914, and McAdam had donned khaki by the evening of August 5—just four days later. Going over with the original 5th Battalion he stayed until Fritz threw about a ton of old metal at him. Now he's back in Victoria and the opponents of the Fragments find it just as hard to get past him as Fritz did.

Pte. R. H. Bowers, the right half of the Fragments, who joined up with the C. E. F. October 24, 1914. He went to France with the 28th Battalion, "getting his" at St. Eloi, August 19, 1915. Put out by shrapnel.

Sgt. Arthur Pitts, captain of the Victoria Fragments from France, joined up with the 28th Battalion, Vancouver, November, 1914. He was in France until shrapnel at St. Eloi put him out of the scrap, and after the usual hospital tour through Blighty, Sgt. Pitts landed back in Victoria just in time to captain the Fragments to victory. Incidentally he is recognized and stated by many admirers to be the best centre half on the island.

Pte. A. McInnis, the Fragments' left half-back, saw service in France with the famous P. F. C. L. E. getting knocked out of the scrap at Ypres, May 5, 1915. He joined up on November 5, 1914.

The Victoria Fragments' outside right, Sapper Southern, who went over to the big scrap with the Canadian Engineers, brings quite a lot of the technique that you might expect an engineer to possess to help him in his play.

Was at Messines. Sergeant Robert Tipper, when not driving the hospital car, plays inside right for the Fragments. He joined the big fight in November, 1914 at Ypres, in the 28th Battalion, and stayed in the scrap until wounded at Messines October 15. Not having had enough, Sergeant Tipper went at it again, getting his second good stripe at St. Eloi April 9, 1916.

Pte. John Townsend is centre forward for the bunch. There never was a team but some critics found matter for argument. There is only one verdict on Pte. Townsend and that is that he is the real article. Pte. Townsend went over the water with the 102nd Battalion,

SEEKING actual service in France with the Third Tunneling Company. It was shell concussion that sent him back to Canada from Ploegsteert Wood, and if he was half as good a tunneller as he is a centre forward he must still be missed.

Royal Canadian. Private John G. Bloom who plays inside left for the Fragments from France, joined up in the Royal Canadian Regiment on October 18, 1914, in Victoria. Bloom got "his" like so many more of the Canadian Force, at Courcette (the Somme), on September 15, 1916. Fritz's shrapnel put his right arm so badly out of action that he was invalided via several English hospitals, back to Victoria in 1917.

Pte. Frederick Kroeger, who plays outside for the Fragments, went with the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery to St. Lucia, British West Indies. There being no odd bits of shrapnel flying about down there, malaria stepped in and put him just as effectively out of the game. Fortunately for the Fragments he is still able to bat the pig skin.

Shell Shock Case. Sergeant R. Singlehurst, first reserve man of the Fragments, saw service in France with the original 15th Battalion C. E. F., being invalided back with shell shock and concussion from Zillebeke, Belgium, in May, 1915. With his comrades on the field call out "Well done, Horace!" they mean Sergeant Singlehurst.

Sergeant Albert E. Joplin who is second reserve for the Victoria Fragments from France, joined the 30th Battalion in Victoria on September 8, 1914, seeing service in France with the old 7th. He was wounded in the left eye, March 12, 1916, at Messines. Sergeant Joplin had served previously in the Middlesex Regiment (Canada). Like so many old soldiers, (by the way he is not yet thirty years of age), it will be noted that he lost no time in getting into the fight when Fritz started things going.

BILLY FINLAY LADEN WITH MUCH JEWELRY

Big Regina Event Finished With Signal Success Yesterday

Regina, Jan. 22.—Billy Finlay and his Winnipeg rink returned home last night well-laden with jewelry. They won both the Anderson and Lunney and Visitors' Cups, got second in the grand aggregate and third in the Cameron & Heap competition. When Jim Adams won the Cameron & Heap trophy from Ingham of Wolseley, he clinched the grand aggregate. If he defeats J. W. Smith in the final of the Imperial Life he will have the honor of going through the bonspiel without a defeat. Under the Chisholm progressive draw system he was only eligible to play in the two events. The Adams-Smith game has been postponed a few days owing to some of Smith's men having to leave the city for a few days. Stewart, of Mooseomin; won the Calgary cup by defeating Jorginson, of Regina.

PACIFIC COAST FIELD TRIALS WERE OPENED AT A MEET YESTERDAY

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 22.—The thirty-sixth annual field trials of the Pacific Coast Field Trials Club, the oldest in America, opened here yesterday with an excellent field of entries and with promise of showing some of the very best field dogs in America.

Among the dogs that ran in the first series of the Derby were Wakefield Buster, a Canadian dog, pronounced by the experts gathered here one of the finest of dogs shown at any of the recent trials.

V. I. A. A. DIRECTORS WILL HOLD SESSION AT 8 THIS EVENING

An important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vancouver Island Athletic Association will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the offices of the Empire Realty Company on Fort Street. The principal matter of business that will be discussed will be the P. N. A. swimming meet schedule for this city by the representations made by the V. I. A. A. through W. H. Davies who attended the organization meeting in Seattle last fall.

DEATH IN ACTION

Dawson, Jan. 22.—Word reached Dawson recently of the death in action in France of Freddy Wyatt, the well-known Yukon boxer. Fred W. Wyatt was a native of Hull, Que., and for years he held the amateur boxing championship of Canada. He had lived in Dawson for some years, leaving for Dawson with the Yukon contingent in the summer of 1915. He was married while in training in Victoria.

VETERAN PLAYER IS STAR OF CONTEST



JOE HALL Of the Canadians, who played brilliant hockey at Ottawa last evening, when the team practically clinched the title for the first half of hockey season.

BRILLIANT HOCKEY WON BY CANADIENS

Joe Hall, Veteran Puckchaser, Was Star of the Ottawa Game

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—In one of the most brilliant exhibitions that has been seen at the local arena this winter, the champion Canadiens, flushed through their victory over the Teracos Saturday, defeated the Ottawas 5 to 3 last night and practically clinched the honors for the first half of the schedule in the championship race for the big league. Six thousand five hundred persons, constituting the largest crowd that has been in the Laurier Avenue rink since these same teams played off for the championship last spring, saw the Ottawas go down after a hard fought match. Canadiens outplayed the Ottawas for the greater part of the time and their victory proved a clean cut one. They gave a magnificent out-of-control exhibition of hockey and at times skated the Ottawas almost off their blades.

The veteran, Joe Hall, was the star of the contest, scoring three of the five goals collected by the visitors. Newey Lalonde, captain of the Canadiens, did not come to Ottawa. His foot was injured in Saturday's game against Teracos. The Ottawas were without the services of Manager Gerard until the last five minutes of play, but his injured leg prevented him from showing to advantage. The contest was a clean one though the checking was close. The victors had the advantage of weight, and their back-checking placed the advantage in their favor.

Canadiens—Vesina, Hall, Corbett, Malone, Coutre and Pitre. Substitutes—Berlinguette and Laviolette. Ottawas—Benedict, Shore, Ritchie, Hyland, Denenny and Darragh. Substitutes—Crawford and Boucher. Summary—First period—1—Canadiens, Hall, 7:00. Second—Canadiens, Malone, 1:30. Third—Ottawa, Denenny, 4:00. Fourth—Ottawa, Darragh, 5:15. Second period—five—Canadiens, Hall, 11:50.

Third period—six—Canadiens, Hall, 28 seconds. Seventh—Ottawa, Hyland, 1:30. Eighth—Canadiens, Laviolette, 12:30.

CAMP LEWIS READY FOR PATRIOTIC GAME

Camp Lewis, Wash., Jan. 22.—In preparation for the big Red Cross benefit soccer game which is to be held at Camp Lewis next Sunday afternoon between Victoria and the 51st Division soccer team, the 91st and the 347th Field Artillery soccer football players mingled today in practice. The game will be called Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, on the athletic field at Athletic Headquarters.

BOUT CANCELLED

New Orleans, Jan. 22.—Pete Herman, of New Orleans, world's bantam-weight champion, last night cancelled the ten-round decision bout in which he was to meet Johnny Ertle, of St. Paul, here February 4. He said he was acting on the advice of an oculist.

BARRIEU WINNER

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 22.—Frank Barrieu, of Vancouver, won the decision over Gordon McKay, of Seattle, here last night in a ten-round boxing match. The bout was clean and fast. Barrieu weighed 149 pounds and McKay 152.

SCOTCH SOCCER IS SEVERELY HIT BY HEAVY CASUALTIES

Other Sportsmen Are Awarded Honors for Service on the Field

London, Jan. 22.—Several well-known footballers have been in the thick of the fighting on the western front and many prominent names appear in the latest casualty list of killed and wounded. The famous amateur club of the Scottish League, Queen's Park, has lost two valuable members, which now makes eleven in all. In Captain James Alexander and Lieut. MacDonald Cameron, who are both reported killed in action.

Welsh Rugby Star Falls. Private J. Yem, the brilliant Pontypridd Rugby player, has also made the big sacrifice. Pte. T. Davidson, severely wounded in the Cumberland County Rugby Union forward. As a result of being badly gassed he was blinded for several days, but is now reported to have gained his sight. Major H. Archer, killed, was the famous Blundell's School cricketer and footballer, playing in the elevens in 1901-2. Major G. J. M. Bagot-Chester, killed, was a well-known hunting man, and for some years a regular rider at Household Brigade meets.

All-Round Sportsman

Major E. E. Rich, killed, earned a big reputation as a hunting man, gentleman rider and all-round sportsman. He won the sword tournament at the Royal Naval and Military Tournament in 1909. Lieut. Col. H. C. Rochford-Blood, D.S.O., killed, was a keen hunting man and master of the Woodwich Drag in 1906-7-8-9. Lieut. The Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, the second surviving son of Lord Kinnaird, the president of the English Football Association, has been killed in action. His eldest brother, the Master of Kinnaird, lost his life early in the war.

Racquet Champion Killed

Captain R. P. Boyd, killed, was educated at Eton, where he won the singles and doubles racquets in 1914. Second-Lieut. C. F. Hartley, killed, won the heavyweight boxing championship at Harrow in 1916. Captain Alec Lewis, the Gloucester and County three-quarter Rugby player, has been awarded a bar to his Military Cross for distinguished service on the battlefield, while Pte. T. Cash, the famous Oldham Northern Union player, has gained a similar honor.

VIMY TEAM WON FROM SOMMES AT HOCKEY

Three-Cornered Tie Again Exists in League Race on Prairies

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—Once more the military hockey league is in a three-cornered tie, the Vimy team last night defeating the Sommes eight to four. Small's Sommes seemed disorganized in the game, the only help the old warriors got from their forward being what Barland gave him while the rushes of Newell and Muirhead, while strong, were spooled by the consistent checking of Benson and Laughlin, with good back-checking on the part of Browne.

Lineups: Sommes—Binney, Muirhead, Newell, Small, Borland, Gylet, Gehrke. Vimy—Morris, Benson, Laughlin, Browne, Scott, O'Meara, Abbott. Referee—W. Breen. Judge of play—W. Field.

Summary: First period—1, Vimy, Scott from O'Meara, 1:55; 2, Sommes, Borland, 2:15; 2, Vimy, Laughlin, 7:20; 4, Vimy, Scott from O'Meara, 8:35; 5, Sommes, Small, 1:50. Second half—5, Vimy, Abbott, 2:00; 7, Sommes, Goulet, 2:45; 3, Vimy, Scott, from Browne, 5:55; 3, Sommes, Borland, from Gehrke, 7:20; 11, Vimy, Scott, from O'Meara, 8:45; 11, Vimy, Benson, 2:55; 12, Vimy, Laughlin, from Browne, 5:10.

SEATTLE WILL MEET VANCOUVER TO-NIGHT

Seattle, Jan. 22.—With last year's captain, Frank Foyers, back in his old berth in the forward line, the Seattle Mets will invade the lair of the Millionaires to-night and attempt to drag the Vancouver squad out of their place at the top of the league. With Foyers back in the game Manager Lester Patrick thinks his pets will even up with the Canadians for the trimming they were handed in this city. Patrick has "great" respect for the ability of Foyers, and he thinks that he has the greatest team in the league with the former star back in the game.

O. H. A. GAMES

Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 22.—Kitchener defeated Sarnia in the senior O. H. A. game here last night by a score of 13 to 4.

JUDGE M'CREIDIE IS NOW A HAPPY MAN

Says There is No Objection to New Name of Baseball League

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—Judge McCreddie, who is more responsible than any one else for the changing of the Northwestern League name to the Pacific Coast International League, at the recent meeting at Seattle, laughed on his return here at the stories that President Baum, of the Pacific Coast League, is not pleased over the change. Judge McCreddie, who is as well versed in baseball law as any man on the coast, says there is absolutely nothing in the rules which says that one league can not change its name because it is somewhat similar to that of another organization. He cites the fact that there has been an Eastern League and an Eastern Association, a Central League and a Central Association, a Western League and a Western Association. If there was any chance of preventing the former Northwestern magnates from using whatever name they chose, the name would not have been adopted. Judge McCreddie is very much pleased over the frame of mind he found the other magnates in at the recent meeting and says they exhibited a spirit of pulling together which augurs well for the future.

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL NOW UNDER DEBATE

Possibilities of Forming a League for Mid-Week Play Reported

The prospects for a Wednesday football league being formed under the auspices of the Victoria and District Football Association will be one of the important matters before the weekly meeting of that organization to be held in the Foresters' Hall to-morrow evening. For some time past numerous followers of soccer activities in Victoria and district have been weighing the advisability of such a course and the matter will be introduced to the Victoria Soccer Association to-morrow night.

The Vancouver Island Athletic Association is reported to be in favor of the formation of such a league to engage in Wednesday games. The fact that the changes in the half-holiday was brought about by the referendum vote taken recently will doubtless have considerable effect on whatever action it is deemed advisable to be taken by the Association.

BASEBALL FOR CAMP IS NOW ENDORSED

Seattle, Jan. 22.—That Camp Lewis will see Major League baseball this spring was assured to-day when Capt. "Van" Cook, athletic director of the cantonment, notified R. L. Blewett, president of the Pacific Coast International League, that the plan offered by the league officials here Saturday had been accepted by Brig.-Gen. F. S. Foltz, now head of the camp.

In making the announcement Blewett said that Maj.-Gen. Foltz was pleased with the plan and heartily endorsed it. Other specimens of the more religious music of Liszt are the legends of St. Francis preaching to the birds, and St. Francis walking on the waves. Of an entirely different sort are the Mephisto Valses characterized by someone as "waltzes gone mad." Many other compositions might be mentioned but these are sufficient to illustrate the point that we should not rest with knowing the Hungarian Rhapsodies by Liszt, but supplement our musical knowledge and enjoyment by studying his other great compositions.

DUSTWEIGHT FIGHTERS FOR CAMP LEWIS TRIP

Albie and Jumbo Davies Will Box for the E. M. C. H. Patriotic Fund.

The important announcement was made this morning by P. C. Payne, president of the Victoria and District Football Association, that it had been decided to include the two sons of W. H. Davies in the party that will accompany the Esquimaux Military Convalescent Hospital team to Camp Lewis to engage the footballers of the 91st Division.

Albie and Jumbo Davies, the former known as the Dustweight Champion boxer of the world, inaugurated an international career when sent to San Francisco by a group of Victoria business men to the great boxing tournament of the Olympic Club of that city. It will be recalled by many Victorians that the two little fistic artists on that occasion made a great hit with the Frisco fans who were more than generous in their response to the little fellows from Victoria. The present trip to the American side is being made with the object of raising funds for a patriotic cause and to further the relationships of sportsmen on both sides of the boundary line. In this respect the Davies youngsters will be able to fill the bill. President Payne, in making the announcement to-day, stated that the little champions would give boxing exhibitions at Camp Lewis and en route to and from the great army station. The proceeds thus raised would go, he said, to swell the totals of receipts from the football battle.

CASE DISMISSED

Montreal, Jan. 22.—The charge of assault preferred against Sprague Cleg-horn, the well-known hockey player of this city, which was laid by his wife, has been dismissed, the evidence failing to show sufficient grounds to warrant conviction.

A WIDER ENJOYMENT OF LISZT

One of the failings of human nature seems to be the associating of a man's name with some achievement, forgetting a long list of other things he did—and often some of these latter things are more important than the one we make outstanding. We make that mistake sometimes with great statesmen, with public idols, with authors and with musical composers. It is on this basis that the public is taken to task for doing to death the Hungarian Rhapsodies of Liszt and neglecting his other numbers.

The critic in mind says that the fact of the matter is the nineteen Hungarian Rhapsodies, and especially two or three of these have been played to death; while the name of their composer has become popularly associated with them to the exclusion of all his other works. He strongly recommends that the public should be reminded of the fact that Liszt heard and adapted for piano studies.

The great Ballade in D flat was founded on Liszt's idea of the legend of the prisoner of Chillon. Lord Byron tells the story of the prisoner who remained chained to a pillar in the dungeon of the castle of Chillon with its floor beneath the level of Lake Geneva. Then there is "The Benediction of God in the Solitude," a deeply religious composition. There should be mentioned too, the set of pieces "Venice and Naples" (Venice e Napoli) which contains the Tarantelle. This unique dance is said to be peculiar to Spain and Italy and is supposed to have arisen from the peculiar music once generally played to cause persons bitten by a tarantula to shake off the poison by dancing furiously.

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AUSTRALIA'S ARMY A Comparison

The Australian Defense Department has issued an interesting statistical report covering the part played by Australia in the present war, writes the Sydney correspondent of The Montreal Star. The following is the substance of the report:

Enlistments—1914, 52,561; 1915, 165,912; 1916, 124,352; 1917 (to end of October), 49,023—a total of no less than 382,958.

The return of effective to the end of October last is as follows: Embarked, 288,436; in training in Australia, 16,571; discharged, deserted, died prior to embarkation, 67,857—total, 282,864.

Losses—While the total losses are: Deaths from wounds and diseases, 24,731; missing and prisoners, 4,592; wounded and other casualties, 91,225 (a total of 120,548); it is interesting to note that the net casualties after embarkation is netted down to the following totals: Dead—Palestine, Gallipoli and France, 34,721; prisoners and missing, 4,592; returned to Australia, 42,988—leaving 216,215 still on the strength abroad.

Disposition of Armies. The disposition of the Australian armies are as follows: In Australia—in training, 15,574; in hospital (returned men) 9,448; a total of 26,022 Abroad on September 30th, 1917—at sea, 5,745; in Egypt and Palestine, 16,813; in Mesopotamia, 357; in France with units, 194,395; in England (including hospitals) 71,899; at sea (returning to Australia), 17,916—a grand total of 216,135.

It will be seen then that Australia, in enlisting no less than 382,958 men out of a population of 4,875,998 has made nothing short of a marvellous achievement. Compared with Canada, it will be seen that, taking population as a basis, we have done considerably better than the Canadian folk. I have been looking over the Canadian enlistments and comparing them with our enlistments up to the same closing time.

I find that at the time when Canada had enlisted 408,099 men we had enlisted 379,214 men. Comparisons, I know are invidious things, but I have taken up some of our Australian states and compared them with Canadian provinces and I find the following results—which as far as the Eastern Canadian provinces are concerned must be taken as startling.

For instance, New South Wales, Tasmania, and West Australia (whose populations approximate that of Quebec) have enlisted no less than 186,007. South Australia and Tasmania (with a population equal to that of Prince Edward Island, have enlisted 44,512 men as against 20,509 for Prince Edward Island. Queensland, with less population, has enlisted 53,128 men as against 25,000 from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and West Australia (with a population equal to that of Ontario) have enlisted 227,442 men as against 168,390 from Ontario. Queensland and South Australia (equal in population to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia) have enlisted 53,127 men as against 42,590 men from these two provinces. New South Wales (with about an even population) has enlisted 29,577 men as against 17,599 for New Brunswick. West Australia and Tasmania (with considerably less people) have sent 42,525 as against 22,300 from Nova Scotia. New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland (with about equal population) have enlisted 295,611 men as against 64,290 from Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick.

Victoria, Queensland and West Australia (equalling Quebec in population) have sent 182,351 men as against 44,000 from Quebec. Australia (the whole) has sent 379,214 men as against 254,000 from Quebec, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Nova Scotia—although the combined population of the latter provinces are considerably more than that of Australia. It is these comparisons which bring out in striking relief the part played by Australia in the war.

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Tenders for Supplies.—At the City Council last evening tenders for annual supplies, for towage of garbage, were opened and referred to various committees for report. It was significant that none of the coal merchants would bid on the city's coal except with power to adjust prices according to the quotations at the mines. Capt. W. E. Gardner again bid \$750 per month for the garbage towage contract and Arthur Pike offered to do the work for \$500 per month. The streets and sanitary committee will consider the matter and report.

Civic Estimates Committee.—When the Estimates Committee meets on January 21 at 7:30 o'clock, a deputation from inside civic employees asking for an increase of pay from present salaries, will be received. A letter seeking an interview was read at the City Council last evening.

Children's Aid.—The City Council last evening declined to deal with the question of accommodation for the Children's Aid Society, and left the matter over for the Society itself. It was thus decided on the motion of Alderman Andros, who stated that the Council could leave the subject to the good judgment of the management.

To Visit Hospital.—On the invitation of the directors of the Royal Jubilee Hospital a visit will be paid by the City Council to the institution on January 25, at 3 o'clock. The hospital is asking for about \$35,000 for deficits and anticipated deficits up to December 31 next, so that the invitation read last evening is intended to show aldermen what is being done there.

A Sub-Division Plan.—The City Council last evening decided to leave to the Mayor and City Solicitor the City's case in regard to a sub-division plan on Arnold Street in which two plans differing in essential details have been approved and which are to be the subject of a lawsuit between an owner, and the real estate man who sub-divided.

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PROSECUTION UNDER PROHIBITION ACT

Similar Case to One Recently Dismissed in Vancouver

"A case practically 'on all fours' with the Sanaba case in Vancouver on January 14, was before Magistrate Jay in the City Police Court to-day, under the Prohibition Act. In fact, counsel for the defence quoted Magistrate Shaw, of Vancouver, in dismissing the information, as a reason for the Bench taking the same view.

Sanaba, a Japanese, occupied two rooms in premises licensed under the city by-law as a rooming house, but assessed as an apartment house. In the local case James Duffy had two rooms in the Sylvester Block, which is now claimed to have changed its character from a lodging house to an apartment house, and J. A. Kikman, on his behalf, submitted that the place was a dwelling house within the meaning of the Act, as Mr. Eyles had done in Vancouver in the Sanaba case.

Evidence showed that Duffy had a bedroom and kitchen communicating by an interior door, and the liquor was found there. There was no dispute on the question of possession.

The Magistrate called for a plan of the Sylvester rooms to be furnished. He pointed out it was an important ruling, which would affect a number of similarly placed premises in the downtown section, and before going on record he would like carefully to consider the situation.

This plan is to be filed on Saturday, together with the production of testimony by the defence as to the character of the premises at the present time.

It is understood an appeal in a Vancouver case has already been lodged, but no decision has yet been made by higher judicial authorities in the Province.

ESQUIMALT SCHOOL BOARD

Organization Meeting Held Last Night; Desire Fullness

The newly-elected members of the Esquimalt Board of School Trustees were sworn in yesterday, and last night a Board meeting was held for the purpose of organizing for business.

Trustee Leonard Tait was the unanimous choice of the Board as chairman for the coming year.

The Board decided to appoint a permanent secretary, one from outside its membership, and to secure office accommodation for that official at the Lamson Street School building, where all records of the Board will in future be kept. Until the permanent appointment is made, Trustee Graves will act as secretary.

It is the desire of the Board that hereafter the fullest publicity shall be given all matters pertaining to school administration.

MEDAL FOR NANAIMO MAN

Military Medal Awarded Pte. J. B. Snedden for Conspicuous Bravery at Paschendale.

Pte. J. B. Snedden, formerly of Nanaimo, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery at the Battle of Paschendale Ridge, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. James Burns, 124 Eleventh Street, North Vancouver.

Pte. Snedden enlisted with the 21st Battalion, but was subsequently transferred to the 12th.

A Live Question—Modern Methods of Municipal Government

subject for discussion by the Rotary Club on Thursday next.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been issued to James Hartley and D. H. Riddell, for additions to dwellings. The former is on Moss Street, the latter at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Rose Street.

"No Back Moves."—To-night at the usual "Pleasant Tuesday Evening" made in the First Congregational Church Rev. Chas. Croucher will deliver an address, taking as his subject "No Back Moves."

Enforcement of Prohibition Act.—Anticipatory of the meeting of the City Police Commissioners for the first gathering of the year to-morrow afternoon, a deputation of prohibitionists waited on Mayor Todd this morning and had a long talk with him. His Worship was unwilling to make a statement, beyond the fact that the enforcement of the Prohibition Act was discussed and some suggestions offered.

Chinese Labor.—At the Royal Oak Hall on Monday next, January 28, a public meeting will be held for the purpose of permitting an opportunity to discuss the question of the importation of the indentured coolie into British Columbia, with J. C. McIntosh, M. P., for the Federal riding of Nanaimo, and Dr. E. F. Toomey, M. P., for Victoria. Special invitations have been issued to the farmers of the neighborhood and a large meeting is expected.

May Amalgamate.—At the meeting of the Natural History Society last night, delegates were present representing the Astronomical Society of this city. They made a proposal that for the duration of the war it might be advisable for the Societies to combine their efforts without losing the identity of either. The proposal was favorably received and the delegates are reporting back to their own society with a view to adopting the plan. It will then be for the joint executive to arrange a schedule of meetings.

PREMIER BREWSTER DEFENDS GOVERNMENT

Justifies Dismissal of Employees in General House-cleaning Process

Premier Brewster and Attorney-General Farris defended the Government in all that it has done since it has taken office, at the Dominion Hall, Vancouver, last night. They also took occasion to make flat denials of the political statements of W. J. Bowser, Leader of the Opposition, who has been making in his tour of the Province. Owing to a severe cold, Hon. Mr. Farris was rather brief in his speech. Mr. Brewster gave an accounting of public affairs of his Government, but turned to his own use the aspersions of the Opposition Leader, and especially that pamphlet of the "Casualty list" of Conservative office holders, who, he said, in the general house-cleaning of the Brewster Government at Victoria, had to be swept out in the interests of good government and thrift.

The Premier was in fine form, and was a reminder of the Provincial general elections.

Ample Justification.

Mr. Brewster justified his position as to the wholesale dismissals of Tory party adherents from the civil service; explained the great necessity for the increases of general taxation; gave examples comparative of the costs of the Government under Mr. Bowser and himself; stated the position of the Government with regard to the returned soldiers, and reaffirmed the Government's position with relation to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Attorney-General Farris denied the statements that the Government had not given employment when opportunity offered to returned soldiers, submitted figures in substantiation of his statements, and stated that the Department of Attorney-General under his administration, in degree similar to other Governmental departments, is proceeding with a view of saving money for the taxpayers wherever possible and consistent with efficiency.

Support to Mrs. Smith.

The Attorney-General gave strong support to Mrs. Smith, as did also the Premier. The Premier opened his remarks by saying that he desired to say a few things about the leader of the Opposition, because he had been saying some "nice" things about him, and, furthermore, he desired to talk at this time because he realized his responsibilities to his supporters whom he considered the people to do, as having elected him. He said he would confine his remarks to business lines.

The P. G. E.

The Premier concluded with some statements as to the Government's position respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. The Government's interest in that line amounted in round figures to \$3,000,000. At the investigation before the Legislature it had come out on oath that \$3,000,000 of that sum had not gone into the road. It had been said there was a deal on and the Government was frightened of the situation and didn't do anything with it. The Premier drew attention to the statement of D'Arcy Tate, of the P. G. E., who on oath had stated he had paid \$200,000 to take care of the Conservative campaign fund. "And I say W. J. Bowser participated in that," declared the Premier. Mr. Bowser, the Premier declared, had said that the Premier had told the P. G. E. to buy The Sun newspaper as part of a deal being made. "I call that as a falsehood," he declared. "Nobody can snap a whip over Brewster's head by means of a newspaper or otherwise."

Cannot Buy Oliver.

He closed his reference to the P. G. E. situation by saying on investigation it would be found the Government had at head of the railway department Hon. John Oliver, a man the P. G. E. had not money enough to buy. The people he said, were for the completion of the P. G. E. So was he, for he had been over the country and there wasn't any more suitable land for quick production than he had seen.

The Government wanted to bring the P. G. E. people to the place where they would have to pay for what they took out. It wanted the road in operation as soon as possible and at the minimum loss. It was not going to compromise and if Mr. Bowser got into a mess it was his own fault. In answer to a communication placed before him by someone who pointed to the necessity of keeping the line running, the Premier said the Government did not want it

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Preparing Important Plans.—The Land Settlement Board has now adjourned its general session for the purpose of work in the Committee Stage. The members of the Board have discussed many matters during the past week dealing with numerous agricultural projects. It is in this connection that each individual Director will submit his personal views for committee work and for final discussion by the Board as a whole. The course decided upon, certain important recommendations will be made to the Provincial Cabinet for ratification or otherwise.

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SERBIAN SOLDIER IN TOILS AS DESERTER

Two Sentences of Imprisonment Are Imposed for Military Offences

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ESQUIMALT COUNCIL IN FIRST MEETING
Question of Hog Restriction By-law Again Before Municipal Body

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SMALL ALTERATION IN SAANICH EXPENDITURE
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ACTION IN SUPREME COURT COMMENCED

Osler vs. Galbraith & Sons Outlined Before Mr. Justice Gregory

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VANCOUVER AS SITE OF STEEL PLANT

Suggestion to Be Reported on by an Outside Expert

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—The Vancouver Province to-day has a dispatch from Victoria which says an intimation was given at the Government Buildings that Vancouver might become the headquarters of a large electrical smelting and steel plate industry and enter into the world's competition for steel shipbuilding.

"For several months past," the story continues, "it is said the Government has been engaged in negotiations with eastern capitalists and electrical smelter experts."

This information, adds The Province, was confirmed. The Tudhope-Turnbull interests for some time have been active in sipping up the iron and steel situation on the Pacific Coast.

BRITISH FINANCE.

London, Jan. 22.—The Government has decided against any issuance of premium bonds.

In England there are gas schools, bombing schools and musketry schools where N.C.O.'s and officers are sent to learn not the rudiments only, but the latest developments in these forms of warfare, so they can pass on the knowledge so acquired to the men of their battalion.

There are cadet schools, where N.C.O.'s and privates who are considered as likely to make efficient officers are sent and put through their paces for four months before being "assaulted."

In France there are brigade schools, divisional schools and army schools, where officers and N.C.O.'s from the trenches go to rub up their knowledge and hear the results of the latest experiments and learn the new methods that the General Headquarters are adopting.

And what will astonish the layman is that somewhere in England a brigadier-general runs what is known as a commanding officers' school, where colonels and majors who are going to take command of battalions find plenty to learn.—Tit-Bits.

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AMERICAN GUNBOAT SILENCED CHINESE

Returned Fire of Rebels on Yangtse Kiang With Effect

Washington, Jan. 22.—The commander of the American gunboat Monocacy, which craft was fired upon by Chinese rebels, reported to-day that he had returned the fire and silenced it.

"On January 17, at 9 a.m., the United States gunboat Monocacy, while cruising about fifty miles above Yochow, on the Yangtse Kiang River, was fired on by entrenched Chinese and was hit a number of times."

The foregoing is a paraphrase of the official report from the commander of the gunboat.

Without Warning.

Peking, Jan. 20 (delayed).—The attack on the American gunboat Monocacy, in which one sailor was killed and two others wounded, was made near Kien Li Sien, and came without warning.

The Japanese steamship Tayuen also was subjected to fusillades.

STATES AND HOLLAND AGREE FORMER TO USE DUTCH STEAMSHIPS

Washington, Jan. 22.—The chartering to the United States Government of all Dutch steamships now being held in American ports has been decided upon by the Dutch Government in a provisional agreement just signed in London.

The agreement provides charters for one round trip for upward of eighty vessels now in American ports.

It is part of the agreement that the ships shall carry 150,000 tons of food for the relief of the Belgians and may be used for other voyages later in American coastwise trade or elsewhere, possibly to Java for sugar.

EXPLOSION OF GAS IN ST. CATHARINES

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 22.—A serious explosion of gas occurred here yesterday at the foot of St. Paul Street, which caused the wrecking of two lower floors of an apartment house and injury to Miss Annie Blackwood, from which it is feared she will not recover.

There have been recorded during the war many cases of deafness and speechlessness being cured by accidental means, such as a sudden noise or an unexpected visitor, or a startling question, and in one case at least a midnight fall out of bed.

There is a story told of a skipper who had a medicine-chest containing cures numbered one to seven. For dyspepsia he administered a stiff dose of No. 7. For a sprain No. 2 was the bottle, and for rheumatism No. 5 seemed to work the oracle.

A lady crossing from France to England was asked by the Customs officer if she had anything dutiable. She answered him that she had nothing but wearing apparel in her trunks, but at the bottom of the largest one, which to him seemed the most suspicious, were found twelve bottles of brandy.

"Madam," said the officer sarcastically, "do you call these wearing apparel?" "Certainly," she replied, sweetly, "those are my husband's nightcaps."

IRISH SETTLEMENT BROUGHT NEARER

British Government Expected to Make Effort Following Carson's Resignation

London, Jan. 22.—The resignation of Sir Edward Carson from the War Cabinet lends color to the report that the Government, accepting the advice of its supporters in England and well-wishers in the Dominions and the United States, has decided to bring about a settlement of the Irish question.

Had Sir Edward remained in the cabinet he would have been compelled to choose between his loyalty to the Government and to his Ulster Unionist followers. This he has avoided by resigning and now he has a free hand.

During the short recess which the Convention has taken, Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the Convention, and other Irishmen who have worked so hard for a settlement are making a last effort to see to it that their labors shall not be wasted.

The Evening Telegraph of Belfast says that Lieut.-Colonel James Craig, a member of the House of Commons and one of the Ulster leaders, has resigned as Lord Treasurer of the Household.

SHOPS LOOTED IN AUSTRIAN CAPITAL

Crowd Advanced Toward Palace; Driven Back; Conditions Quieter Now

London, Jan. 22.—The strike movement which assumes such menacing dimensions in Austria on Sunday was virtually ended Monday morning when the strikers either resumed work or held meetings at which a decision was reached to go back to their tasks today, according to the News Agency dispatches from Switzerland.

On Sunday evening, according to a wireless dispatch from Berne, disorderly scenes took place when hunger marchers were organized and a number of shops looted in Vienna.

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COAL PRICES WILL ADVANCE FEBRUARY 1

Fuel Controller for British Columbia Announces Ruling by Magrath

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Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—According to the Volks Zeitung, of Leipzig, the Pan-Germans are hinting at the impending resignation of Vice-Admiral von Mueller, chief of Kaiser Wilhelm's naval cabinet.

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PROHIBITION IN QUEBEC IN 1919

May 1 Next Year Decided on as Date by Government Party

Quebec, Jan. 22.—The Province of Quebec is to have absolute prohibition beginning May 1, 1919. This was decided at a Liberal caucus held this morning in the Legislative building.

The supporters of the Government took an hour to decide that all licenses must be cut off, even grocery licenses. The introduction of prohibition is regarded as a war measure.

A delegation of Quebec brewers waited on the Premier, Sir Lomer Gouin, to-day and represented that if prohibition were introduced their investments, representing \$100,000,000, would be lost.

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WINDING-UP ORDER FOR ARROW LAKES LUMBER CO.

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—An order for the winding up of the Arrow Lakes Lumber Company was made by Chief Justice Hunter yesterday on the application of J. L. G. Abbott, solicitor for the Lafayette-Lamb Lumber Company, which holds a judgment for \$2,254,000 against the Arrow Lakes Company.

Chief Justice Hunter held that there was nothing to be gained by keeping the application open for another week and appointed Mr. Murray, manager of the Arrow Lakes Lumber Company, to be provisional liquidator.

Of course, Mr. Murray is not to dispose of any of the assets without an order of the court. He must understand that he is to be only a caretaker of the property," advised the Chief Justice.

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BUYING SUPPLIES FOR YUKON ROUTE

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—Preparing for the 1918 season, officials of the White Pass & Yukon route are in Vancouver to-day arranging for the purchase of spring supplies to go north as soon as transportation opens up the Yukon.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—The Berlin Taegliche Rundschau prints a report from Hamburg, that the Board of the German Vacuum Oil Company, which is composed of Americans, has been withdrawn and replaced by a committee under the presidency of Dr. Poelchau, of Hamburg.

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REACTIONARY DAY IN NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) New York, Jan. 22.—The day saw more cross currents on the stock market here. On light trading during the morning stocks advanced easily, notable gains being made in Mexican Petroleum and U. S. Steel.

Alaska Gold 21 21 21. Am. East Sugar 195 195 195. Am. Sugar Refining 105 103 104.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—The demand for cash barley demand also was light, with prices unchanged from yesterday. A few buyers were inquiring for No. 3 and No. 4 grades.

LITTLE CHANGE IN PRICES AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 22.—According to the morning papers, telegrams from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Kansas indicate the seriousness of the corn situation.

SUGAR STILL COMING TO CANADA FROM U. S.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—A special dispatch from New York to the Toronto Globe says: "James Howell Post, chairman of the International Committee of Refiners and in charge of the distribution of sugar throughout America, stated that there was no foundation for the report published in several New York newspapers that raw sugar shipments from New York to Canada had been prohibited until further notice."

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ORGANIZE COUNCIL TO PRESENT TERM

Increased Production Committee Takes Its Place Among Standing Bodies

Organization of the City Council was effected formally last evening, the Mayor announcing his panel of committees. It will be noticed that the sanitary committee's work has been added to that of the streets committee.

The personnel of the committees will be as follows:

Finance—Aldermen Cameron (chairman), Porter, Sargent, Andros and Harvey.

Streets, Sewers and Sanitary—Aldermen Porter and entire Council.

Stores, Yards and Pound—Aldermen Harvey, Walker and Porter.

Legislative—Aldermen Sargent, Harvey and Cameron.

Light and Telephone—Aldermen Dinsdale, Walker and Fullerton.

Johnston Street Bridge, Railways and Terminals—Mayor and entire Council.

Harbor—Aldermen Sangster, Fullerton and Walker.

Parks, Boulevards and Cemetery—Aldermen Andros, Walker and Dinsdale.

Taxation—Mayor and entire Council.

Health and Morale—Aldermen Peden, Harvey and Porter.

Fire Wardens—Aldermen Fullerton, Dinsdale and Cameron.

Market—Aldermen Walker, Andros and Dinsdale.

Labor Bureau—Aldermen Sangster, Peden and Porter.

Home for Aged and Infirmary—Aldermen Dinsdale, Fullerton and Walker.

Increased Production and Food Conservation—Aldermen Sargent, Dinsdale and Sangster.

Directors of B. C. Agricultural Association—Aldermen Peden and Sargent.

Victoria and Island Development Association—Aldermen Andros, Harvey, Porter, Peden and Sangster.

Friendly Help Association—Aldermen Cameron, Dinsdale and Sargent.

Children's Aid Society—Aldermen Harvey, Andros and Sangster.

Appointed by Council:

Court of Revision on Assessment—Roll and Local Improvement Assessments—The Mayor, Aldermen Harvey, Walker, Andros and Fullerton.

Inter-Municipal Committee—The Mayor, Aldermen Peden, Harvey and Sangster. The last three will be the representatives, with the Mayor, of the Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee.

Hired Vehicles Commissioners—Aldermen Dinsdale and Sangster.

Examiners of Jitney Drivers—Chief of Police, City Electrician and Fire Chief.

Library Commissioners—Aldermen Sargent and W. Marchant.

to meet the city's liabilities, and therefore called for additional data to be taken up when the Mayor's tax sale resolution is again before the Council next week.

The Council gave a first reading then to a by-law to borrow \$750,000 against the security of the taxes collectable this fall.

The Mayor told the Council that negotiations with regard to the City's finances were now proceeding with the head office of the bank, because some arrangement had to be made to straighten out present conditions.

CITY CHARTER

To Be Considered by Legislative Committee; Tax Sale Proposal.

To the Legislative Committee and City Solicitor was sent by the Council last evening a recommendation to consider the best system of city government, either by private charter, or by an extension of powers under the Municipal Act, through a classification of municipalities.

The Mayor's letter, already the subject of reference, on the same matter, went to the Legislative Committee also.

The Council, after some discussion, deferred decision for a week on a motion of Mayor Todd to go on record in favor of a tax sale on October 10. His Worship said they were pledged to the bank to apply proceeds of the sale to meet an overdraft for a large sum at the city's bankers.

STATUTORY MEETING OF OAK BAY COUNCIL

Ex-Reeve Gordon Makes Suggestion Regarding Disposition of Earnings

The first and statutory meeting of the Oak Bay Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon, each member being present. Reeve N. T. Burdick occupied the chair, the councillors who attended being W. A. Jameson, C. E. Wilson, L. W. Toms, F. C. Nevin, J. C. McNeill and J. J. Shallcross.

The Reeve, in accordance with custom, welcomed the new members and congratulated those who had been re-elected. He stated that the Reeve and councillors of Oak Bay appreciated the honor of being elected to office. The district was rated very highly among the municipalities of B. C., and a lofty standard had thus been set for the new council to maintain. The policy for the past few years had been one of economy; a similar one would in all probability prove to be the council's proper course during 1918. While conserving as much as possible, it was necessary to remember that efficiency would have to be maintained both as regards the staff and the upkeep of the public works.

Committees.

Before calling upon ex-Reeve Gordon to address a few words to the new council, the speaker appointed the following committees: Finance—C. E. Wilson, chairman; C. F. Nevin and J. J. Shallcross; Works—W. A. Jameson, chairman; L. W. Toms and J. C. McNeill.

Ex-Reeve Gordon, in complimenting the council on the fact that it had been elected by acclamation, stated that he had a suggestion with regard to the disposition of earnings of the sinking funds. Owing to the fact that the municipality had invested some \$221,400 in Dominion Government bonds, earning as high as 5 1/2 per cent. as against 3 per cent. in former investments, there was a yearly surplus of about \$5,580 over the amount actually required to maintain the sinking fund. Mr. Gordon made the suggestion that the council seriously consider the advisability of disbursing this money from year to year by means of a lower tax levy for the sinking fund. This would give the benefit of the investment to the community, and the life of the bonds. Mr. Gordon further pointed out that times were abnormal and that any assistance that the council might thus extend to the taxpayers would be felt by fully appreciated.

Meet School Board.

A letter was read from the secretary of the School Board requesting a joint meeting with the two bodies to consider the acquiring of school property in anticipation of extensions in the near future. The Finance Committee will meet the board on Thursday.

The assessor was instructed to prepare and return the roll to the council by March 15, and the heads of departments were advised to prepare and submit the estimates to the council at the earliest date possible.

Acting Reeve.

In view of the fact that he may be away from the municipality for a considerable portion of the next two months, Reeve Burdick requested the council to approve his appointment of Councillor Wilson acting Reeve in his absence. The suggestion was immediately endorsed.

The council decided to advertise for the resignation of P. W. Clayton the district has been without a permanent official. The feeling of the council was that a competent man would have to be secured.

DELINQUENCY SCHEME GOES TO COMMITTEE

Alderman Sargent Secures Attention to His Plan; Mayor on City Finances

It was impossible to hold the inaugural meeting of the City Council last evening without a discussion on tax delinquency. It afforded an opportunity for Alderman Sargent to re-state his views in favor of extending the period of repayment on local improvements, and for the Mayor to make a financial statement.

Alderman Harvey made his maiden speech on tax delinquency, suggesting that the relief should not only have in view the existing situation, but a readjustment of taxation looking to enabling assessed owners to pay up future instalments as they came due.

Goes to Committee.

Alderman Sargent, in securing from the Council an undertaking to refer the whole question to a committee to report, declared that the late Council in rejecting his relief scheme had not shown an understanding of it. He thought it advisable to re-state being overborne by the accumulation of excess taxes before it was too late, and presented detailed arguments to prove how an extension for repayment would help people to get out from impossible liabilities. The late Council, while it had done something to tackle this issue, had not made sufficient headway and had not covered the whole field.

Alderman Porter was willing to admit that the system was another link in the chain, but he was not sure whether it was the final link.

The Financial Position.

Mayor Todd told the Council that the city was practically driven to a tax sale this year. There was an overdraft at the Bank of about \$200,000, the Local Improvement sinking funds had been suspended to the extent of about \$1,500,000 and they could only expect to secure about 30 to 40 per cent. of the 1918 taxes. As the sum of \$87,000 was owing on 1913 taxes, and the arrears on property delinquent in that year represented respectively \$134,000 in 1914, \$128,000 in 1915, \$118,000 in 1916, \$115,000 in 1917, and \$54,000 in 1918—on local improvement only a sale in the fall would provide a sum ranging up to \$625,000 plus costs in order to meet present liabilities. For \$87,000 that property could be protected and therefore the Council might consider selling for 1914 taxes as well.

"That," said Comptroller Raymur, "would bring about a sale of \$1,500,000 worth of property."

Flood Real Estate Market.

Some of the aldermen doubted whether it would not flood the real estate market to have such a big tax sale

WOULD UTILIZE BOYS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS

Principal Smith Suggests Organization of Drafts to Help in Agriculture

I find that their services probably would be required from April to October. So that this would not interfere too much with their academic work. The draft for each district would be quartered in tents or temporary buildings in some central point in the district and a certain amount of educational work could be carried on by teachers, who might accompany them in the dual capacity of instructors and supervisors.

Supervision.

"I am sure that there would be no difficulty in finding teachers willing to undertake that duty. In the case of students who propose to take departmental or university examinations, the support and co-operation of these departments would have to be enlisted. Many details, such as medical fitness for agricultural work, medical care while at work, equipment necessary for camp life, etc., would have to be attended to, but I am convinced after giving the matter careful consideration that results would be obtained, which would be of great benefit alike to the agricultural interests of the province and to those taking part in the work."

Mayor Approves.

Alderman Sangster supported the proposal while the Mayor observed that Mr. Smith had mentioned the subject to him, and personally he considered it a splendid one, and with careful attention to details could be worked out.

Alderman Peden thought the proposal should be sent to the various authorities, and this course was adopted, after approving the scheme. The communication will be forwarded to the Departments of Education and Agriculture and the School Board.

RETURNS TO CHARGE

City Solicitor Hannington Says Remarks About Patriotic Fund Were Correct.

The denial by Patriotic Aid Society officials of the accuracy of his report of conversations in Vancouver with Mayor Gray, of New Westminster, affecting contributions by the fund to pay municipal taxes up to a maximum of \$120 a year, led City Solicitor Hannington to make a further statement to the Council last evening. He said that his remarks had been confirmed by Mr. Gray, and others who heard them at the meeting of the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities. Mr. Gray had told him that immediately the statement was published Mr. Nation, of this city, expressed regret to him that publicity had been given to the remarks, as it would lead to calls on the fund they desired to avoid.

Mr. Hannington said that in New Westminster the sums due for such purposes were paid by the local management of the fund to the City officers, quite irrespective of the usual monthly allowance, also for mortgage charges, etc., and similar legal obligations.

Alderman Andros said he had discussed the subject with Mr. Swinerton again since the matter came up in Council, and so far as Victoria was concerned, did not think payments of this character had been contemplated.

Alderman Porter did not believe the citizens would approve of the Council forcing the Patriotic fund for such a claim at a time when there were so many heavy charges upon it, much as the delinquencies were wanted.

The question was tabled then for a week.

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Women's Sample Underwear Selling at Factory Prices

Fine Lisle Union Suits, low neck, plain or lace yoke, narrow shoulder strap, tight or wide lace trimmed knee. Price 98c

Fine Lisle Thread Vests, in plain or ribbed weave. Low neck, no sleeves. Price 59c

Plain and Ribbed Lisle Thread Vests, low neck, with plain or lace yokes; short or no sleeves. Price 39c

Vests, in cotton thread, low neck, short or no sleeves. Price 25c

—Underwear, Main Floor

Women's Flannelette Underwear

Flannelette Drawers, with elastic at knee, open and closed styles. Underwear Sale 59c

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Women's Fleeced Combinations, in winter weight, Dutch, V or high neck styles, with half sleeves, knee or ankle length. Price, \$1.35 to \$1.75

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Linen Huckaback Towels, size 21 x 36. Each 60¢

Linen Huckaback Towels, size 21 x 39. Each 65¢

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White Turkish Towels, best grade, hemmed ends, size 18 x 31. Each 19¢

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