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## CHINA DECLARES GERMANY AN OUTCAST

### Rapid Developments in Mesopotamia and Persia

#### NOTABLE SPEECH BY PREMIER WAS HEARD IN HOUSE YESTERDAY

**Hon. H. C. Brewster Dealt With Measures and Matters Mentioned in the King's Speech; Financial Position Being Revealed by the Audit; Over-Payment on the London Building.**

Legislative Press Gallery.  
March 13.

Crowded galleries and a full attendance of members on both sides heard the Premier this afternoon deliver his first important speech of the session, when he spoke in the debate on the address, replying to the Leader of the Opposition.

Hon. Mr. Brewster spoke for about one hour and a quarter, in which time he not only effectively replied to the much longer speech of the former premier but expanded several points in the speech from the Throne and opened up some new subjects in information which he gave the House.

It has been suspected for a long time that the province was being saddled by the old Government with a white elephant in the magnificent block which now houses Sir Richard McBride and his staff—and not much else, so far as the Government can succeed in obtaining any information. From the researches of the auditors who are at work on the accounts of the province the matter is much worse than was ever dreamt of.

**Reckless Expenditures.**  
Over-payments were not confined to the Pacific Great Eastern. On the B. C. House, as it is known, the province is making a yearly over-payment in respect of sinking fund which will aggregate in 20 years the large sum of \$192,365.55. There never was any contract entered into for the construction of the building, all that can be found being some very casual letters between the Government and the late Agent-General.

**Personal Touches.**  
"I note that the speech from the Throne has been criticised from many points, and it is my duty to speak in defence of it. I have to join with all who have spoken of the advantage we in Canada have had in having as our Governor-General H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and his consort. He has left us with the very kindest feelings and Canada appreciates him to-day as it appreciates few of those who have..."

**Shipbuilding, mining, agricultural development, land settlement, fishing and irrigation** were some of the questions touched on by the Premier. In the matter of financing he scored the Leader of the Opposition for his proposal that the province should go on borrowing, thus entailing a largely increased yearly interest charge, besides being the very worst sort of business. His remarks on this point were plain and explicit.

Throughout the Premier's speech was marked by the optimism of a man who knows that the natural resources, if wisely handled, will be its salvation, but who realizes that in order to extricate the province from the position into which it has been forced by a negligent and mismanaging government drastic action is necessary, and who will not shrink his duty because it may not appear to be pleasant.

The Premier opened with words of commendation for the mover of the address (Mr. Hall), one of the youngest men from the cities, and the second (Mr. Keen), one of the "youngest" men in spirit from the interior. Continuing, the Premier said:

"There is another who is worthy of our congratulations this afternoon, one who has given a lifetime of good service to this body and who has and has had the esteem of every member of the last eleven Legislatures of this province, Mr. Thornton Fell, who enters upon his fortieth year of consecutive duty as Clerk of this Legislative Assembly. (Cheers.) To have sat for 40 sessions to the right of Mr. Speaker, straightening out the rough places in procedure, doing service to legislators and very conscientious service to the province is a record of which he may well be proud, and I think we can congratulate Mr. Fell on being here in health and strength, and we can con-

#### A GERMAN AVIATOR WOUNDED BY DUTCH; GOT INTO BELGIUM

Amsterdam, March 14.—A German aeroplane which flew over Sluis yesterday afternoon was shot at and hit by Dutch troops who were manoeuvring in the neighborhood, according to the Handelsblad. The aviator was wounded and compelled to descend in Dutch territory, but before he could be overtaken by the Dutch soldiers he restarted his machine and flew 100 metres over the border into Belgium. German troops hurried to his rescue and he was carried away by Red Cross attendants.

#### URGED IN MONTREAL MEASURES BE TAKEN UNDER MILITIA ACT

Montreal, March 14.—A meeting of the Montreal Board of Trade yesterday afternoon, a gathering which included most of the leaders of Montreal's business enterprises, unanimously passed a resolution calling upon the Government to enforce immediately the provisions of the Militia Act. There were between 400 and 500 of Montreal's leading business men at the meeting, and there was very little speaking. No one in the audience spoke, all being unanimous, so far as could be seen.

#### BRITISH NOW THIRTY MILES ABOVE BAGDAD; REPORTED KERMANSHAH NOW IN RUSSIAN HANDS; 15,000 CAPTURED

London, March 14.—The British forces under Lieut. Gen. Maude have advanced 30 miles above Bagdad, it is announced officially.

London, March 14.—The capture by Russian troops of the Persian town of Kermanshah is reported in an unofficial dispatch received here to-day.

Kermanshah is about 175 miles east-northeast of Bagdad, 75 miles southwest of Hamadan and a little more than 250 miles southwest of Teheran.

Washington, March 14.—A foreign diplomatic establishment here has received advices that the Russian army in Western Persia has had a great victory, capturing 15,000 Turks who were cut off from Bagdad. No details of the affair have been received in Washington. Every indication points to the rapid collapse of the Turkish military power on the eastern and southern frontiers of the Sultan's empire. The capture of these 15,000 men, who are described as having been cut off from Bagdad, suggests that the occupation of Bagdad by the British forces under General Maude was even more important than was at first supposed. The statement that Turkish troops about equal to a full division were cut off from Bagdad, indicates that the junction of the Russian armies in Persia, with the rapidly-advancing British expedition in the Tigris valley has either been accomplished or that the forces are at least near enough each other to co-operate successfully against the demoralized Turks.

#### FRENCH EXPERT SAYS ENEMY ABOUT TO EVACUATE BAPAUME AND PERONNE; FRENCH GAIN IN ST. MIHIEL SECTOR

Paris, March 14.—Great importance is attached by the French military writers to the continued British successes on the Ancre front. The expert of the Matin says that it looks very much as if the Germans do not think they could hold Bapaume and Peronne any longer and are preparing to evacuate those two cities. Reports from aviators show that all along their inner lines the Germans are blowing bridges and culverts and burning munitions and provisions while trying to mask the withdrawal of their heavy guns by heavy firing with field guns.

The German staff headquarters on the Somme front is said to have been moved back ten miles. The Matin thinks that the German staff at first planned a strategic retreat so as to delay and upset the British plan of attack, but that this scheme was frustrated by the tactics of Gen. Gough. Instead of using cavalry against his retreating foe, General Gough maintained contact by the methodical and destructive use of artillery. The result, according to the Matin, was that the Germans were caught in their own trap and their retreat, which was at first intentional, became almost a rout under the continuous pressure of an adversary superior in materials and initiative.

Paris, March 14.—Two violent counter-attacks were made by German troops yesterday evening on positions captured by the French in the Champagne on Monday. An official announcement given out here this afternoon says that the attacks were repulsed and that the Germans lost heavily in grenades fire around Maisons-de-Champagne and Hill 194. French troops captured few trench elements.

South of St. Mihiel, French troops obtained possession of the Romanville farm, taking 30 prisoners. They also entered German trenches between the Meuse and Apremont, bringing back a number of prisoners. German surprise attacks near Lasaigny and north of Soissons were defeated.

#### WILSON BETTER.

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson was so near complete recovery from the cold with which he has been suffering from more than a week that he attended to public business to-day in his study. He is not expected to leave the White House for several days.

#### WINNIPEG SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CANADA'S WAR LOAN

Winnipeg, March 14.—The Sovereign Life Assurance Company will take \$50,000 and the Vulcan Iron Works \$50,000 of the new war loan.

#### AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BY GERMANS

S. S. Algonquin Sent Down; Believed All Officers and Crew Saved

#### CRAFT WAS SHELLED; THEN BOMBS SET OFF

New York, March 14.—The American steamship Algonquin, with ten Americans aboard, was sunk by a German submarine on March 12, with the loss of the vessel and cargo, valued at \$1,700,000. A cable message received here to-day by her owners, the American Star Line, and dispatches from London told of the apparent safety of all the officers and crew, 27 of whom had been landed.

The message to the owners said the vessel was torpedoed, but did not indicate where she was at the time. According to a consular report from Plymouth, Eng., the captain of the Algonquin stated his ship was sunk by shell fire without warning.

The Algonquin sailed from New York on February 29 with foodstuffs. Her destination was London. She was one of the first American vessels to leave the United States after Germany started her unrestricted submarine campaign. Formerly a Canadian-owned vessel under British registry, the Algonquin was transferred to the American flag last December when she was purchased by the American Star Line. While under Canadian ownership she was engaged in trade between St. John, N. B., and New York.

London, March 14.—The Algonquin was sunk at 6 o'clock on the morning of March 12. The German submarine refused assistance, according to a report from the American consul at Plymouth. Officers of the American Star Line said the vessel was worth approximately \$1,700,000 and that the cargo, consisting mostly of foodstuffs, was worth more than \$1,250,000.

According to the latest advices from Plymouth, the German submarine opened fire on the Algonquin from a distance of 4,000 yards, firing about twenty shells. These were not sufficient to sink the steamship, so she was boarded by men from the submarine, who placed four bombs, and the Algonquin then was blown up. The crew was given plenty of time to leave the vessel.

2,900 Tons of Cargo.  
New York, March 14.—The Algonquin, owned by the American Star Line of this city, recently was transferred from British registry. She carried about 2,900 tons of cargo and was commanded by Captain A. Nordberg, a naturalized American of Norwegian birth.

When she left here on February 29 her owners expected her to reach the submarine danger zone about March 5. It was assumed here to-day that she had gone considerably out of her course. Prior to sailing the Algonquin's captain said he had no fear that his vessel would be torpedoed. "I feel safer in sailing through the war zone on a vessel flying the American flag than I do trying to make my way about New York streets and dodging taxicabs," he said.

Two American steamships Algonquin are listed. The one sunk was transferred recently from British registry. She sailed from New York for London on February 20. She was a vessel of 1,065 tons gross, 245 feet long and 40 feet beam. She was built in 1888 at Glasgow and was owned in New York. She was a single screw steamship, and was commanded by Captain A. Nordberg.

Among the American citizens on board were William Holmes, of Chicago, mate, and Charles Schults, of Brooklyn, chief engineer. Her owners agreed to give the officers a war bonus of 50 per cent. in wages and the crew a bonus of 25 per cent., with the proviso that in case the vessel was captured or destroyed the men were to be paid the bonus with their wages until they returned to the United States.

No Change.  
Washington, March 14.—In the absence of official dispatches on the destruction of the American S. S. Algonquin by a German submarine, officials withheld comment, but the unofficial (Continued on page 4)

#### CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY AND TAKES WAR-BOUND VESSELS

**Government Hands German Minister His Passports as Result of Unrestricted Submarine Warfare Carried on by Teutons; Crews of Ships at Shanghai Are Taken Ashore; Guards Put on Craft.**

Washington, March 14.—China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, taken possession of all the German merchant ships at Shanghai, about six in number, placed their crews on shore under guard and placed armed guards on the vessels. Advices to the Navy Department to-day from the senior officer in Chinese waters gave no further details.

American Minister Reisch, at Peking, to-day reported to the State Department that China had severed diplomatic relations with Germany and that the German Minister had been handed his passports.

Severance of relations with Germany by China had been expected here for weeks. The action of the United States in breaking off relations with Germany was received with acclamation by Chinese officials and the Chinese press. Feeling against Germany has run high, not only because scores of Chinese on the way to Europe have lost their lives through the German submarine operations, but from memory of Kaiser Wilhelm's order to his Boxer punitive force to make the word German dreaded in China for a century, and the seizure by Germany of the whole province of Shantung for the murder of two missionaries. The seizure of the German ships by China may be taken by Germany as an act of war, as in the case of Portugal.

#### BORDEN SAW FORCES AT SHORNCLIFFE CAMP

He and Colleagues Also Visited Canadian Hospitals in That Area

London, March 14.—Sir Robert Borden, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Robert Rogers visited the Canadian forces in training at Shorncliffe and the Canadian hospitals in that area, and have returned here with an excellent impression of the work which is being carried on.

Their first visit was to the special hospital at Westfield, where diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat are treated by specialists. This institution is especially valuable as affording treatment which ordinarily cannot be obtained in the regular hospitals, and the Shorncliffe Military Hospital. The Ministers are thoroughly satisfied that all three are excellently organized, and that they are doing effective work.

In the course of their tour the Ministers visited various parts of the service and were made acquainted with the character of the training, which has a direct relation to the conditions the units will encounter when they proceed to the front. They found an excellent spirit prevailing among the forces, both officers and men being eager for the opportunity of taking their places on the battle line. Major-General Steele, who is in command of the military district in which Shorncliffe is situated, accompanied the Ministers.

#### ORANGEMEN URGING THAT MILITIA ACT BE PUT IN FORCE

Toronto, March 14.—In a manifesto issued by the Orange Order from its head offices here, the Government is called on not only to enforce the Militia Act, but to prevent physically fit men from leaving Canada. In addition it is urged that every fit Canadian who has gone to the United States since the outbreak of the war be brought back at once and enrolled for military service. Failing this, the Orangemen would debar such men from ever re-entering the country as undesirable citizens.

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### AUSTRALIAN MARKET SHOULD BE CANADA'S

Report by H. R. McMillan Follows His Investigation of Lumber Trade

Ottawa, March 14.—The Department of Trade and Commerce has published the full report of H. R. McMillan, the Canadian special timber trade commissioner, on the timber import trade of Australia. The report deals more particularly with the serious decline in Australian imports of British Columbia lumber.

In a preface to his report, Mr. McMillan states that the "serious decline of Canada's share of Australia's timber imports would at any time demand attention."

"That this loss of trade in raw products between two neighboring British dominions should take place at a time when relations are growing closer, and should be most marked in a trade in which Canada not only possesses all the natural advantages but in which she has greatly increased her productive capacity during the period of trade in a matter of serious concern."

After declaring that the chief obstacle in the way of developing the timber trade with Australia is the non-British character of the trade channels, and stating that the trade has been "driven to death," Mr. McMillan says:

"Canadian concentration on development of domestic opportunities has been such that no Canadian firms paid attention to building up a Trans-Pacific timber brokerage and shipping

business. Such business has been entirely in the hands of what are chiefly United States companies, and naturally they, finding a surplus of timber for export at their doors, found it no advantage to come to Canada for supplies.

Entering Field.

"Fortunately, this condition shows signs of righting itself. Canadian companies, properly equipped to carry on a shipping business, are now entering the field, with results that cannot fail to be of benefit to Canada."

"A tremendous over-production of lumber on the Pacific Coast and the dumping of this lumber abroad under conditions of competition ruinous to many of the producers engaged in it, has resulted for several years from the unorganized state of the lumber industry. The competition has so flooded the Australian market from time to time that Canadian mills have not been attracted to foreign trade. A stronger organization of United States mills is now in effect which promises to prevent lumber dumping."

"The Australian market is a growing one. It will long continue to be second only to the Canadian prairies as an outlet for British Columbia lumber. It possesses an additional importance. Should Canada supply only one-half Australia's timber requirements she will lay the foundation of a powerful merchant marine on the Pacific, which will in turn exercise a profound influence on the development of her ports and subsidiary trading and maritime industries."

"So long as there lies, across a few thousand miles of water, a sure market, and that within the Empire, for all of Western Canada's most conspicuous and superfluous resources, so long should Canadian timber industries co-operate in supporting Canadian exports and shipping interests to secure that market."

The present condition, Mr. McMillan says, is largely the result of lack of co-operation, and foresight on the part of Canadian lumber manufacturers, and it will continue unless constructive action supersedes lethargy.

As an indication of the growth of timber imports into Australia, Mr. McMillan points out that between 1903 and 1913 the value of the importation of lumber and logs jumped from \$4,345,737 to \$12,945,912, an increase of 198 per cent.

### MOVED ON A MILE WEST OF BAPAUME

#### Haig Last Night Reported Another Forward Thrust on Ancre Front

London, March 14.—A report from British headquarters in France last night announced the abandonment by the Germans of their main defensive works west of Bapaume on a front of three and one-half miles. The British troops drove back the German rearguard to a depth of a mile and occupied Grevillers and Loupart Wood.

The report follows:

"In consequence of our bombardment of his positions yesterday the enemy abandoned his main defensive system along the forward crest of the ridge west of Bapaume on a front of three and one-half miles. During the day our advancing troops have driven back the enemy's rearguard in this area for a depth of a mile and have occupied the village of Grevillers and Loupart Wood."

"We also have made further progress east and northeast of Gemmeourt on a front of about a mile."

"Hostile raids were repulsed near Neuville-St. Vaast, Souches and Argentières. In each case the enemy failed to reach our trenches. Another hostile raiding party reached our trenches southwest of Neuve Chapelle. A few of our men are missing."

"Our artillery carried out an effective bombardment of the enemy's positions on the Somme and east of Neuville-St. Vaast."

French Report.

Paris, March 14.—The following official report was issued last night:

"In Champagne the enemy artillery, energetically counter-shelled by us, bombarded the sector of Maisons-de-Champagne and Massiges. German troops made unsuccessful attacks with grenades against Hill 155, which we continue to hold."

"On the left bank of the Meuse, both artilleries were active. Our destructive fires appeared to have been effective, particularly near Avocourt at Hill 304 and on the right bank north of Bezonvaux."

A Belgian communication issued last night said:

"There is nothing interesting to report."

German Statement.

Berlin, March 14.—An official statement issued last night said:

"There has been lively fighting actively on the Ancre, south of the Avre and in the Champagne."

"On the eastern front in an advance on the Narayuvka river (Gallia), we took more than 250 prisoners."

Withdrawal Foreshadowed.

London, March 14.—A German withdrawal on a great scale on the Western front is foreshadowed by Major Morhat in an article in the Berliner Tageblatt, which is quoted in a Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily News. Major Morhat recalls Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's strategy against the Russians at Tannenberg, when he caused parts of his army to retire fighting in order to gain ample space for strategical movements.

The military critic reminds his readers that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg is now operating in the west, and says that by shortening their present front the Germans are giving their enemies "a desert to advance over—a ground as bad as fighting ground—ever was."

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### ACTIONS DESCRIBED BY LIEUT.-GEN. MAUDE

#### Leader Supplies Details of Operations Leading to Success at Bagdad

London, March 14.—Lieut.-General F. S. Maude, telegraphing late on Sunday night, gave the following details of the operations leading up to and subsequent to the capture of Bagdad early on Sunday:

"Saturday evening we maintained close touch with the enemy on both banks of the Tigris south of Bagdad. During the night the enemy evacuated his entire trench line, while we pushed forward in close contact. Before dawn on Sunday a general advance on both banks was ordered, and at 5.55 a. m. we occupied the railway station, the city being entered shortly afterwards. Our cavalry pushed forward in pursuit, and after slight resistance occupied Kasimain (five miles above Bagdad) capturing over 100 prisoners and four damaged aeroplanes."

"Our gunboats now took up the pursuit."

"During this recent fighting fierce rains and blinding dust—stormed the lack of water from the river and the vigorous pursuit made the operations arduous."

"Since February 23 the Turks had been busy destroying or removing everything valuable in Bagdad. A considerable amount of booty fell into our hands, including large quantities of equipment, arms and ammunition. Five hundred Turks, wounded, also were abandoned by the enemy."

"On the left bank of the Tigris between 200 and 250 Turkish dead were counted on Saturday, and 300 prisoners were taken."

"On entering the city of Bagdad, the local inhabitants gave us a warm welcome. Slight disturbances occurred in the city consequent upon the Turkish evacuation, but complete order was restored when our troops entered."

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### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 14.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Died of wounds—Pte. H. L. Morel, Hespeler, Ont.; Pte. H. W. Hall (46497), Nanaimo, B. C.; Pte. Wm. McJohnston, Ireland; Acting Lance-Sergeant Wm. Fraser, North Vancouver; Pte. Wm. Pierce, Quebec; Pte. S. W. Granger, England; Pte. T. Marfadin, Montreal.

Seriously ill—Cpl. J. H. Bleakley, Winnipeg; Serjeant-Major D. McIntosh, Scotland; Pte. H. Guy, England; Pte. W. M. Reinhardt, Park Creek, N. S.; Suffering slightly from gas: Lieut. G. W. Foote, Norwood, Man.; Lieut. R. O. Kerans, Ireland; Lieut. T. G. Murphy, Quebec.

### WILL LOSE TITLES.

London, March 14.—The House of Lords yesterday passed the second reading of the bill to deprive enemy princes of British titles and dignities, after the Government had promised to refer the bill to a special committee for further consideration. This promise was made as the outcome of differences between some of the peers, who desired to shelve the bill on the ground that it was absurd to regard certain princes as traitors.

The Marquis of Lansdowne agreed that the bill was only intended to apply to the Duke of Albany, the Duke of Cumberland and Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, all of whom are related to the British royal family and who, he agreed, could not possibly be regarded as traitors. The marquis admitted that the bill was a mere concession to public opinion.

### DARDANELLES REPORT.

London, March 14.—Replying to a question by Col. Winston Spencer Churchill, former First Lord of the Admiralty, the Chancellor of the Exchequer declared in the House of Commons yesterday that the Lloyd George Cabinet was responsible for certain excursions in the recently published report of the commission appointed to investigate the Dardanelles campaign.

Replying to a question from Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law said that the Government did not propose to publish the evidence on which the commission had reached its conclusions.

### PRINCE GEORGE STATION.

Ottawa, March 14.—The famous Prince George, B. C., station site has at last been settled.

This case has been before the Railway Commission since 1912. There were several decisions and appeals. The Privy Council finally has dismissed the appeal of the City of Prince George against the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners fixing the location of the station site at a point between Oak and Ash Streets.

This is a victory for the Natural Resources Security Company. There is great interest in the case on account of the fact that lots were sold in all parts of Canada.

### RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Ottawa, March 14.—An effort is being made by Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, to get the special parliamentary committee appointed to consider the consolidation of the railway acts to meet at Ottawa on April 12. The House opens on April 19, and the Minister hopes to have a good start made on the committee work before the House meets.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand.....

"I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink..... naked, and ye clothed me....."

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

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

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### SARRAIL WILL MARRY.

London, March 14.—The impending marriage of General Sarrail, commander of the Entente forces in Macedonia, to Mlle. de Joannis has been officially announced at Salonica, according to an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Mlle. de Joannis is a member of the French nursing staff with General Sarrail's army.

General Maurice Paul Emmanuel Sarrail is 61 years old and has distinguished himself in several campaigns.

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## RAILROAD MEN IN STATES DETERMINED

Companies Seem Just as Firm in Attitude; Joint Conference To-morrow

New York, March 14.—The chiefs of the four great brotherhoods of railroad employees came here to-day from Washington for a final conference with the local chairmen of unions in eastern territory before meeting the members of the national conference committee of the railroads to-morrow to present their demands for an 8-hour day.

It was expected that the eastern representatives would follow the example of the employees' conferences held yesterday at Washington and St. Louis and ratify plans for a general strike if the railroads should refuse to grant their demands.

Strike orders to take effect first in the east on Saturday night already have been issued and the organized employees await directions to be issued here after Thursday's conference.

The managers' committee which is handling the situation for the railroads will meet to-night. The managers maintain that there can not be any compromise at this time pending a decision by the Supreme Court on the Adamson law.

Employees United.

There is no expectation on the part of railroad leaders here that President Wilson will take any action prior to an announcement of the results of Thursday's meeting. W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen's organization, declared that he and his associates would go before the railroads' representatives with their entire membership united behind their demands.

A statement issued by the chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods before leaving Washington last night denounced as absurd rail insinuations to the ef-

fect that transportation employees are not loyal citizens because of their attempts at this time to secure from their employers the benefits contemplated by the law," and said that the railroad men had given to President Wilson assurances of their willingness and intention to support the country should war be declared.

"Seemingly it was the purpose of the roads," said the statement, "to postpone settlement of this question until either a panic or war should defeat our demands."

The stipulation signed by counsel for the government and all the railroads last November and made a part of the Supreme Court test case provides that all other litigation should remain in abeyance pending the court's decision. The brotherhood representatives were not parties to the stipulation and it does not provide that changes in existing wage scales shall not be made while awaiting the outcome of the test case. The brotherhoods are not parties to the test suit.

The court is regarded as without jurisdiction over any brotherhood representative as none are parties to the litigation, but attorneys believe the court has jurisdiction and authority to compel adherence by the government and railroads to the stipulation as far as its provisions extended.

## POPE WILL PROTEST AGAINST GERMANY'S SUBMARINE SCHEME

Paris, March 14.—The Pope has decided to pronounce an important allocution at the consistory to be held at the end of this month, according to a dispatch from Rome. The dispatch says that it is understood that the Pope's pronouncement will deal entirely with the war and that it is reported in Vatican circles that the Pope will protest against Germany's unrestricted submarine campaign.

## AGAINST REMOVAL OF CHINESE HEAD TAX

Regina, March 14.—The Canadian Council of Agriculture refused to endorse the resolution from the fruit growers of British Columbia in which they suggested that the Dominion Government remove the head tax on Chinese coming into British Columbia for the purpose of securing cheap labor for the growing of fruit.

"This resolution," said Secretary McKenzie, "was discussed at length and not approved."

## KILLER IN ACTION.

Montreal, March 14.—Major F. Travers Lucas, who has been killed in action in France, was employed by the G. T. P. at Piquette Rupert when he enlisted. He was a graduate in applied science of McGill University, 1904. He was a cricketer of international reputation, being a native of Hamilton.

## DEBATE ON COTTON IN BRITISH HOUSE

Matter of India's Duty Brought Up by Government Resolution

London, March 14.—The party leaders marshalled all their forces in the House of Commons to-day for the discussion of the issue of protection versus free trade, as brought up by the proposed India cotton duties. The Government's resolution bringing the matter before the House was in the form of an expression of gratitude to India for its gift of £110,000,000 towards the expenses of the war, with a paragraph giving consent to the increasing by India of the import duty on cotton goods from 3 1/2 to 7 1/2 per cent.

The cabinet found itself in a slightly easier position than had been expected owing to the general sentiment among the more moderate men on both sides against precipitating a cabinet crisis and a general election in the midst of the war. On this account many members who are ardent free traders and are opposed to the cotton goods measure decided to show their displeasure merely by abstaining from voting. The Lancashire men, however, determined to press to a vote their amendment providing that another duty on India-made cotton goods should be imposed so as to counter-balance exactly the import duties.

Lloyd George's Effort.

London, March 14.—Mr. Lloyd George, surpassing himself in oratory, yesterday largely persuaded a delegation of Lancashire manufacturers to aid him in having his opponents in the House of Commons withhold their opposition to the cotton tariff of India. He was aided considerably by the fact that Mr. Aquilth had called off his followers from a position which was daily growing more embarrassing to the Government.

The Prime Minister made it clear that the Government had acted deliberately in taking its present course on the cotton situation, but he intimated that a bitter fight would continue to the end.

Tension regarding the Indian cotton duty is slightly easier, but Government supporters do not attempt to disguise their apprehension of the outcome of the difficult trouble. The crux of the entire question is not merely the fact that the interested Lancashire parties object to the increase of the tariff on the cotton industry, but that all free traders regard the Government's proposed action as an unjustifiable breach of political trust and a great attack on the free trade citadel. Additional opposition has been caused by the circumstance that the House of Commons was not permitted to sanction the project of placing a duty on cotton imports into India. The whole affair was negotiated by the India officials without any previous knowledge of the members of the Commons. In view of this, it is not surprising that the Government summoned all its supporters for to-day's battle. The division which is likely to take place immediately after the debate is described by officials on the Government side as "vital."

Test Case.

The facts in the case are very simple. India has guaranteed to raise a war loan of £5,000,000,000 in return for the Government's action in putting up the duty against imported cotton goods, the revenue thus derived to be devoted to a sinking fund for the redemption of the loan. It is not expected that Lancashire will be seriously affected. Her total loss probably will not exceed £5,000,000, but both manufacturers and free traders have chosen to regard this as a test case involving the vital principle of free trade, over which three general elections were fought during the past eleven years. The protectionists were beaten on every occasion.

Following Austen Chamberlain's uncompromising speech on Monday there seems no alternative to a contest on the old party lines in which free traders and protectionists fought strenuously for the upper hand.

Parties Hesitating.

It is not expected, however, that the Government can be defeated, but if the opposition is sufficiently strong there is a likelihood that something equivalent to defeat will be marked against the government forces. With the possibility of a general election looming on the political horizon all parties are anxious to win, but on account of the war they hesitate to accelerate a prolonged internal fight. The war is sure to temper the action and debate of both sides.

There is a strong possibility of a compromise whereby a duty will be legalized in war time only. It is impossible to forecast how all the individual free traders will vote to-day, but general indications point to a minor government victory. The Government already has cleared the way by removing the one awkward obstacle of the Irish tenancy.

As a corollary to the present situation the Government decided to prohibit, except under license, the export of all cotton from Britain. This will suspend the exportation of cotton from Egypt to the United States via Liverpool. The export of cotton for the ten weeks ending March 8 amounted to 95,933 bales, of which 67,574 was Egyptian.

## PRINCE GEORGE'S REQUEST.

Ottawa, March 14.—Among the cases down for hearing before the Board of Railway Commissioners, which is starting on its western trip Friday, is the application of the City of Prince George for a connecting switch for transferring cars from the G. T. P. tracks to the line of the C. N. R. at Rainbow, B. C.

## GERMANS BRIBING PAPERS IN MEXICO

Sheets Publishing Pro-German News and News Detrimental to States

El Paso, March 14.—Mexican newspapers are being paid large sums by agents of the German Government to print pro-German war news and are publishing entire pages of German inspired articles, according to Americans coming out of Mexico who have been investigating German activities in the interior.

El Hidalgo Del Norte, a daily paper of Chihuahua, City, is charged, is publishing daily columns of German news designed to show the German side of the German-American break. Other daily papers in Chihuahua, Torreon, Saltillo, Monterey and Aguas Calientes are doing the same.

Increasing numbers of Germans, believed to be German reservists, have been crossing into Mexico from Texas border points, according to reports received here. From 10 to 20 Germans are said to be crossing at each of the waterways daily.

## GERARD AND PARTY ARMED WITH RIFLES

New York, March 14.—A dispatch to the World from Havana, discussing the arrival there and departure of James W. Gerard for the United States, says: "Before leaving Berlin Mr. Gerard was warned by a prominent German that the vessel would be sunk, and the Ambassador was thoroughly convinced all during the voyage that he was in the greatest of danger. Mr. Gerard brought with him thirteen rifles, fully supplied with ammunition, and he and members of his party were prepared in event of an emergency, to make use of them."

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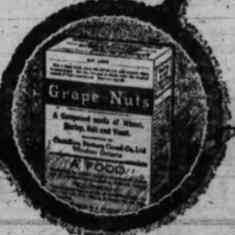


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THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

As usual Premier Brewster's contribution to the debate on the Speech from the Throne was a well-reasoned, dignified utterance, every line of which carried conviction.

It will be gratifying to the taxpayers to receive from the Premier the assurance that the Government intends to make its expenditure conform to revenue, that the day of dancing-derivish finance across James Bay is done.

Mr. Brewster is determined that before everything else the financial administration of the Province shall be restored to a sane and sound basis. In this determination lies the origin of the Civil Service Act soon to be introduced in the House.

In this connection Mr. Brewster sounded a note of warning regarding the application of the legislation passed last session in the interest of shipbuilding. He declares that it shoulders the province with a liability of \$4,500,000 per annum for ten years in the event of a slump in shipping after the war.

"TRUST HINDENBURG."

A significant commentary on the German retirement in the Arras salient is furnished by Major Morant, the military expert of the Berliner Tageblatt. He is reported in a Rotterdam dispatch as foreshadowing a withdrawal in the west on a large scale.

Whether Hindenburg's name is potent enough to work this clumsy trick on the German people is hard to say. The German mind does not function sanely when it considers the war or questions of policy. It never was allowed to do so and consequently does not know how.

Von Hindenburg is an east-front man. It is in the east that he gained his reputation, based upon his victory over the Russians in August, 1914, in the marshes of East Prussia. He long ago insisted that German victory in the war depended upon a successful campaign against Russia.

News of the evacuation of Bapaume with the fall of Peronne shortly afterwards may be looked for soon. The capture of Greveliers brings Haig's troops within a mile of the western outskirts of Bapaume, now wholly dominated by the devastating British artillery fire which is making strong rear-guard resistance impossible.

have to be taken up along the whole line. In that case the Allies would have the enemy where they wanted him, and his next stopping place would be a long way back in France and Flanders.

UNCLE SAM'S PREPARATIONS.

The sinking of the American freighter Algonquin by a German submarine is not an "overt act," as warning was given. But as war between the United States and the international outlaw is inevitable in any case, the only effect of another outrage would have been to emphasize upon the American mind the fact that Germany had burned her bridges and was ready to face the consequences as far as relations with the United States are concerned.

The only immediate way in which the United States can aid the Entente powers is by arming its merchant shipping, and it is doing that now. Only limited assistance can be rendered by its navy, for its serious shortage of cruisers and destroyers would prevent it contributing very materially to the patrol of the trans-Atlantic sea lanes.

Mr. Bowser does not seem to like the idea of Mr. Brewster acting as Finance Minister as well as Premier. The country generally will approve of the arrangement. It will recall that Mr. Bowser himself acted as Premier, Attorney-General and Minister of Finance, especially during the time he was handing over to his clients, the P. G. E., \$7,000,000 more than the company was entitled to, incidentally fracturing a well-known provision of the Criminal Code.

In the early stages of the war the world was kept well posted regarding the movements of the Kaiser. Now nobody seems to be interested in the All-Highest's sayings or doings. One thing we are sure of: His Majesty is nowhere near Bagdad offering up petitions to Allah, although he once proclaimed himself as the Protector of Islam.

Germany admits that the fall of Bagdad is unfortunate, but claims it is a matter of no military significance. The same authority doubtless holds that the retreat at the Somme is of no importance, but it might be interesting to have the views of Enver Bey, Ferdinand the Fox and King Constantine on the cumulative events.

The New York Times holds that the Kaiser must be deposed and interned in some place where communications will be permanently cut. It says the latest diabolical plot from Germany demands that Napoleon's doom be entered against Kaiser Wilhelm, and adds that the Hohenzollerns have now placed themselves irrevocably outside the pale of civilization.

Von Bernstorff is reported to have protested to the United States Government regarding indignities to which he was subjected at the Canadian port of Halifax. Does His Excellency expect the States to demand the return of his rubber heels and pyjamas?

All the elements necessary to the constitution of an "overt act" were not present when the Algonquin was sunk. If the ship had been armed maybe the United States would have committed the elusive act.

China has not only severed diplomatic relations with Germany, she has seized all Hun ships interned in Chinese ports. "Gott in Himmel!" we can hear Herr Bullin exclaim.

It is not apparent now it soon will be why Germany was so anxious for peace three or four months ago. It seems quite late to say now that she blew the Kaiser out of

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his pipe at the beginning of the war, including that big one bearing the inscription "Emperor of Europe," have burst, leaving "nothing but wrack behind."

The British have acquired the valuable oilfields of Mexico, and what Britain has she usually holds. Thus a spoke has been put in the wheel of Hun conspirators and their illustrious ally Carranza.

Mr. Bowser says "these hands are clean," and Mr. Ross echoes the declaration.

The submarine is not dead, but its periscope has been badly dented. "Gott Strafe China!"

THE WARFARE OF SAVAGES.

The contrast between German and English blockade methods could have had no more striking illustration. It is well to bear in mind that the ships sunk by Germany are always unarmed merchantmen.

ONE RESULT OF THE MEXICAN PLOT.

That the air may be cleared also in our relations with Japan, by this diplomatic explosion, is not in the least impossible.

WHAT OF PROFESSIONAL MEN?

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AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BY GERMANS

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view was that nothing in the incident changes the situation between the United States and Germany.

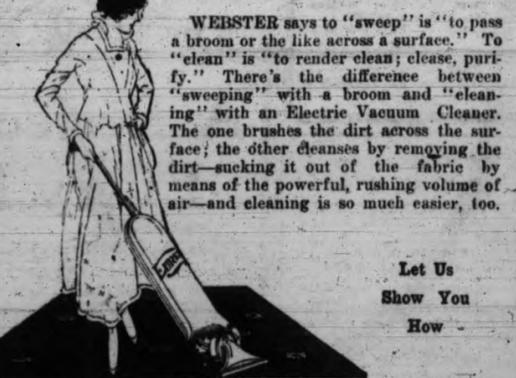
President Wilson already has taken steps to place the nation in a state of armed neutrality, which, with the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany, is practically the last measure possible short of war.

The real issue of peace or war is expected to come when an American armed ship has a clash with a German submarine.

Up to the present, in the absence of action by Congress, all that could be done to meet such case as the destruction of the Algonquin already has been done. It is generally accepted on first reports as not being the "overt act" so long awaited.

HEADQUARTERS EDISON MAZDA LAMPS

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**BURIED-YESTERDAY**

Funeral of Late Samuel Bartlett Held From St. John's Church.

The funeral of the late Samuel Bartlett, whose death occurred last Friday, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from St. John's Church, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. F. Keown, J. C. M. Keith, William Dee, E. Sherritt, George McCandless and T. F. R. Oliver.

The deceased gentleman had been seriously ill for several months, and the remains were brought back to Victoria for interment here, the family home being at 2630 Douglas Street. A native of Yorkshire, England, the deceased was 61 years of age and had lived in the city for thirty-two years. He was well-known among the old-timers and was held in very high esteem by all who knew him, having been a building contractor in the city for many years.

Besides the widow there survives a daughter, Mrs. Henry McCandless, and two sons, William S. of Victoria, and Ernest P. on active service. There are also five grandchildren.

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**CITY SENT THE BILL BUT NO EXPLANATION**

Some Misunderstanding With Officials Concerning Account for Northwest Sewer

An unfortunate mistake, or at least a misunderstanding of the City Council's intention, caused some comment at the Saanich works committee yesterday afternoon, when a bill was tendered from the City Engineer's department for the \$46,000 owing for the Saanich contribution to the northwest sewer.

Recognizing that the situation is difficult till Saanich can submit a by-law, the City Engineer's department has drafted a resolution at the Streets Committee on February 23, and the motion was confirmed as a minute of the report at the next Council session, that the City Engineer should be authorized to make out an account, and hand it to the City Collector with the request that it should be entered in his books, and have the bill sent to the parties owing the amount. The object was to secure an acknowledgment of the amount due.

In some way it seems that the bill has been furnished without any explanatory letter, and had the councillors not been forewarned by the press, they would have been more than surprised at the way in which it came. At any rate it was decided to take the matter up in the water and sewers committee, with a view to frame a suitable acknowledgment of the obligation.

The joint improvement by the City and Saanich of Harriett Road, a boundary road upon which there is a considerable amount of traffic, came before the meeting, and the matter was referred to the Council for Ward VII, and the chairman of the city Streets Committee.

Authority was given the clerk to proceed with certain legislative amendments before the House which interest the municipality.

A vote of \$100 will be recommended for prize money to the newly formed Cottage Gardens Society in Ward II, to encourage production.

At a meeting of the Police Commissioners held during the day it was decided for the present to move Constable Dryden into the urban wards and leave Constable Little at Royal Oak.

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**THE PYTHIAN SISTERS WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK DANCE FRIDAY**, 16th, at K. of P. Hall. All Pythian Club invitation holders especially invited. Gents, 50¢; ladies, 25¢.

**SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS**—In the Police Court this morning Bannington Hayes was sentenced to six months hard labor for deserting from the 14th Battalion, B. C. Bantama before the unit left from this city. Evidence was given to the effect that the accused had acted in a manner which showed he was endeavoring to escape going to the front. He first joined the 8th Battalion and when that unit left for England he transferred to the 113rd. For misconduct he lost his corporal's stripes, after which he absented himself from his unit, during January last.

**ENTERTAINED AT "RETHAVEN"**—A concert party went out from the city last night to "Rethaven" to entertain the returned convalescent soldiers there. The principal feature presented was the sketch, "Petticoat Perfidy," played by Miss Bell Eilers, Miss Gilman, and Miss May Dorrell. Afterwards there were solos by Miss Dorothy Dorrell and Miss Annie Wright, and Mr. Steinmetz gave a recitation. The last part of the evening was taken up with informal dancing, and refreshments were served. The concert party was composed of members of the Work and Relief Society, and four motor cars conveyed them from the city to Sidney.

**IRISH CONCERT AT OAK BAY**—Arrangements have been made for an Irish concert at the Oak Bay Theatre on Saturday night, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross fund. A number of Irish singers will take part, and there will also be a performance of the play, "Beauty and the Beast," by a party of Girl Guides. This is a double programme all for the price of one and will be a valuable contribution to the series of ten cent shows which have been running on Saturday nights at this theatre for the benefit of the Red Cross. The whole of the proceeds without any deductions of any kind go to the cause.

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**MACCABEES WHIST DRIVE** to-morrow, Wednesday, March 14, K. of P. Hall, 8.30, 15¢.

**PACIFIC HIGHWAY**

Substantial Appropriations in Washington for Share of Trunk Thoroughfares to Mexico.

Since the condition of the trunk highways in the neighboring State of Washington has an important bearing on the automobile traffic using the Georgian circuit, the announcement of the extensive repairs contemplated under act of the Washington Legislature is of great interest. The appropriation for the Pacific Highway from Blaine to Vancouver, Wash., amounts to \$449,000, and Federal aid to the extent of \$204,000 is expected in addition, during the two years that the vote covers. There will, of course, also be the work of the several counties on stretches of road through their districts. The worst portion of the Pacific Highway has been from Chehalis to Portland, and this is a section to receive particular attention.

The Olympic Highway, Hood Canal section, gets \$100,000. There are also other improvements contemplated in this section, to place the districts around the Hood Canal in touch with the Olympic Highway. With additional appropriations, it will not be long before the road from Tacoma to the Rainier National Park will be hard-surfaced all the way.

The improvement of the Pacific Highway, according to Commissioner Allen's outlined plan, will take two years to complete, and will be initiated immediately after the money becomes available on April 1. First consideration will be given out of the total appropriation of \$1,812,000 for State roads under the Bill to the work on the trunk highway through the State.

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**DRESS PROMENADE TO SHOW OFF FROCKS**

Tiny Mannequins on Friday Will Be Living Models at Campbell's

"Spring walks hand in hand with childhood," and as every experienced mother knows, both the juvenile elements require their new clothes about the same time.

In order to call timely attention to the fact Messrs. Angus Campbell have arranged for a "living model promenade" of children's spring and early summer frocks, rompers, 3-piece beach dresses, etc., to take place from 8 to 9 o'clock on Friday evening in connection with their spring opening. The novel display will be held in the show-room, which will have a white stage, decorated with spring flowers, and a ribboned-off promenade down which the little mannequins will walk. About ten little girls ranging in age from 4 to 12 years, are taking part, each to represent a type and age suited to the display of certain designs. Some of the children will, of course, reappear several times, wearing different frocks each time.

School frocks, rompers, "hard-wear" dresses, and little party frocks from the simplest and daintiest to the most elaborate designs will be shown, each intended as a suggestion which may help to solve the vexed question in the minds of the oft-perplexed mothers who find it so difficult to decide upon the suitability or non-suitability of a design until they see it on the actual living form.

Pretty girls have been chosen and the prettiest of the designs to be displayed promise that from the standpoint of mere attractiveness the promenade of little folks will be well worth going to see. When in addition to this there is such a practical purpose to be served and an opportunity given the responsible grown-ups so easily to solve the problem of spring frocks by seeing "just how a thing looks," the undertaking is specially to be commended. Little hats will be shown on all sorts of pretty heads, too, and if the onlooker does not fall rapturously in love with every design shown it will be a wonder!

Half-past ten o'clock on Saturday morning has been set apart for the last act in the little drama of dress. This time there will be on promenade little girls' out-door wraps, school coats, silk sweaters, etc. The number of attractive yet moderately-priced things of the kind hanging in the show rooms, waiting for wearers indicate that this part of the display will be no less interesting than that which is to move in animated form down the dress-parade promenade on Friday evening.

**CITY SCHOOL BOARD**

Victoria Medical Society Will Ask for Compulsory Vaccination of New Pupils.

An unusually important meeting of the City School Board is set for this evening, since a number of matters have been gathered for attention since the last monthly meeting.

A request from the Victoria Medical Society recommending that the board should enforce a rule compelling all children entering school for the first time, and transfers from other schools elsewhere, to be vaccinated, promises to create some discussion.

As already stated, the board will be asked to arrange for the planting of a memorial avenue of maples at the High School grounds on April 21 in remembrance of those Canadians who died at Ypres, and for the establishment of a policy with regard to the use of school auditoriums for various purposes.

Tenders will be opened for the electric wiring required in connection with the installation of fire alarm systems in various schools.

**MORE FELLOWSHIP**

Dean of Columbia Speaks at Men's Conference at Cathedral Schoolroom.

The third of a series of men's conferences was held last evening in the Cathedral School when the Dean of Columbia opened a discussion on the "Need of Fellowship." Between forty and fifty men were present. The Dean pointed out that the need of fellowship was one of the great lessons of the war. He claimed that before the consideration of a larger scheme of reunion Anglicans themselves would have to realize a larger fellowship. The sense of a common enterprise would have to be developed; more aggressiveness against evil would tend to unify church work.

The clergy, too, would have to be not only priests but brothers, the friend of no class but of every class. It was unanimously agreed that the Church of England Men's Society should be revived at the Cathedral as soon as possible. A lively discussion took place in which many men had a part.

Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a conference on "The Moral and Spiritual Results of the War."

**Private Bills Committee**—There was a short sitting of the private bills committee this morning, when the committee reported on the petition for a bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act. The notice was found insufficient and the city will have to pay double fees to secure consideration of its bill.

**Deputation Coming**—A large deputation from the municipalities embraced in Greater Vancouver will be over to-morrow to interview the Executive in regard to water, timber and other matters.

**DEMAND PHOENIX BEER. HOME PRODUCT.**

**TWO MONTHS IMPRISONMENT**—In the Police Court this morning Lim Bo was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor, for stealing a sweater coat from the store of Mr. Lancaster at 1316 Government Street, on Monday morning, March 12.

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1310—When Irish Eyes Are Smiling. Chauncey Oleott.

5283—Last Rose of Summer. Alice Neilson.

1916—A Little Bit of Heaven. Broadway Quartette.

1676—The Wearing of the Green. William Thomas.

1360—When I Dream of Old Erin. Walter Van Brunt.

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**Second Hand Auto Wanted**

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

Pen and Ink Sketches—The Returned Soldiers' Cigar Stand raffle of three pen and ink sketches, advertised to be drawn on March 16, has been taken over by the Superfluties shop, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross Society, and the drawing has been postponed until April 16, at the Superfluties shop. The tickets are on sale at the cigar stand and the Superfluties shop.

**TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT DOG TAX**

Notice is hereby given that the Esquimalt Dog Tax is due on or before the 15th day of March, 1917. Owners who have neglected to pay the tax by that date are liable to legal proceedings without further notice.

R. H. NUNN,  
 Collector.

**TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT VACANT LOT CULTIVATION**

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### The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 14.—5 a. m.—The barometer is comparatively high over this province and fair weather is general with moderate winds along the Coast. More rain is reported in California, snow in Nevada, Cariboo and South Saskatchewan, while in Alberta and North Saskatchewan zero temperatures are general.

#### Forecasts

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night.

#### Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 30.0; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 37; wind, 2 miles W.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.0; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.0; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum,

30; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.0; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 18; wind, calm; snow, 30; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.0; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Tatoush—Barometer, 30.0; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 30; wind, 10 miles S. W.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, .08; weather, fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 30; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 3 miles S. W.; rain, .02; weather, clear.

#### Temperature

Station	Max.	Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	41	35
Grand Forks	38	30
Penticton	38	30
Cransbrook	38	30
Nelson	38	30
Prince George	31	21
Calgary	30	20
Edmonton	13	4
Qu'Appelle	28	18
Winnipeg	28	18
Toronto	28	18
Ottawa	28	18
Montreal	24	14
St. John	40	30
Halifax	36	26

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

#### Temperature

Highest	48
Lowest	37
Average	42
Minimum on grass	34
Rate, 24 inch	34
Bright sunshine, 6 hours.	
General state of weather, fair.	

Cautious Picaresque Enthusiast—"My man, is this public water?" Native—"Yes." "Then it won't be a crime if I lend a fish?" Native—"No, it'll be a miracle."—Ideas.

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### AT THE THEATRES.

#### THE VARIETY.

For all of his productions George Beban, the celebrated exponent of Italian characters, selects his own cast and in "His Sweetheart," the Oliver Morocco Paramount picture which he will appear at the Variety Theatre to-day, he has followed his rule. His sweetheart is his own mother, whom he has brought over from sunny Italy to live with him in his tenement basement. With unerring judgment Beban selected Sarah Kernan for this role and she presents one of the most sympathetic characters of an old Italian woman ever seen on stage or screen. Others in the cast are Helen Jerome Eddy, Harry Devere, Kathleen Kirkham, Robert E. Holson and others.

#### ROYAL VICTORIA.

The excellent film of Douglas Fairbanks in "The Halfbreed" will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria for the last time to-night. It is a picture that will be enjoyed by all who see it, the action of the play taking place in the open, in which some beautiful scenery is reproduced. Douglas Fairbanks as the star is seen in the character of a halfbreed, a part that he fills with more than his usual ability and keeps the entire sympathy of the audience throughout the play. A two-reel Keystone comedy full of fun, entitled "Laundry Day" finishes the programme in an entirely satisfactory way.

#### PANTAGES THEATRE.

Earle Reynolds and Nellie Donegan, the musical comedy skaters and dancers whose act is one of the attractions on the Pantages bill this week, have in it one of the best novelties from start to finish ever seen in vaudeville.

Both of these great artists are alone in the skating world and have won every international and national world's championship of note for the past ten years. Miss Donegan is, without any doubt, the greatest all-around athlete America has ever seen. As a sprinter she won all the ladies' short and long distance events in London and Australia, and last season in Chicago, she ran 100 yards in 10.5 seconds with hardly any training. World-famed as the most wonderful woman cyclist, this clever athlete is not only a great trick rider, but won every ladies' speed event at the annual athletic games four years in succession, of the Great Britain Athletic Association. Rifle shooting, hurdling, jumping, lacrosse and hockey playing, and in every field sport Miss Donegan is without a peer to-day. As a musician she is an expert on any instrument and will render selections from all the well-known operas with finesse and touch that is appreciated by our greatest musical critics. Every critic who has even seen Nellie Donegan perform, not only on skates, but in athletic exercises herald her as the greatest woman athlete America has ever seen.

There is at all times \$1,000 in cash ready for any woman artist who is of the opinion that she can defeat this lady for the all-around championship of the world. Earle Reynolds won all the national championships during the years 1895, 1896 and 1897, with much ease, placing the short list of records down to a place where they still stand on ice. As a professional skater on rollers he is absolutely alone in the field of expert roller skating and has not even one imitator.

Their offering is not a skating or dancing act, but a happy combination of both. They are past masters of the ballet, Grecian and other dances. In most picturesque costume they dance to alluring music and make a picture of poetic motion that fairly fascinates. Reynolds and Donegan have not only appeared before Royalty, but are one of the few acts to have danced for Their Majesties in the private ballroom at the Buckingham Palace.

The other names on the big seven-act bill this week are headed by the celebrated laughmaker, Harry Langdon with his headline act, "Johnny's New Car," and include, "The Act Beautiful," Miss Elizabeth Otto, in "Musical Milestones," Cline Brothers offering amusing patter; Feeley and McCloud, introducing a variety of talent, and the Grace Sisters, singers and dancers. The second chapter of "Pearl of the Army" makes an added feature of interest.

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TO-DAY MARGUERITE SNOW in "ROSEMARY"

#### VARIETY THEATRE

TO-DAY GEORGE BEBAN in "HIS SWEETHEART"

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### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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Robert Lee, of Edmonton, is at the Dominion.

Ormonde T. Smith, of Duncan, is at the Dominion.

S. H. Vinnell, of Los Angeles, is at the Dominion Hotel.

F. Reynolds, of Ashcroft, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

Chester Mott, of Spokane, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

A. S. Black, of Princeton, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

W. H. Croft, of Sacramento, Cal., is registered at the Dominion.

A. Glass, of MacLeod, Alt., is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

C. B. Atkins, of Revelstoke, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

H. J. Munn, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. C. Moore, of Alberni, B. C., is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

E. D. Barron, M. P. P. for Chilliwack, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Charles Lang is down from Duncan, and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. M. Mounst and H. N. Tripp, of Ganges, are staying at the Dominion.

Fred W. Baxter, of Longmont, Colo., arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

C. Mannaro and Mrs. Mannaro, of Lethbridge, Alt., are at the Dominion Hotel.

The Rev. H. S. Waalin, of Port Angeles, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McFarland, of Calgary, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

W. N. Cameron, a visitor from Brisbane, Australia, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

N. W. Wilson is over from Salt Spring Island, and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

H. G. Murphy is in the city from Seattle, and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. A. B. Dundas is down from Duncan and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Gill, and Henry Gill, of Winnipeg, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff are down from Shawnigan Lake, and are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

D. C. Hewitt and Mrs. Hewitt, of Maple Creek, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. Alexander MacDonald has returned from Vancouver accompanied by Mrs. Robert Colquhoun.

Langford S. Davies and Mrs. Helen Norris are among the Vancouver registrars at the Strathcona Hotel.

R. R. McLeod, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Louise-McLeod, of Phillipsburg, Mont., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Among the members' wives who were in the ladies' gallery of the Legislative Chamber yesterday afternoon when the Hon. the Premier replied to the Speech from the Throne were Mrs. Fisher (Fernie), Mrs. Sutherland (Revelstoke), Mrs. Hart (Victoria), Mrs. John Oliver (Dewdney), Mrs. Stewart (Comox), Mrs. Rose (Nelson), Mrs.

Keen (Kaslo), and Mrs. Mobley (Alberni). Several members of the newly-organized Ladies' Liberal Association were also present.

### RED CROSS CONCERT

Party From H. M. S. Avoca to Entertain at Princess Theatre.

Sailors' concerts have always been popular in Victoria, and the entertainment to be given by the concert party of H. M. S. Avoca to-morrow night at the Princess Theatre should attract a bumper house. The generosity of the visitors in giving their services to aid the Red Cross funds in Victoria is very much appreciated by all the headquarters and branch committees, and the entertainment is being widely advertised. The ship's company is well-known in nearly every part at which it has called since the war for the very high order of talent which it possesses, and the following programme represents only a gleaming of the best:

Opening Chorus—Roses ..... By Troup.

Song—Dream Voice ..... T. England

Song—All Very Fine a Large Hosts the Sea ..... J. S. Lindsay

Song—My Air Poets ..... W. Gardiner

Song—If You're Going Back to London ..... T. Henry

Song—Until ..... G. McNeil

Song—Mandolin Solo ..... C. Boara

Song—Shall Us, Let's ..... E. Jelly

Part II.

Part Song—Belaguered ..... The Troup

Song—Sea Road ..... J. J. Jark

Song—Silly Ass ..... J. S. Lindsay

Song—Love, Could I Only Tell Thee, Recitation—Devil May Care ..... Hewson

Duet—Bill and Jack ..... G. McNeil and E. Clark

Dance ..... Whelan

Sketch ..... Y. Yell

Song—Under the Same Old Flag—Henry God Save the King.

Hollywood Branch.

The Hollywood and Fowl Bay Branch of the Red Cross is now settled in its new quarters of the Hollywood Grocery, corner Lillian and Fairfield, and will be glad to welcome new workers, either to help



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QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THE LEGISLATURE

Pacific Great Eastern Debate Further Adjourned; Mining Dispute Coming Up

Legislative Press Gallery, March 13.

Apart from the speech of the Premier on the address and a short speech by the Leader of the Opposition, there was little done in the House today.

The Ward-Hopp mining dispute is evidently coming up again this session, a petition having been presented to the House to-day by J. W. deB. Bullis on behalf of R. T. Ward, of Burrton, asking for an inquiry into the disposition of the claims which he alleges were "jumped" and are now being operated by the Hopp company.

Mr. Bowser believed he was called upon to reply to what he considered reckless and deceiving statements in regard to railway policies. The statements he had made were based on what he believed to be good authority, and were made in the best of faith, but more statements than these made in good faith had been spoiled because of the war. If it were not for the war the P. G. E. would be now having been completed and earning a paying sum.

The honorable gentleman blamed not only the war but Sir Richard McBride, putting on the latter the main responsibility for all matters connected with railway matters. He admitted that he had, on one or two occasions, signed documents, but he acted upon the advice of responsible officials. It had been alleged by the Minister of Railways that he had been engaged in a conspiracy with the railways.

"I have not profited to the extent of one single dollar," continued Mr. Bowser, "directly or indirectly, from any transactions with Foley, Welch & Stewart, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, or the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company."

The Minister of Railways reminded him that no such charge had been made in his speech. "I neither made such a statement nor inferred it," said Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Bowser said it had been charged that he had entered into a conspiracy with the railways.

"I never mentioned the Canadian Northern Pacific," said Mr. Oliver, "and if the honorable gentleman sticks to the text of the resolution before the House he will find this debate will get on more quickly."

The Leader of the Opposition went on to defend Foley & Welch from the accusation of being American Huns and praised Colonel J. W. Stewart's services in France. These latter, he thought, would be found at the close of the war to have done more than the whole Oliver family.

The Minister raised a point of order as to the discussion of his family, and Mr. Speaker West called the Leader of the Opposition to order.

"I will meet the honorable gentleman any place he likes outside this House and discuss the Oliver family," said Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Bowser professed inability to speak offhand about the bond for completion of the road which had been allowed to lapse. He defended the payment of interest by the Government on the ground that it would not be fair to Old Country investors to permit default and would injure the reputation of the province. As to the method of inquiry, the Leader of the Opposition expressed his preference for a royal commission. He had nothing to say about the illegal payments in excess.

The Attorney-General moved the adjournment of the debate.

J. H. Schofield (Trail), asked the Minister of Mines the following questions:

- 1. What amounts have already been paid to assist in the construction of mineral roads, trails and bridges under the "Mines Development Act" of 1916?
2. Will the Hon. the Minister of Mines give details of each payment?
3. What promises have been made as to assistance which has not yet been paid or which is not wholly paid?
4. What amount still remains of the sum of \$200,000 authorized by said Act?
5. What amounts were authorized by the late Minister of Mines?
6. What amounts have been authorized or promised by the present Minister of Mines?

Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows: 1. \$48,764.88.

2. The amounts expended on each road or trail will be furnished.

3. (a) In the case of Quadra Island Road the Department set aside a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000, being half the estimated cost of construction. (b) No promises have been made. (c) Money in certain cases allocated for certain works has not been expended.

4. \$151,248.02.

5. \$52,150.96.

6. Answered by No. 3 (a).

W. R. Ross asked the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

- 1. Is the Government this season supplying seed grain to the settlers in any part of the Province?
2. If so, in what part or parts, and for what reason or reasons?
3. Have any applications for seed grain reached the Department from any part or parts of Fort George electoral district?
4. If so, have any or all of the same been favorably considered?
5. If not, why not?

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Seed-grain is being supplied to settlers in the area lying between Tete

Jaune Cache and Hazelton, the distribution being made necessary by the lack of seed in the said area due to a bad harvest.

3. Yes.

4. The agents of the Department will distribute a sufficient quantity of seed to enable those persons to seed their land who are financially unable to purchase seed and are actually engaged in agriculture.

5. Answered by No. 4.

Capt. Hayward asked the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Has the Ship-building Commission made a report?

2. If so, when will it be presented to the House?

Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Now in the hands of the King's Printer.

Mr. Ross asked the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. In what country or countries have each of the following employees of Price, Waterhouse & Co., respectively resided for the period of six months immediately prior to the date of the commencement of the present audit, namely: E. W. Dudley, D. E. Townsend, M. D. Irvine, C. G. Keys, L. A. Roberts?

2. To what country do such employees owe allegiance respectively?

3. In addition to the sum of \$143 per day now being paid to the clerical staff of Price, Waterhouse & Co., what further charges (if any) has the Government undertaken to pay in respect to the said audit, either to Price, Waterhouse & Co., or any other person or persons?

Hon. Mr. Brewster replied: 1. E. W. Dudley, Philadelphia, Pa.; D. E. Townsend, New York City; M. D. Irvine, Seattle, Wash.; C. G. Keys, Neah Bay, Wash.; L. A. Roberts, Seattle, Wash. Owing to the nature of their employment it is impossible that these accountants have permanent places of residence. They must reside where their work requires.

2. Great Britain. Mr. D. E. Townsend, Mr. Anstruther-Morton, and Mr. Griffin are returned soldiers, having served with the British forces during the present war.

3. In addition to charges for services as auditors and their individual allowance of \$4 per diem in lieu of hotel expenses, the Government is liable for traveling expenses of officials between Victoria and Vancouver, and also a charge of \$35 per diem for the services of any principal of the firm when required for consultation.

J. S. Cowper gives notices of questions about James Stewart, deputy game warden at Mission, and about the number of joint stock companies, capitalized for half a million or more, which have gone into bankruptcy during the last ten years.

Mr. Schofield has a number of questions about the inventory being taken of road machinery and Mr. Pooley wants to know whether a registrar of titles has been appointed here yet.

Prayers were read to-day by Rev. M. Theo Habershon.

NOTABLE SPEECH BY PREMIER WAS HEARD IN HOUSE YESTERDAY

(Continued from page 1.)

come to us in that capacity. We in this Assembly hope that the shadow which has come over his home in the illness of H. R. H. the Duchess of Cornwall may soon pass, and that she may once more take her place with him in service to the Empire.

"We are to be congratulated on the sending here as their successors of the Duke of Devonshire and his Duchess, daughter of a former Governor-General. No more kindly or sympathetic representative of the Crown could have been sent out here, or one better able to perform the duties.

"As I did on the day the House opened, I must again express the sense of our great loss in the death of the Hon. Ralph Smith, who should have been occupying a seat on the treasury benches to-day. Every member in this House feels for the bereaved widow and offers her his heartfelt sympathy. (Hear, hear.)

Proud of Canadian Soldiers.

"The war situation must not be passed over lightly. We are all glad that conditions are improving, and there is not one of us but his blood pulses faster as he reads that the British have made further advances, that the menace of the submarine is not so terrible as was hoped for by the Germans and that instead of occasional treaties it is now an advance all the time. (Applause). Nothing too high can be said of those fighting in this war. It is a matter of especial pride that the soldiers from Canada are taking their full share and going through all with great honor to themselves and their country; that they are being esteemed by those whom they are fighting beside and who have seen them come up to the test. Among them I am pleased to say British Columbia soldiers stand high. (Cheers).

Changed Conditions.

"I find it a little awkward, Mr. Speaker, to have to look over my left shoulder towards you since I have been so long accustomed to look over my right shoulder in the direction of your predecessor. Positions having changed I find responsibilities placed upon me; that there are conditions to which I have to become accustomed. But as on the Opposition side, so on this side of the House I accept the responsibility placed upon my shoulders by the electors, and so far as I have ability I intend to live up to those responsibilities and carry through the measures which, in my opinion, will be of advantage to the people of British Columbia. (Cheers).

"We have heard many members from both sides of the House in this debate. I have listened with interest to all, one of them to which I have listened with the greatest interest being that of the Leader of the Opposition, late the Leader of the Government. The House need not fear that I am going to follow him through all the muddy waters of political turmoil which he raised. We have something better to do, and so far as I am con-

cerned I will follow him only so far as I think the discussion will benefit British Columbia and I will not follow him into the many little bypaths up which he strayed. (Applause).

Sparkling Wit.

"I would desire for a few moments to address myself to some of the matters he touched on. Among other matters I heard him make some very material contributions to the debate which, when analyzed, I have no doubt possibly do not mean precisely what he said. I thought portions of his speech were sound. I read it this morning and have decided that it was all sound; there was nothing but sound in it (hear, hear and laughter).

The Audit.

"We find that the honorable gentleman does not like the idea of an audit. I do not blame him for that, but it is a strange position for a man to take who has just vacated an office in which he held a position of trust. If any other gentleman here were in such a position he would want an audit; he would want to say to the people that there was his record and he had left things where everything was in excellent shape. The Leader of the Opposition tells us these things can be found out in the public accounts committee.

"Well, Mr. Speaker, the audit is progressing, and it is being carried out for sensible business reasons. No business Government could allow things to drift on without knowing its exact position financially. The Leader of the Opposition fears that it is going to cost considerable, and I see that certain questions of Opposition members seem to hint at the same thing. It will cost a good deal and we are going to keep at it until we find out exactly the financial position of the Province in its various departments. Why does the honorable gentleman not care for the audit? In the first place it is complained that it entails considerable expense. Let me point out that already, in the brief Reports made to me, the audit has shown not only where we are losing money but where errors were made, where the public accounts did not cover the moneys paid out, where we have no system of book-keeping worth calling such and where we can save not three or four or five thousand but that many hundreds of thousands of dollars (applause).

B. C. London House Muddle.

"In order to find out exactly what this Province had in London for the B. C. House, to give you one concrete example—and thereby hangs a tale, too, Mr. Speaker—we found that there was practically not one thing, not one document showing in the public accounts that would tell us this, not a thing. We could not find out if there had ever been authority to erect that building. What do we get now? We find that there was by some means of writing letters, not any legitimate letters but a record between the Government and the late Agent-General, a mortgage of \$50,000 to be met by annual instalments or sinking fund, and that this is not even specific as to the amount to be paid as sinking fund and the amount as interest, but in a letter, in some casual sort of a way, it is supposed that the Province would pay seven and one-half per cent. interest on the \$50,000, reference being made to the payments as being on the basis of 5% interest and 1% sinking fund. In this connection the auditors say:

Large Over-payment. "In a thirty-year period, on a basis of seven and one-half per cent. on \$50,000, the total amount payable, in principal and interest, would be \$135,000, of which sum \$75,000 would be interest, or a little over four per cent. per annum if the principal were not being reduced by instalments. In this connection we might point out that it would take \$900 paid annually into the sinking fund to provide \$50,000 in thirty years, allowing interest compounded at five per cent. The Government is paying \$1,500 per annum as against the \$900 necessary to provide for payment of \$50,000, or an over-payment of \$597 annually. This sum, compounded over a period of thirty years at five per cent. would amount to \$29,657, or a total over-payment during that time of \$192,355.55.

Must Not Be Permitted.

"Do honorable gentlemen opposite think that any Government which is going to make even a pretence of being a business Government, is going to permit that sort of thing to continue? And then we are to have the honorable gentleman who led the Government which committed these unbusinesslike acts stand up in his place and tell us that we can save all this expense and find out all we want to know in the public accounts committee!

There Is a Reason.

"We have the case of the Pacific Great Eastern, on whose bonds we have paid interest so far aggregating \$1,055,528.25. We were never told that so far as concerns the portion paid out while the late Government was in power; we had to find it out by questions and examinations of accounts. At the time when the present Leader of the Opposition and the present Agent-General, Sir Richard McBride, were touring the country they made the statement that the Government would never be called upon to pay a cent of interest; that it was preposterous to think that the multi-millionaires controlling these great railways would ever call upon the Government for that. They went further and said that not a cent had ever been paid in interest.

"But it takes a chartered accountant to turn up the accounts and show us that at the time these honorable gentlemen were speaking there had been taken out of the proceeds of the bonds guaranteed by this province, out of moneys provided on the security of the people, \$1,021,447.20. They do not want an audit; I do not wonder at it!

Cries of Shame.

"This is only portion of the story. We found some other matters that did not need an auditor to bring out, according to the Leader of the Opposition. For instance, in Vancouver we have been keeping up a rather expensive body, and we have had the auditors looking into that. I found, Mr. Speaker, that in the operations of the Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewer-

age and Drainage Board there are some matters needing to be investigated. Here is a sewerage board given wide powers of administration and placed in charge of the spending of money raised on the guarantee of the province. It is a technical business, where engineering is required, and you would think that the great expense would be in payment for technical advice and assistance in properly and economically carrying out that work. We find that the engineering expenses to date run to about \$40,000, but the administration charges are something like \$30,000 more than that figure! ("Shame.") Out of the \$71,000 under that head there are \$43,000 paid out as salaries to the board and about \$3,000 for automobile hire. They do not believe in Fords, evidently; that money would have bought two or three Fords. That is the way the money has been going and I do not wonder the honorable gentleman does not see any sense in having an audit.

Loose Purchasing.

"I want to say this before I leave that matter, that it is not only a question of whether we need an audit, but whether we do not need a thorough reorganization of our accounting and financial system. (Cheers.) "Have you any general purchasing agent in charge of the extensive purchases of the Government? None at all; never thought of such a thing; it might have interfered with the trade done with the Government at high prices by some of my honorable friend's friends through the country. On the contrary you have every department running its own affairs in that regard, this one buying at one rate and another purchasing the very same grade of the same goods at another price, higher or lower. No co-ordination anywhere; over-lapping of departments; conflict as to the rights of this or that department in this matter or that. If we go on like that we will finally find ourselves under the old single-entry system of years ago, and even that not properly kept up.

Must Get Value for Money.

"It is time we had not only an audit, but the very best possible expert advice as to the means of cutting out this waste and putting in a purchasing department to see that when the Government gives out an order it gets full value for its money just as any business house would. (Applause.) I am sure the men working on the audit will be able to present for our consideration, before they have completed their work, a proper business method, up-to-date in every particular, which will put in charge of the purchasing department men who, understanding their duties and placed there under authority of the Legislature, will have control of all purchases so that in that direction alone great saving will be effected, and that in our accounting system we will have a reorganization which will save hundreds of dollars to the province. I say we would have been remiss in our duty if we had not put these auditors at work at the earliest moment. (Applause).

Hastings Speech.

"I noticed that the honorable gentleman did not care to follow along that line long, but gave us a good Hastings speech. I can remember when he lectured the former opposition and told us that we had no responsibility; that if we knew the responsibilities of office we would be a little more lenient; but yesterday he shed responsibility for his Government's acts as if it was quite immaterial to him. He professed to be dissatisfied with our appointments.

Petty Politics.

"This Government has appointed a Workmen's Compensation Board and it is not ashamed of the personnel of that board. (Cheers.) But the Leader of the Opposition must go far afield in his so-called criticism of it. He could not imagine us appointing any men on merit; there must have been something sinister, must be some political influence; has he not been at that game all his life and does he not know? He asserts that one of the appointments was made because one of his colleagues from Vancouver wanted to get an aspirant for Federal honors out of his brother's road! Surely at this time, and when the honorable gentleman must know that the eyes of the public are on him; anxious to know whether he is playing petty politics or taking off his coat with whole-hearted devotion to help this Government pull things out of the rut, he should feel that he is called upon to conduct discussion on a higher plane. (Applause.) I can tell him that the honorable member for Vancouver, Mr. Farris, is not going to use his position as a member for his own or his brother's advantage. (Cheers).

Popular Appointment.

"We heard the hon. gentleman attack the member for North Vancouver for making reference to a civil servant whose hands are tied in the matter of reply, but he does not hesitate himself to attack another civil servant, Parker Williams, in saying that the price of his becoming a Liberal was the appointment to the Workmen's Compensation Board. He would never have dared to say that if Parker Williams was on the floor of this House. (Cheers.) I want to know why we did not appoint a representative of labor. I hold no brief for Mr. Williams. If he is a Liberal it is the first time I have known of it, but the hon. gentleman knows that gentlemen in no more a Liberal now than when he sat on the floor fighting both of us. But Mr. Williams is a man who has the confidence of the labor people of British Columbia. (Applause.) There is no question it was one of the most popular appointments ever made to any board in this province. (Hear, hear.) The hon. gentleman says there was another man upon whom the labor people were a unit. I have a letter here from one of the oldest trades and labor councils in the province, dated January 31, 1917, which states:

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the worker, Parker Williams, as a member of the Workmen's Compensation Board."

Mr. Bowser demanded the name of this council.

"There is not the slightest objection," said Mr. Brewster; "it is the Nelson trades and labor council, one of the oldest in the province, and this is only one of many such letters I have of the like nature.

Improper Imputations.

"The hon. gentleman made the statement on the floor of the House that certain members of the Legislature slipped out of their uniforms; in other words, he carried the inference that they were dodging their military duty in order to get on the floor of this House. ("Shame.") I say that he should be taken to task for using those words. (Hear, hear.) I say he has no right to cast an imputation on any hon. gentleman here. If he does that I can tell him, not of men slipping out of uniforms but of men slipping into them and using them for political advantage in the campaign in the interests of my hon. friend opposite. It comes with ill grace from the Leader of the Opposition to cast reflections on members of this House who have been doing their duty. I leave him to their tender mercies, and I sympathize with him for what he will get before they are through with him.

Absurd Position.

"As regards the address of the hon. member for Cowichan. (Capt. Hayward) there are portions of it which I heartily commend. There was one portion of his speech, however, which I do not commend, but which I could hardly believe the hon. gentleman was making when he made an unprovoked and unwarranted attack on the member for the Islands in this House (Mr. Jackson). In making that attack he not only insulted the hon. member but cast a slur on the electors of the Islands constituency who sent that hon. gentleman here to represent them, and a slur on forty per cent. of the soldiers in uniform from that riding who voted for him. If we are to assume that because a man dons the uniform of the King he is not to be opposed I can show you how easy it would be for a Government to retain power by having all or a majority of its candidates put on khaki so as to ensure elections by

acclamations. You have only to take that view of it to see its absurdity.

Wearing the Uniform.

"But when the hon. gentleman for Cowichan makes the statement that he wants nothing to do with the members for the Islands he wants to be careful of the ground upon which he stands, because I can tell the gallant member for Cowichan what the member for the Islands probably would not himself, that while he himself was unable to go to the front because of some physical disability he has to-day a private in the ranks at the front, a lad barely seventeen years of age, taking the place his father could not get accepted for. (Cheers.) That lad is proudly wearing the King's uniform and yet his father is to be insulted on the floor of this Legislature because he is here representing the constituency he was elected to represent. That spoiled the speech of the hon. gentleman for Cowichan. (Hear, hear.)

Provincial Conference.

"The Leader of the Opposition has hardly yet realized that September 14 has come and gone, leaving him politically high and dry. He commented upon the conference at which I took a part in Ottawa and he took credit for the holding of that, just as he had taken credit for the good times and for the increase in bank clearings. Let me tell the hon. gentleman that while he may be the father of a great many good things I do not believe he is the father of this one, because I happened to see correspondence with officials in the Old Land, suggesting this conference, that were dated a considerable time before the letter of my hon. friend. It was an arrangement whereby the provinces should get together and formulate with the Dominion what policy they could best adopt in regard to the returned soldiers, and it was part of the plan that the Dominions overseas, having learned this from their component parts, should meet together with the authorities of the motherland in an intercolonial conference, enabling her to have a say, and in the conference our esteemed and respected Premier, Sir Robert Borden, is now taking part. That conference was probably not all the outcome of the hon. gentleman's brain, Mr. Speaker.

Who Is Responsible?

"The Leader of the Opposition says he has a right to be given credit that we had a very successful year last year. He thinks this Government is taking credit to itself because there is a line in the King's Speech about it. In other words, you cannot have a word or a sentence in the King's Speech without its having political reference, according to him. We do not claim credit for the revival in business which we were glad to be able to record, but you will have noticed, Mr. Speaker, that when bad times came the late Government was not to blame for it, of course not! It was all the fault of the war! Good times are due to the Bowser Government, but when bad times come they must be the fault of the Grit party.

The One Buffer.

"But, Mr. Speaker, we can excuse a good deal in the Leader of the Opposition at present. He was Leader of the Government and Leader of the Conservative party in this province up to September 14. He is Leader of the small handful of men in this House, but he is not leader of the great Conservative party so far as this province is concerned. He has been elected to the one position by his colleagues in this House, but in regard to the other he has to make good in the position he has in this House; he has to win his spurs before he can be leader of the Conservative party, and so he has to make the best use he can of his present

Betterment of Soldiers.

"Some matters were discussed by us at Ottawa in regard to land settle-

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### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, March 14.—Arrived: Str. Governor, San Diego, via San Francisco and Victoria, B. C.; str. Port Angeles, San Francisco, via Port Angeles; str. Fulton, Tacoma; bge. J. D. Peters, Port Blakely, in tow of tug Wanderer.

Sailed: Str. Senator, San Francisco; str. Sado Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str. Governor, Tacoma; str. Port Angeles, Tacoma; bge. Washitana, Port Gamble, towing.

Aberdeen, March 13.—Arrived: Strs. Chehalis and La Primera, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str. J. B. Stetson, for Santa Rosalia; str. Doris, Daisy Freeman and San Gabriel, for San Pedro.

Port Angeles, March 13.—Sailed: Str. Bee, for San Pedro; motor ship Marie, for San Francisco.

Port Ludlow, March 13.—Sailed: Str. Yosemite, for San Francisco.

Port Gamble, March 13.—Arrived: Bge. Washitana, from Seattle, towing; Port Blakely, March 13.—Sailed: Bge. J. D. Peters, for Seattle, in tow of tug Wanderer.

Tacoma, March 13.—Arrived: Strs. Governor and Port Angeles, from Seattle. Sailed: Str. Admiral Dewey, for Vancouver, B. C.; str. Fulton, for Seattle.

Portland, Ore., March 13.—Sailed: Str. Multnomah, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 13.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Schley, from Seattle; str. Saginaw, from Willapa Harbor; Jap. str. Tsuyama Maru and Kawachi Maru, from New York; str. Matsonia, from Honolulu; str. Nome City, from Everett; str. Umatilla, from San Pedro; Dan motor ship Tongkong, from Dalny. Sailed: Strs. Klamath and Northern Pacific, for Astoria; str. Capt. A. P. Lucas, for Balboa; str. Ventura, for Sydney; schooner Samar, for Puget Sound.

Wellington, N. Z., March 1.—Sailed: Str. C. S. Holmes, for Puget Sound, via San Francisco.

### WOULD STANDARDIZE WOODEN VESSELS

#### Conference of Shipbuilders at Washington; Knock-down Ships is Proposal

New York, March 14.—William Denman, chairman of the Federal Shipping Board, left early today for Washington to attend a meeting of shipping experts which will discuss the standardization of wooden ships construction on a large scale to provide tonnage for meeting war emergencies. Mr. Denman said that models for such ships would be wooden vessels now used on the Pacific Coast to carry 3,500 tons deadweight.

The plan of the board, as explained by the chairman, is to standardize the parts of such ships so as to allow them to be cut at various mills in the lumber regions on the Pacific Coast, the south or New England coast.

Mr. Denman said that one of the difficulties in the way of such a project was the scarcity of ship carpenters. "We have planned, however," he said, "to get the services of house carpenters with a skilled ship's carpenter over every seven or eight of them."

Chicago, March 14.—The conference of builders of wooden ships at Washington today was of interest to lumber dealers, as no other industry has been harder hit by the war, it was said. At the offices of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association here it was said that sixty-eight wooden ships are now under construction on the Pacific Coast. Their average carrying capacity is a little more than 1,000 tons. Each vessel uses an average of 1,250,000 feet of lumber in its construction. They were started to be ready as lumber carriers after the war when Europe will need much for rebuilding, but can be used for miscellaneous cargoes. They can be built in about two months.

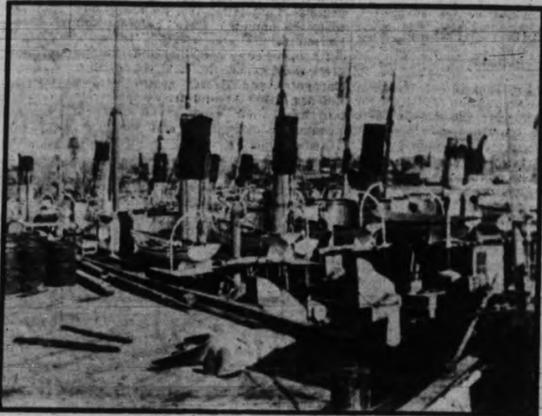
In British Columbia yards twenty-five vessels, only four of which are steel, are being built. Canadian eastern yards are even busier, it is said, though with smaller craft, ranging from 700 to 1,000 tons. At Yarmouth, N. S., alone there are 35 wooden ships being built. To avoid delay timber for them is being rushed by trains running on passenger schedules.

On the Great Lakes yards are also busy. At Kenosha, Wis. they are building schooners of 1870 type. Seven such craft were put in commission last summer. Steam fish trawlers of the Atlantic coast type are being built at Manitowish, Wis.

Shipbuilding in Canada, under the impetus of war's demands, has far outstripped the United States, it is said. Canadian yards now are said to have orders for \$200,000,000 worth of all kinds.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Asia, Capt. W. Davidson, R. N. R., is expected to get away on schedule for Yokohama, Manila and Hongkong.

### LOCAL WHALING FLEET READY FOR BIG SEASON



### SEAMEN DEMAND BIG WAR RISK BONUS

#### Crews of American Line Ships Refuse to Sign Articles Pending Decision

New York, March 14.—P. A. S. Franklin, President of the International Mercantile Marine Company, has been informed by Gustave A. Brauh, Secretary of the International Seamen's Union, Atlantic district, that sailors and firemen will not sign articles on the American lines of ships until they received 75 per cent. of their wages as war risk bonus. The American Line has agreed to pay the men 50 per cent., which was paid on the Mongolia and Manchuria and promised the men on the Algonquin, just sunk, and contends that it would be unfair to the men on these steamers if more were paid to the crews of the passenger liners when they are ready to sail. Officials of the company say that they can get non-union men and sail their ships regardless of the actions of the International Seamen's Union.

After a conference with Mr. Franklin Mr. Brauh said that the company was disinclined to pay 75 per cent. war bonus, but had made a counter-proposition to pay 50 per cent. bonus, insure the men's effects on board, pay their fares home and continue the wages until the arrival of the men in New York. Mr. Brauh said that the proposition put by Mr. Franklin was practically an ultimatum, the International Mercantile Marine president having intimated that if his terms were not accepted the American Line would fight the union rather than give in.

### LINER MAKURA IS DEPARTING ON TIME

#### Canadian-Australasian Vessel Given Smart Dispatch at Vancouver and Union Bay

According to the latest advices from the Mainland the British liner Makura, Capt. J. D. S. Phillips, of the Canadian-Australasian Line, will get away on schedule for Auckland and Sydney.

The ship has been given remarkable dispatch at Vancouver, as it was only on Saturday afternoon last that she completed her inward voyage.

On Sunday morning she left Vancouver for Union Bay and took aboard 2,500 tons of bunker coal in smart time, returning to the Terminal City on Monday morning to continue discharging and start loading operations. Stevedores have been working day and night shifts and this morning the bulk of the return cargo had been stowed.

The Makura is one of the hardest-working ships plying on the western ocean, her time in port being limited to about four days each end of the run. Owing to the situation created by the withdrawal of the liner Maruma, the Makura and Niagara have been forced to maintain the 25-day schedule, a service which at one time was kept up by three ships.

The Niagara is better off than the Makura, inasmuch as she is an oil-burner, which eliminates the bunkering process and the extra trips to the coal ports.

The Makura was delayed two days on her last inward trip by a living gale encountered between Auckland and Suva. On her forthcoming voyage to Australasia she will carry a good list of cabin passengers, but in view of the rush it is likely that she will have some vacant space in her holds.

### WHALERS ARE READY FOR RECORD SEASON

#### Entire Fleet Will Be Dispatched to West Coast Stations This Month

In preparation for the opening of the 1917 whaling season, which is expected to prove a record breaker, all the steam craft of the Victoria Whaling Company's fleet have been overhauled after five months of inactivity, and are now being fitted out for dispatch to the West Coast stations to hunt the sperm, sulphur-bottoms and flans.

Within a very short time the whale will be spouting in schools off the coasts of the Queen Charlottes and Vancouver Island, and the hunters are eagerly anticipating the excitement of the chase. The announcement is made by S. C. Ruck, manager of the Victoria Whaling Company, that the fleet will put to sea at the end of the present month and will arrive at the stations in readiness for an early start. The forthcoming season will continue from the beginning of April until the middle of October.

Last year the whalers set out several weeks later, but despite this handicap the catch was very large, over 400 mammals being taken during the short season.

In fitting out the vessels this year the company has divided the work between the Victoria Machinery Depot and Yarrows, Ltd. The whalers Blue, Black, Brown and White have been taken in hand by the Upper Harbor concern, while the St. Lawrence, Orion, Green and William Grant were diverted to the Esquimalt plant. There is a possibility that the whaling company will reopen the Sechart station this year, but no official announcement has been made in this respect. The stations in operation last year were Kyuquot, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and Naden Harbor and Rose Harbor, on the Queen Charlotte coastline.

Kyuquot made the record catch last season.

Gray for Stations.

The whaling tender Gray, Captain Hawes, reached port yesterday after delivering a cargo of fertilizer and lime at San Francisco, and left later with supplies for the stations, where she will arrive just ahead of the steam whalers. Throughout the winter the Gray has been engaged in transporting fertilizer to California, for transshipment to the Hawaiian Islands, and consequently it has been impossible to lay her up for her customary annual overhaul. She will lay up for this purpose, however, later in the season.

The four whalers comprising the Bay City fleet have also been overhauled and will shortly put to sea in search of the whale off the Oregon and Washington coast.

### G. T. P. OFFICIALS HERE

#### W. P. Hinton and Others Arrive in City on Inspection Trip

W. P. Hinton, western traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, is most optimistic regarding the development of the territory served by the G. T. P., and intimates that the coastal steamship service between Victoria, Alaska and other Northern ports this summer will be equal to the high standard attained last year.

Mr. Hinton came south on the steamship Prince Rupert from Prince Rupert, arriving here this morning from the mainland. He is accompanied by H. H. Hansard, G. T. P. solicitor; J. A. McNichol, assistant general freight and passenger agent; Prince Rupert; H. Everett, St. Paul; and H. G. Gorman, of Winnipeg.

According to the G. T. P. officials the district covered by the G. T. P. transcontinental service is developing rapidly. Many new mines and lumber mills are being opened up, and at one of the mines, near Telkwa, ore is being hauled 17 miles to the G. T. P. line.

Mr. Hinton is of the opinion that the lumber mills between Prince George and the Rockies will not be able to guarantee delivery for some time of the lumber orders they have received from the Prairies.

### SUBMARINE SALVAGE

#### Plan to Drag American Diver Over Sand at Samoa Beach

Eureka, Cal., March 14.—The stranded submarine H-3 which has been partly buried with sand since it went ashore on Samoa beach, was slightly lifted Monday after a number of powerful hydraulic jacks had been placed under the diver. When the jacks have lifted the hull of the vessel high enough, two pine timbers four feet in diameter and fifty feet long will be placed at each side, acting as a cradle and donkey engines will attempt to pull the submarine half a mile across the sands to the bay.

### OF STANDARD TYPE

It is reported that the Controller of Shipping in Great Britain has decided on a type of freight steamship to be built in yards there during the war. This will, it is stated, be a single deck, about 9,000 tons dead weight, about 400 feet long, and all vessels will be built on the same design and to the same specifications. It is also stated that contracts have been awarded for 35 such vessels, and that other orders will be placed as soon as arrangements can be made.

### GOLDEN GATE LAUNCHED

#### Norwegian Freighter of 7,500 Tons Put Into Water at Seattle

Seattle, March 14.—The Norwegian freighter Golden Gate, 7,500 tons deadweight cargo capacity, was launched today at the yard of the Seattle Construction & Drydock Company. Mrs. Anna Sunde, wife of the president of another shipbuilding company, christened the vessel. The Golden Gate, owned by Knute Knutsen, of Haugesund, Norway, is 396 feet long, 53 feet wide and 29 feet deep, and will be driven by engines of 2,500 indicated horsepower.

### IS RENAMED LORNET

The name of the tugboat Kesia, owned by Mackenzie & Pike, of this city, has been changed to Lornet. She is a vessel of 39 tons register and was built at Ballard, Wash., in 1901, being formerly known as the Challenge.

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### PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD SHIPS

#### United States Authorities Prohibit Publication of Wireless Reports From Steamers

Adopting precautionary measures for the second time since the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, the United States authorities yesterday issued orders all along the Pacific coast prohibiting the publication of wireless reports from ships at sea. Orders to this effect were issued several weeks ago, but were rescinded with the explanation that they applied only to the Atlantic. The new order does not prohibit the sending of position reports by ships at sea, but the publication of same which is considered information of value to the enemies of the country.

The American Government sealed all amateur wireless stations shortly after the outbreak of the European war with a view to preventing any breach of neutrality. Now it has been strongly intimated that if the present crisis results in the United States being forced into the struggle, all wireless plants not officially authorized to operate by the Government will be dismantled.

Recently the United States customs authorities were ordered to withhold from public perusal all manifests of vessels bound for foreign destinations, and now it is said that if actual war results, publication of the movements of all vessels plying to and from ports on the Pacific coast will be forbidden.

A circular has been issued by the United States Department of Commerce, citing that a rule in the United States steamboat service, making it unlawful for passengers to be aboard vessels not inspected for passenger travel, will, in the future, be overlooked in the case of army officers and their immediate assistants while on official duty.

The circular instructs customs officials not to impose penalties in such cases. It is assumed that the American Government aims to make it easy for fighting forces to travel on any vessel bound for points they wish to visit without being compelled to wait for regular passenger carriers.

### DAY STEAMER TO SEATTLE THE S.S. "Sol Duc"

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### MUCH DEEPER BASIN NOW AT UNION BAY

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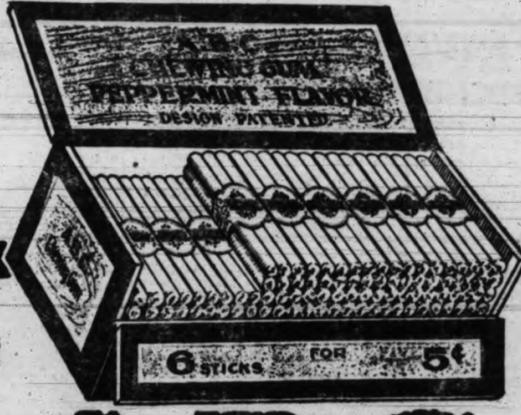
On the northeast side depths of 30 feet extend 240 feet inside the head, except for a strip 15 feet wide immediately alongside the wharf.

### PANAMA COMING ON

O. S. K. Passenger Liner Will Arrive in Port This Day Week.

William Allan, of R. P. Rithet & Co., has been advised that the Onaka Shoen Kaisha liner Panama Maru, which sailed from Yokohama March 5, will arrive here March 21. She is bringing in 74 passengers, including 25 for Victoria. Her cargo for this port is approximately 200 tons. The Panama Maru will be followed about March 24 by the freighter Shimbu Maru, which vessel has 1,400 tons for discharge here.

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THE BONA DEE CLUB will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance March 12, Alexandra Ballroom, from 8 to 12 p. m. Members only. Admission 5c. m17

A. E. FOREMAN IS APPOINTED TO OFFICE

Former Assistant City Engineer is Now Chief Engineer of Public Works Department

A. E. Foreman, former assistant city engineer of Victoria, has been appointed chief engineer to the public works department. J. E. Griffiths will continue to act as Deputy Minister of Public Works, which duties take all one official's time without having to act as chief engineer as well.

Mr. Foreman left the city service, after four years in office as assistant engineer, in October last. The council was so pleased with his services that a formal resolution was ordered to be forwarded to him embodying that opinion. He had been engaged in city undertakings for two years, also as supervisory engineer prior to formal appointment to the staff.

Mr. Foreman came to British Columbia at the age of 12 in 1890, and was educated in Vancouver and at McGill University. There he graduated with very high honors, and was also notable as an athlete. He took his B.Sc. at McGill in 1903.

He first went into business in Toronto, but returned to B. C. in 1907, and for three years before coming to Victoria he was engaged in association with various engineering firms on the mainland, one of his chief works in 1910 being resident engineer in charge of the construction of the concrete power dam at Revelstoke. Mr. Foreman has been prominent in the work of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

WAR LOAN POPULAR

Individual Subscribers Coming in Steadily; Amounts Increasing.

Bankers and brokers continue to handle many enquiries in connection with the new Dominion War Loan, and the amount which will be entered up to the credit of Victoria subscribers within the next eight days should compare very favorably with previous loans.

The first two days the bulk of the business locally was with the corporation subscribers, but this morning the banks have been experiencing evidences of growing interest on the part of the private subscribers. The bonds in demand range from \$100 up to \$10,000, most of the bank reports, and up to noon to-day several of the firms did up to \$20,000 and \$30,000 worth of business. The brokerage concerns are also taking in a considerable amount of the business, one firm alone reporting about \$100,000 in individual subscriptions.

The local offices of the Mutual Life Insurance Company reports having news from headquarters to the effect that the company has subscribed \$2,500,000 of the loan, and the organization has subscribed since the war.

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DIED—SIMPSON—Pte. John Simpson, age 37 years; son of Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, 221 Hurlin Avenue, Victoria, killed in action in France, March 2, 1917. m14

CROTTY—On the 14th inst., at the family residence, 1041 Craiglaroch Road, Clara Johnson Crotty, aged 74 years, a native of Scotland and a resident of this city for past thirteen years, formerly a resident of Winnipeg, Man. The deceased is survived by, besides her husband, one son, Dr. T. H. Crotty, of Winnipeg, and one daughter, Mrs. E. M. Love, of Victoria; also three sisters in Scotland. Funeral announcement later. Arrangements with the Thomson Funeral Co. m14

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERS CHANGES

Proposed Amendments to the Law Are Discussed This Morning

Legislative Press Gallery, March 14. The municipal committee met this morning under the chairmanship of George Bell (Victoria) and heard and discussed a number of amendments suggested by the Union of B. C. Municipalities and by the City of Victoria.

Robert Baird, Inspector of Municipalities, was present, together with P. A. McDiarmid, counsel for the Union; R. W. Hannington, city solicitor; and J. L. Rayment, city comptroller.

A suggestion that the time of expiry of the term of city councils should be definitely stated was made by Mr. Hannington. At present the old council holds office until a majority of the new council has been sworn in. Difficulties in regard to the certification of by-laws, which sometimes are finally passed by the old council and sometimes by the new council, after having received the approval of the people on a popular vote, were given as reasons for the change.

The section stands over. Considerable discussion took place on a proposal to alter the limit placed on the value of property which can be purchased by a council without a vote of the ratepayers, at present, \$2,000. Large cities consider this too low and small cities think it too high.

Mr. Baird suggested that the matter was one which ought to be left to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council and the Attorney-General.

Opposed to Orders-in-Council. "Even if the Government has changed its mind," said Mr. McDiarmid, "the Union of B. C. Municipalities is unalterably opposed to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council having a determinate power of permitting a thing in one case and refusing it in another. It is not right in principle."

Dr. McIntosh reminded his fellow-members that governmental oversight of municipal operations was becoming general. The Old Country, under one of its boards, saw that one municipality should not do anything which another could or should not. He was not prepared to turn over to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council any powers at all, but there should be an oversight such as was maintained by the Inspector of Municipalities.

Impounding Cattle. The City Solicitor urged that there should be power to impound cattle trespassing within municipal bounds. At present only cattle "at large" can be impounded, which means not being in charge of any person. He pointed out that animals were sent out to pasture along boulevards and vacant lots, and that now that the cultivation of it would be a serious matter to have cattle trespass and destroy the labor put on it. He wanted cities to have the right to prohibit trespassing or running at large of cattle on public or private property.

Mr. McDiarmid thought this too wide, as it would prevent a man's own cattle or dogs being at large on his private property.

Mr. Hannington replied that an animal at large on a lot with the consent of the owner was not trespassing. The section was left open for re-drafting.

In this connection it seems that a dog is not "an animal" in the eyes of the law.

Pieces of Amusement. The request for the right to license and regulate pieces of amusement, Mr. Hannington said, was aimed at control of pool-rooms, so as to prevent women, girls and lads from frequenting them.

The question of Y. M. C. A. billiard-rooms came up, some members considering those should be exempt. The section will be re-drafted.

Weight of Loaf. In the matter of an assize of bread, the good old English phrase which governs the size and weight of loaves, Mr. Hannington asked that it be adopted.

Dr. McIntosh pointed out that in no other trade was there such an attempt to regulate weights. If a standard weight was fixed the consumer generally got more water and less food value than if the restriction was not imposed. There was a maximum of water fixed for butter but none for bread. He moved the section be struck out and Mr. Willson seconded this.

As there were three members absent the matter was left over.

Dr. McIntosh pointed out that if a municipality passed a by-law all a baker had to do was to go outside and carry on his business as he chose. He thought that some day the whole question would have to be dealt with nationally as a health matter.

Further sections deal with wrapping and labelling. In this case Dr. McIntosh thought wrapping was all right, but at present he did not think people would stand for the extra cost. In Vancouver the bakers found the demand for wrapped loaves going down. He said that wrapped bread kept in the moisture but after a certain number of hours a person was buying more moisture than there should be.

The committee was in favor of giving power to inspect and license bakeries and to require them to register. Mr. Hannington said this was a matter which affected Victoria and was greatly desired here. The section will be further considered.

Jitney Traffic. In further regulation of jitney traffic power is asked to deal with owners as well as drivers, and to suspend licenses, as well as grant or cancel them. Additional powers are also requested in

dealing with soliciting for traffic, as by tally-ho men at the wharf here. That is not the modern evil people of to-day think was proved by Dr. McIntosh, who said that when he first visited Victoria, 15 years ago, he was effectually separated from his wife for some time by the strenuous exertions of runners at the dock.

Chemical Fumes. Stricter control over wood yards is to be granted, but lumber yards were struck out of the section. The defects of the law as applying to the nuisance of chemical fumes and the charred wood and sawdust from lumber mills are to be remedied by a more specific drafting of the section giving power to prevent such nuisances.

For health and sanitary regulation words are to be added which will cover buildings in which rooms are let for living purposes, and which cannot now be reached because they are not hotels, apartment-houses, boarding-houses or lodging-houses.

Snow-removal is to be dealt with by a section which will place the duty upon the owner or occupant to remove it from walks and avenues.

In the matter of snow-removal from streets on which there are car-tracks, it is proposed that the B. C. Electric should pay portion of the cost, as in the case with street railways in other provinces. The company will be given an opportunity to be heard on this.

Joint control of parks owned by one municipality in another, as Mount Douglas park in Saanich, is to be provided for. In that case Victoria and Saanich have come to an agreement.

More Latitude for Municipalities. Mr. Hannington asked for all municipalities the flexible right to pass by-laws for the good rule and conduct of their municipalities. This would cover unforeseen developments or sets of circumstances arising under any certain head of by-laws. Fear being expressed that this might be too elastic and lead to injustice, the city solicitor stated that the courts construed this to apply only to reasonable details of existing by-law powers.

Theatre Ticket Tax. The proposal to tax theatre tickets for the benefit of the Red Cross and Patriotic Fund came only from Victoria. Vancouver has the power now for revenue purposes.

Mr. Baird pointed out that such a tax would have to go into the ordinary revenue, with a restriction as to how it was to be applied.

Mr. McDiarmid stated that no notice had been given of this, and an opportunity should be given to anyone who desired to be heard.

The section will be further considered. The committee meets again tomorrow.

The executive of the B. C. Union will wait on the committee on Tuesday next.

\$17,500 NOW ASKED FOR GULF SERVICE

Three Members of Parliament and Deputation Meet Councilmen of Board.

"That this Board of Trade will endorse the proposal for a subsidy of \$17,500 for a continuance of the service, provided it can be shown that satisfactory service can be given for that amount." This was the sum and substance of the business accomplished at the meeting of members of the Council of the Board of Trade in conference with a deputation from the Gulf Islands and Sidney this morning.

The discussion was a lengthy one, during which all the difficulties in connection with the question were fully aired, although nothing new was brought to light.

The delegates were emphatic in their desire for the service to be continued with a suitable steamer and declared that the sum named in the resolution above cited would be necessary for its provision. It was pointed out, however, to the deputation that it was only a matter of five years ago when the subsidy was increased from \$4,000 to the latest amount, namely, \$7,500.

For that reason, if for no other, it was absolutely essential that a good case be made out and specific details as to the prospect of resultant business given.

G. H. Barnard, M.P. F. H. Shepherd, M.P., and M. B. Jackson, M.P., members of Parliament for the Islands were present and spoke on the subject. W. H. Davey, R. W. Mayhew, W. M. Mount, George Dean, H. W. Tripp, T. Charles Lang and Norman W. Wilson representing the Islands Districts, assisted President Lugrin and several members of the Council in the discussion.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Interesting Address to Ladies of West Saanich Yesterday.

A large number of the members attended the meeting yesterday afternoon to hear Professor Stevenson's address on "Bulbs." The subject was most ably dealt with by this gentleman, who speaks from a wide experience. The value of bulbs for indoor planting and culture was dwelt upon, also their usefulness from a commercial standpoint was emphasized.

At the close of the address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Professor Stevenson by the president on behalf of the members.

The concert and dance recently held at the Brentwood Hotel was the means of adding \$100.00 to the Red Cross and Patriotic funds.

The Red Cross convener's report on work done during the month was most gratifying, showing that interest is being well sustained.

The school committee's report on the school gardens resulted in a small sum being voted towards purchasing prizes to be presented at midsummer.

Selections were rendered by the Saanich Glee Club.

THE RETURNED SOLDIER AND MISGUIDED YOUTH

Wounded Man With Walking Stick Subjected to Indignities on Street

Towards the corner of Yates and Government Streets a little after ten o'clock last night there approached a corporal and a private of the Canadian Scottish. The two men had only recently returned from the front. One of them had been badly wounded and able to move around with only a degree of comfort only by the aid of a walking stick.

On the corner were a number of apparently able-bodied young gentlemen discussing some highly important theme, when the wounded Tommy chanced to brush, ever so slightly, one of their number, who wheeled round with the retort: "Get away you drunken stiff. I suppose you are one of the guys who had to join up for the sake of a meal ticket." The soldier was perfectly sober and it was not to be wondered at that his companion should expostulate in terse language and tell the youth in "civies" that he was as good as he was.

The air became disturbed and attracted the attention of passersby. The incident, however, was short lived. An ex-marine, now in Government service, arrived on the scene and without ceremony grabbed the "man about town" by the scruff of the neck, injecting at the same time a reasonable amount of fear into his make-up. He left him somewhat limp with the exhortation to creep out of his stunted shell and join the army, when his sense of proportion would become broadened.

SUPREME COURT JUDGE ON WRIT INDORSATION

Mr. Justice Morrison Gives a Written Ruling on a Technical Point

In an application for a foreclosure on an agreement for sale made in Supreme Court Chambers to Mr. Justice Morrison recently, an argument arose consequent upon the absence of the endorsement on the writ of the words "Statement of Claim." His Lordship has handed down his ruling on the matter this morning which is recited hereunder:

"In this action the writ contained a detailed indorsement of the claim, but the words 'statement of claim' did not appear at the top of this indorsement or elsewhere. Appearance was duly entered and thereupon an application for final judgment under Order No. 14 was launched, and upon that application coming on before me in Chambers, the objection is taken in limine that the omission is fatal."

His Lordship here cites cases and proceeds: "The right to proceed under Order 14 is entirely statutory and a strict compliance with the rules is necessary in invoking this statutory jurisdiction. Order 2, Rule 2, directs that the writ of summons for the commencement of an action shall be, with a few exceptions, in the form of Nos. 1 and 2, Appendix A."

"It will be seen that it is only in the form of the indorsement, that the 'general form' of a writ of summons differs from such a writ 'specially indorsed.' The only difference apparently in the form of the indorsement in the writ, and on the specially indorsed writ, is that the latter must be headed with the words 'Statement of Claim.' When the writ is intended to be specially indorsed under Order 3, Rule 6, then such indorsement is to be 'to the effect of such of the forms in Appendix C, as shall be applicable to the case.'"

"Whilst the forms given in Appendix C are no doubt meant to serve as guides or models, and may in certain instances be departed from, yet the formal words in No. 2, Appendix A, appear to be matter of substance. That is, that on a specially indorsed writ, the words 'Statement of Claim' must appear, and on a general form they must not appear. Order 2, Rule 3."

Furthermore, the time in which the defendant has for pleading differs according as the writ is, especially indorsed or not. The special indorsement is a statement of claim, and is to be regarded as a pleading."

In a case cited by His Lordship, Anlahy vs. Praetorius (1885) 29 Q.B.D. 764, His Lordship continues: "That one circumstance alone, satisfies me that every writ should, on its face, show whether it is intended to be specially indorsed or not, and that the Rules intended that the words 'Statement of Claim' should appear at the top of every special indorsement as a distinctive mark."

"If these words are omitted then the writ is not specially indorsed and there is no jurisdiction to proceed to final judgment as if they had not been omitted."

RECRUITING AIRMEN

Announcement Made Yesterday Concerned in District Orders Issued From Work Point

District Orders issued from Work Point confirm the announcement made in these columns yesterday to the effect that a special recruiting campaign was about to be inaugurated in behalf of the Royal Flying Corps. The official circular referred to states that authority has been given for the Imperial Royal Flying Corps, with headquarters at Toronto, to enlist in all Military Districts. Every possible facility and assistance is to be

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Personal. A. W. Knight has arrived at his home, 1017 King's Road, after a two months' stay with his daughter, Mrs. Blomquist, at Tacoma. Mrs. E. O. Thomson, of 1606 Belmont Avenue, was the winner of the lace bedspread raffled by the Blue Cross Society. The winning number was 72. Mrs. J. C. Gillespie (nee Miss Ethel Litter, daughter of Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Litter, of Linden Avenue, this city), has been placed in charge of the staff hospice of the V. A. D. Hospital at Southport, England, according to a letter just received by her relatives here. Mrs. Gillespie's husband is on active service in front. Recently she crossed from Ireland to England to stay with Mrs. Worley, who is also known well in Victoria and who is assisting at a V. A. D. hospital at Aughton. While visiting there she was asked to take charge of the house at Southport, and readily accepted. All those who know Mrs. Gillespie's splendid capabilities will be glad to hear of her appointment to a position where she is certain to give valuable service, as her numerous co-workers in the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E. and Daughters of Pity, and kindred organizations with which she was associated have sorely missed her from their ranks.

Local News. Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by P. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street? They're unequalled. Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

Opportunities for Intrigue in China. Well Informed Local Gentleman Suggests Chinese Coolie for Army Service Corps.

Icebreaker in Russia. The ice-breaking steamship which was built by Canadian Vickers, Ltd., Montreal, last year, for the Dominion Government, and which was immediately on completion sold to the Russian Government, is being used in the White Sea. She crossed the ocean in charge of Capt. Reid, who had previously taken over the Dominion Government icebreaker Minto for the same service. Reports state that the Russian Government officials are delighted with the vessel, which is said to be the most powerful icebreaker in the world. She was originally named J. D. Hazen and has been renamed Mikla. Capt. Reid has been appointed to the chief command of all the Russian icebreakers operating in the White Sea.

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### COUNT ALL BALLOTS, SAYS SIR JOHN SIMON

Prohibition Vote Dispute is One for Judicial Action

Vancouver, March 14.—After taking three weeks in which to consider the question, Sir John A. Simon, who was called to give advice, has come to the conclusion that all ballots polled in the deferred voting by soldiers since September 14, 1916, on the prohibition question must be counted. He has thus dissipated the contention of the "drags" that some 2,000 votes were invalid.

### WILL MAKE VALUATION AT MANITOBA CAPITAL

Winnipeg, March 14.—S. C. Oxtou, Deputy Minister of Public Works, and Alex. Melville, architect, have been appointed by the Government of Manitoba and Thomas Kelly & Sons, respectively, to make a valuation of the work done by the Kelly firm as contractors on the new Parliament Buildings. Robert Macdonald, of Montreal, will act as referee in any dispute between Oxtou and Melville.

### ONTARIO DENTAL COLLEGE HAS PLAN

Toronto, March 14.—The Ontario Dental College has adopted a policy of taking the freshman class of next term and having the members medically examined as fit or unfit for overseas service. Those fit will be given a short course to prepare them for service as assistant dentists with the army.

### BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES

London, March 14.—Thirteen British vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sunk during the week ended March 11, says an official announcement on shipping losses issued to-day. Four British vessels of less than 1,600 tons and three fishing vessels also were sunk.

### OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred last Sunday at the Occidental Hotel of John Meakin, aged 47, a native of Liverpool, England, and a resident of Victoria for the past twelve years. Relatives survive in England. The funeral is to take place to-morrow morning at 9.45 from the Sands Funeral parlors, and fifteen minutes later, Mass will be said.

The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Rumball, wife of R. Rumball, of Fernwood Road and Denman Street, took place at 10.30 this morning from the Sands Funeral chapel. Rev. William Stevenson officiating. The pall-bearers were Messrs. James Lyons, J. Joyant, E. J. Rigby and T. K. Anderson. Interment was at Ross Bay cemetery. The deceased was a native of Collingwood, Australia, and 52 years of age.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Louisa Warren, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on Monday, will take place from the Sands Funeral chapel at 2 o'clock to-morrow. Rev. W. Baugh Allen to officiate. The deceased lady had lived in Victoria for twenty years, her home being at 1245 Lyall Street.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Clara Johnson Crotty, 1041 Craigdarrouch Road. The deceased lady, who had been in seriously ill-health for some time past, was 76 years of age. She was a native of Scotland, and had lived in this city for the last thirteen years, coming here from Winnipeg where she made her home for some time previously. She is survived by her husband, one son, Dr. T. H. Crotty, of Winnipeg, and a daughter Mrs. D. M. Love, of Victoria. There are three sisters living in Scotland. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

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### BRITISH RECAPTURED ARTILLERY AT BAGDAD LOST BY TOWNSEND

London, March 14.—It is announced officially that the British artillery taken by the Turks at the time of the surrender of Maj.-General Townshend's army at Kut-el-Amara was recaptured at Bagdad by Lieut.-Gen. Maude's force, the most advanced part of which is now some thirty miles above Bagdad on the Tigris.

### STRIKE PROPOSAL AMAZES MR. WILSON

May Appeal to Railroad and Employees to Come to Agreement

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson is amazed at the proposal of a nation-wide railway strike at this juncture of international affairs. It was stated authoritatively to-day that he expects the railroad managers and the men at their conference in New York to-morrow to consider the state of the country's foreign relations and make every possible effort to agree. It is possible that he may appeal to both sides on that ground.

### SECRETARY MAINTAINED

New York, March 14.—Strict secrecy was thrown about the meeting here to-day between the national chiefs of the brotherhoods of railroad employees and Eastern brotherhood officials to discuss plans for the strike which may be called Saturday if the chiefs at the conference with the railroad managers here to-morrow should fail to attain the desired results.

### HANDS TIED

Representatives of the railroad managers said to-day they still were without information as to the nature of the proposition which the brotherhood chiefs would submit to them and reiterated their contention that their hands were tied until the Supreme Court renders a decision on the constitutionality of the Adamson Act.

The brotherhood chairman, after hearing from the chief's statement of the question at issue with the managers, were to be asked, it was understood, to ratify their proposition and the calling of a strike in case the managers refused it. Afterwards the chairman were to discuss the carrying out of detailed instructions.

General instructions, it was learned, were issued some time ago to the local chairmen as to their duties in case of a strike. They were informed they would be expected jointly to supervise the prosecution of the strike in the territory over which they have jurisdiction, keep in close touch with the situation, "use every honorable effort to further the cause," and make daily reports to their general chairmen as to conditions.

While the chairmen were holding their meeting, the national conference committee of the railroads was called together preparatory to a joint session with the employees' chiefs to-morrow.

While professing not to know what the brotherhood chiefs would demand, railroad representatives paid just before the national conference went into session that they would not be surprised if they were to demand that the provisions of the Adamson Act be put into immediate effect, together with a provision for time and a half for overtime, or in substance complete compliance with the original demands which started the original controversy a year ago.

Chicago, March 14.—Certain Eastern railroads to-day notified shippers and Western lines of embargoes due to the threat of a strike of the employees' brotherhoods next Saturday. The Big Four notified other lines of such an embargo. The New York Central and the Baltimore and Ohio were reported to have notified shippers that freight would not be accepted after midnight to-night except at owners' risk.

**SIR LYMAN JONES ILL.**  
Toronto, March 14.—Senator Sir Lyman Melvin Jones, who is dangerously ill here, passed a restless night. His physicians report there is practically no change from yesterday in his condition.

### CAPTURED BRITISH NEAR STARVATION

Member of Gerard's Party Gives Information About Situation in Germany

New York, March 14.—Oscar King Davis, formerly correspondent in Berlin for the New York Times, who accompanied Jaumes W. Gerard, home from Germany via Spain and Havana, telegraphed last night from Savannah to the Times as follows:

"There is one phase of the effects of the rupture of relations between the United States and Germany to which not so much attention has been paid as might be. That is the effect on the situation of the 40,000 or more British prisoners of war and interned British civilians in Germany. As part of the British interests under his care, Mr. Gerard was occupied in doing all he could for the amelioration of the condition of the British prisoners, especially as to food and clothing. The rupture of relations not only leaves the interests of these British in new hands at a very critical juncture, but has removed from Germany one of the agencies for British relief which has proved very efficient, that is, the Y. M. C. A. organization, which was making itself helpfully helpful in many of the prison camps.

Near Starvation.  
"The food question is, of course, the most important. It may be said on the highest authority that the British prisoners are now on a diet that is close to starvation, and Mr. Gerard's official report on the matter is very likely to be followed by an organized demand from Britain that Germany be compelled to feed the British prisoners better or have German prisoners in Britain on exactly the same diet.

"As there are more German prisoners in British camps than there are Britishers in German hands, that kind of retaliation might be made very effective. But there is always the great difficulty that Germany has not the supplies with which to increase the ration to the British prisoners, whereas Britain has the food to give her German captives. It is practically the unanimous opinion of the American experts who have been working in the German prison camps that if it were not for the food parcels sent to the British prisoners by their friends in Britain and the committees organized for that purpose, the prisoners would be facing slow but sure starvation.

"If the British prisoners were the only ones the Germans have the matter would be much less difficult, but it is going to be a mighty hard matter to induce or force the Germans to give better food to the 40,000 British prisoners when they have nearly 2,000,000 other prisoners to whom they are under the same obligations.

More Packages.  
"Pending the effect of the effort to force Germany to improve the rations of the British prisoners, it is urged that the amount of food sent from Britain be increased and the distribution of it better organized. As sent now it goes to named individuals, with the inevitable result that men who have no friends at home looking out for them are left without packages. There is urgent demand for a great improvement in this respect and for a radical readjustment of the method of shipping food, as well as for an increase in the quantity sent."

A Havana dispatch to the Herald says: "Through an authority close to Mr. Gerard, information has been given of the persistent efforts made by Germany to stop the American diplomatist from reaching Washington. Mr. Gerard carries papers containing information which will place Germany in a more unfavorable position than she has yet occupied. According to men close to Mr. Gerard, important developments are expected in the German situation soon after his conference with President Wilson."

### BIDS FOR CRUISERS FOR UNITED STATES

Four Firms Submit Figures for Building of Fast War Craft

Washington, March 14.—Bids on six 35-knot cruisers received at the Navy Department to-day probably insure the immediate placing of contracts for all the ships. Four companies have submitted figures. With the exception of the bid of the Union Iron Works Company, of San Francisco, all are direct and within the \$6,000,000 limit set by Congress.

The Cramps, Philadelphia, the lowest bidder, offer to construct two ships at \$5,950,000 each, one in 20 months and the other in 22. Modifications in design proposed by the company would reduce the price to \$5,910,000 each. The Seattle Construction and Drydock Company, which already has a contract for one similar ship at less than \$5,000,000, offers to build another in 20 months at \$5,975,000. The figures have been submitted on the basis of an 8-hour day, and the government would assume the cost for any speeding up expenses.

The Fore River Shipbuilding Company proposes to build two ships in 20 and 21 months time at \$5,995,000 each.

F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government St. The store for reliable watch and jewelry repairs.

### DEATH OF DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

Officers Say They Can Take It Whenever Word is Given



London, March 14.—The death of the Duchess of Connaught is announced.

### VICTORIOUS BRITISH NOW ABOVE BAPAUME

Officers Say They Can Take It Whenever Word is Given

British Headquarters in France, March 13.—The London March 14. (From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The ridge overlooking Bapaume from the northwest, which had been looked upon by the British as a sort of promised land ever since the Battle of the Somme began last July, passed into the hands of Field-Marshal Haig's troops to-day. For the first time since the great struggle on this front opened the British have the advantage of the highest ground and now can look down on the famous German stronghold and a wide extent of the country.

When Word is Given.  
British officers believe that they are now in a position to take Bapaume whenever the word is given.

Grevillers was captured last night and the new British lines stretch along the ridge which runs northwest from that point to the outskirts of Achiet-Petit, a point still strongly held by the Germans. In this latest forward movement the British have taken possession of the noted Loupart Wood, consisting of great clumps of trees situated on the shoulder of the high ridge and overlooking the entire Somme battlefield. This wood has masked a great number of batteries, and from it hostile shells have rained upon the British for eight months. Its capture is the source of the highest satisfaction to the British staff, as it was one of the most formidable artillery posts the Germans had established in the western theatre.

The country about Loupart Wood and beyond is in good shape.

Real Facts.  
As a matter of fact, Grevillers was the first touch of real civilization the Tommies said they had in many moons.

"Why," said one stalwart Australian to-day, "do you know there are regular houses in Grevillers with real roofs on them?"

What this means to men who have fought so long in the sloughs of mud of the Somme valley can only be grasped by those who have lived among the hideous scenes of destruction. The Germans have always hitherto had the advantage of the high ground and the villages, possession of which has been so bitterly contested, have been nothing but pulverized ruins which offered no shelter for soldiers. Where fires are not burning the country back of the German line looks green and wonderfully inviting.

Terrific Bombardment.  
The German positions on the Loupart line had been completely reduced by the British guns on Sunday morning and that afternoon heavy artillery commenced its work of destruction. Thirty hours of the terrific bombardment was all that the defenders could withstand. One prisoner said he was the only survivor of a squad of ten who were in a dugout which was blown to bits by a British shell.

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

### RUSSIANS NIPPED NEW GERMAN PLOT

Schemers' Plan Was to Destroy Stores and Buildings in Finland

London, March 14.—The Morning Post's correspondent at Stockholm gives details of a German plot which aimed at destroying large stores of Russian war materials which are supposed to be on the Sjobotten-Ravennem route, and also at destroying bridges, buildings and other works of construction along the primitive road.

The leader on the spot, the correspondent says, "was the Swedish Baron Otto von Rosen, who appeared with an engineer and at least two other persons in Vittangi, in North Sweden.

The plan was to enter Finland via the villages of Karesuando, which lies in Swedish territory. The Rosen expedition proclaimed its aims as exclusively scientific, but from the first it was watched by the police and was stopped at the frontier river when about to cross. Its stock of 400 pounds of 'preserved meat' was examined and found to be 400 pounds of dynamite. One of its suspicious actions was sending up rockets close to the frontier. This action may be taken in connection with the statement of the local journal, Nordsternflamma, that the conspirators operated with a Finnish mobman who already several times had been in trouble with the Russian Government. All the members of the expedition were heavily armed but made no resistance. They explained that the rocket signals were only to amuse the natives. Rosen and his friends were in possession of large sums of money.

"A telegram from Rome states that 'a Swedish baron' has been put under arrest there, and it is assumed that this is the expedition's leader."

### WANT FARM HELP FROM THE STATES

Bennett Has Plan for Dominion and Prairie Provincial Governments

Ottawa, March 14.—That farming is a highly skilled occupation and that any attempt to supply the present shortage of labor in the west by unskilled city men would be apt to disappoint is the opinion expressed by R. B. Bennett, Director-General of National Service.

Mr. Bennett has just returned from an extended trip in the western provinces, where he looked into the important question of the labor supply for the farms.

An arrangement was completed by Mr. Bennett with the provincial governments of the prairie section whereby from \$150,000 to \$200,000 will be appropriated jointly by the Dominion Government and the provinces in order to make a whirlwind campaign for skilled farm labor in the western part of the United States in an attempt to get 12,500 men to come to the prairie provinces of Canada this year.

### PROTEST FROM HOLLAND

Washington, March 14.—Holland has protested to Great Britain against detention in British ports of more than a dozen steamships loaded with foodstuffs and supplies for the Dutch Government. The ships are under government charter and some of them are said to have been detained six weeks or more.

### TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 14.—Wheat closed 5c lower for May, 4c. down for July and 1c. lower for October. Oats dropped 1c. Barley was 1c. higher. Flax was down 2c. to 1c. The weak American markets on the threatened strike kept Winnipeg sagging to-day. The break was a big one, the day pronounced selling by the local crowd. A fair amount of buying by the local millers made Winnipeg stubborn in responding in the morning, but when that meagre support was taken away, the professional crowd liquidated, with light offerings, though Eastern men declare that demand is falling off. The spreads were unchanged, with nothing worked for the opening. Oats also was in good demand, but the feature of the market was the light offerings.

### NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

March 14. (By Wire & Co.)  
Open. High. Low. Close.  
March 18.92 18.92 17.75 17.75  
May 18.90 18.90 17.55 17.55  
July 17.75 17.75 17.40 17.40  
Oct. 16.32 16.32 16.75 16.75  
Dec. 17.00 17.00 16.50 16.50

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### FINANCIAL NEWS

#### MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.)  
Montreal, March 14.—Dullness prevailed throughout both sessions of the local market and price movements were erratic. Detroit United, Textile and Penmans common were strong features, while Steel of Canada met some liquidation and lost a fraction. The demand for Dominion Iron continues good.

Steel of Canada Company directors meet at Hamilton to-morrow. A good statement is expected and there was some talk again to-day of dividend action.

Subscriptions to the new war loan are coming in well, especially in smaller contributions. Exchange on New York is somewhat easier and some further improvement is looked for as the subscriptions to the loan come in from the American market.

High. Low. Last	
Ames Holden	147 1/2
Hell Telephone	117 1/2
Illustrious Traction	43 1/2
C. P. R.	152 1/2
Can. Cement com.	62 1/2
Do. pref.	92 1/2
Can. Car. Pdy. com.	29 1/2
Do. pref.	71 1/2
Can. S. S.	29 1/2
Do. pref.	55 1/2
Can. Locomotive	65 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	119 1/2
Clyde Ir. & Ind.	81 1/2
Laurentide Co.	211 1/2
Detroit United	115 1/2
Dom. Bridge	129 1/2
Dom. I. & S.	67 1/2
Dom. Textile	85 1/2
Lake of Woods Milling	126 1/2
Maple Leaf Milling	110 1/2
Montreal Tram	59 1/2
Montreal Cotton	65 1/2
MacDonald Co.	15 1/2
MacKay Co.	87 1/2
N. S. Steel	105 1/2
Ogilvie Mfg. Co.	102 1/2
Penmans, Ltd.	70 1/2
Quebec Railway	24 1/2
Ilfordan Paper	120 1/2
Shawinigan	117 1/2
Spanish River	11 1/2
Do. pref.	55 1/2
Steel of Can.	67 1/2
Do. pref.	95 1/2
Toronto Railway	91 1/2
Winnipeg Pulp	80 1/2
Weyburn Pulp	118 1/2
Union Bank	138 1/2
Brompton	55 1/2
D. U. Rights	3 1/2

#### NEW YORK MARKET

QUIET; TRADING LIGHT

Rails Awaiting Outcome of Tomorrow's Meeting Between Managers and Brotherhoods

(By Wise & Co.)  
New York, March 14.—The stock market to-day was even quieter than yesterday, the volume of sales recorded being smaller. The market acted with small fluctuations in prices, United States Steel trading within a point. The only issue to show any activity and strength were Industrial Alcohol, which advanced 1/4 over its low. The copper held firm. The rails were quiet, awaiting the outcome of to-morrow's meeting between the managers and brotherhoods.

High. Low. Close	
Denver, pref.	231 1/2
Allis-Chalmers	304 1/2
Do. pref.	352 1/2
Amn. Agr. Chemical	93 1/2
Amn. Beet Sugar	91 1/2
Amn. Can. S. S.	29 1/2
Amn. Car. & Foundry	67 1/2
Amn. Locomotive	70 1/2
Amn. Smelting	101 1/2
Amn. Sugar	113 1/2
Amn. Woolen	30 1/2
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	122 1/2
Anacosta	84 1/2
Aetehon	102 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	100 1/2
B. & O.	78 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	57 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	149 1/2
B. I. T.	68 1/2
Butte Sup.	47 1/2
Cal. Petroleum	102 1/2
Central Leather	91 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	84 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	47 1/2
Con. Gas	120 1/2
Crescent Steel	67 1/2
Distillers Sec.	29 1/2
Erie	26 1/2
Gen. Motors	121 1/2
Goodrich	56 1/2
Granby	86 1/2
N. O. Ore. effs.	23 1/2
Illinois Cent.	101 1/2
Ind. Alcohol	125 1/2
Inspiration	61 1/2
Int. Nickel	42 1/2
Kas. City Southern	24 1/2
China	67 1/2
Lehigh Valley	64 1/2
Maxwell Motor	56 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	87 1/2
Mor. Mercantile	72 1/2
Do. pref.	76 1/2
Miami	41 1/2
Nevada Cons. Min.	24 1/2
New Haven	43 1/2
N. Y. C.	94 1/2
N. P.	102 1/2
Pennsylvania	54 1/2
Prosser Steel	79 1/2
Ray, Corning	29 1/2
Reading	94 1/2
Rep. Iron & Steel	29 1/2
Sloss Sheffield	64 1/2
S. P.	57 1/2
Son. Railway	79 1/2
Do. pref.	111 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	102 1/2
Tenn. Copper	104 1/2
U. P.	136 1/2
U. S. Rubber	39 1/2
U. S. Steel	111 1/2
Do. pref.	112 1/2
Utah Copper	111 1/2
Va. Car. Chemical	42 1/2
Western Union	87 1/2
Westinghouse	52 1/2
Wisconsin Central	48 1/2
Wabash, pref. A	48 1/2
Wily's Overland	35 1/2
Total sales, 385,000 shares.	

#### CHICAGO DEPRESSED BY POSSIBILITY OF STRIKE

(By Wise & Co.)

Chicago, March 14.—The wheat market, except at the opening, was weak and again may wheat continued an erratic decline on the possibility of a railroad strike, selling off seven points from 18 1/2, its high for the day. Corn and oats also sold off, being affected by the same condition as the wheat market.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May	181	182 1/2	179 1/2	177 1/2
July	164	165 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2
Sept.	144	144 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2
Oct.	124	124 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Nov.	104	104 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Dec.	84	84 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Jan.	64	64 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Feb.	44	44 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Mar.	24	24 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Apr.	4	4 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2

#### VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

Blackbird Syndicate	12.00	11.75
Canada Copper Co.	1.50	1.50
Can. Cons. S. & R.	4.00	4.00
Coronation Gold	..	..
Granby	..	..
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	..	..
Lucky Jim Zinc	..	..
McGillivray Coal	..	..
Portland Tunnels	..	..
Portland Canal	..	..
Standard Lead	..	..
Snowdrift	..	..
Stewart M. & D.	..	..
Slocan Star	..	..
Stewart Land	..	..

LOSS TO HIS COLONEL AND THE BATTALION

Lieut. Howard Grestock Died Leading a Raiding Party Against German Trenches

Lieut. Col. H. LeSperling, commanding the 73rd Battalion of the Royal Highlanders of Canada, has written to the brother of the late Lieut. Howard Grestock describing the precise details of the manner in which he met his death on the 4th of February last.

Trusted by his commanding officer implicitly and to be thoroughly relied upon at all times Colonel LeSperling describes his loss as a heavy one for the battalion and a personal loss to him.

"It is only a very few weeks since he personally in a most daring manner did a great deal in beating off a bombing attack of the enemy on one of our posts. The night following that occurrence he again showed his keenness by going out into "No Man's Land" and bringing in the body of one of the Germans whom he had killed the night before, the body being badly wanted in order to identify the German unit opposed to us."

The dead officer was well-known to Victorians, and it was at the commencement of hostilities that he made his way from Dawson to Ottawa, where he joined the forces as a private.

He is a veteran of the Boer War and for the eleven years preceding his joining for active service he was resident in Canada.

Passing through all the severe engagements in which the first contingent took part, Lieut. Grestock came out unscathed after Givenchy, the crater fights at St. Eloi, and later on the Somme, his good fortune continuing until the 4th of last month the details of which are given above.

GET COMMISSIONS

Two Well-Known Victorians Now Gasetted to the Royal Field Artillery.

News was received in the city yesterday to the effect that G. W. Ashdown

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LANC-CPL. BATEMAN WOUNDED IN SHOULDER

Served in Imperial Navy; B. C.'s Submarines and Latterly With 47th Battalion

Mrs. Whittall, of 2280 Thistle Street, has received a letter from Captain (Miss) Isabel M. Arnott, Commissioner of Field Comforts in connection with the Canadian Red Cross, which relates the fact that Lance-Corporal H. Bateman is a patient in Ward 19 at Fort Pitt Military Hospital, Chatham, Kent.

Before coming to British Columbia four years ago Bateman was an able seaman on one of His Majesty's battleships, but an attack of appendicitis and subsequently an operation, left him in such a weak state of health that it was necessary for him to be invalided out of the service, much to the young man's disgust, for he considered the sea to be his home.

When war broke out, with the presence of ships of war almost within a stone's throw from home, he immediately joined the Shearwater and was afterwards detailed for service on the British Columbia submarines.

It was too slow for young Bateman, patrolling the Pacific Coast, with little prospect of action. It was the determining factor in changing his view of the junior service for he left the rolling main and joined the 8th Overseas Battalion and went to England with that unit, afterwards transferring to the 47th, with whom he has been at the front for some time and until wounded in the right shoulder last month.

Miss Arnott's letter states that so far the doctor has been unable to take out the shrapnel and this has been more or less irritated by a cough and cold on the chest. She states, however, that he hopes to be able to recover the fragments of shell, when rapid recovery can be looked for and the patient in a position to write to his friends himself.

Six Months for Stealing.—For stealing a nickel watch and the sum of \$31, by force, the sentence of six months imprisonment was meted out to a man named Hall by His Honor Judge Lanman in the County Court this morning. The complainant, the Low Tung Fong, told the Court that he went to the Empire rooms, and there he was robbed by a "kitty man" and another.

SAFE AND SOUND

Captain Duff Stuart is Undergoing Training at the Flying School at Hythe.

That Captain J. Duff Stuart is very much in the land of the living is a source of keen relief to the D. O. C. who has spent a most trying week-end with cables going back and forth to the Old Country to discover definite information concerning the fate of his son, who was officially posted as missing in a telegram received by Colonel Duff Stuart in Vancouver on Saturday morning last.

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MILITARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Certificates Granted, Appointments Authorized and Transfers Made of B. C. Men. District Orders issued from Works Point yesterday contain the following announcements relating to men of the various British Columbia units: Certificates are granted: For the rank of sergeant, Pte. A. J. Bruce, Overseas Draft 11th Regiment; Pte. G. J. Christie, Overseas Draft, 11th Regiment; Sergt. M. Roche, Overseas Draft, 11th Regiment; Pte. F. T. Bell, Overseas Draft, 11th Regiment. Appointments, etc.—The following appointments are hereby authorized: A. M. C. Training Depot, No. 11—To be Lieutenant, Lieut. William Howard Miller A. M. C. Forestry Unit, C. E. F., Victoria, B. C.—To be Lieutenant, Lieut. Charles Stuart Baxter (8th Regiment). Transfers—The following transfers are hereby authorized: Pte. A. J. Dewar, Yukon Infantry Company, C. E. F., to 50th Regiment, C. E. F.; Draft; Pte. John Hawke, from "J" Unit, M. I. C. C., to A. S. C. Reinforcements, C. T. F. Attached—The undermentioned N. C. O.'s are hereby attached to No. 6 Squadron, R. C. R., for rationing only, with effect from March 1, 1917: Sergt. W. Worwick, instructional cadre; Sergt. J. Little, instructional cadre.

BOYS HAVE GOOD TIME BEHIND THE TRENCHES

Private Bert Gravlin Writes Cheerfully After Two Years at the Front

Writing to friends in the city recently Private Bert Gravlin, of Oak Bay, who went overseas with one of the early drafts at the beginning of the war, gives some very interesting details of how the Tommy spends his leisure time behind the firing line. His letter in part reads as follows: "It is just two years to-day since we landed in France and there are very few of the old boys left now, but those who are still in the land of the living are going as strong as ever."

"The general opinion among the boys out here is that this year will see the end of the war, for the Germans are kept gubbing on this front. Night and day without cessation our artillery pounds away at his trenches, giving him no respite. "When the boys come out of the trenches for a rest they certainly have a good time. Outside of the usual parades the major part of the time is spent in playing football and baseball, while in the evening there is generally a concert or something of the sort arranged by the Y. M. C. A., who seem to possess the faculty of knowing just what a tired Tommy needs to cheer him up, for the shows are uncommonly good."

"I went over to Ireland about a month ago on leave and took a trip to Dublin to see for myself the amount of damage done during the trouble last year. The Sinn Feiners made things pretty uncomfortable for a time. The post office and many of the business buildings are nothing but a mass of ruins, while Liberty Hall has the appearance of having been struck by a cyclone. I have met quite a few of the Oak Bay boys, and Victoria is certainly well represented out here."

Private Gravlin is now with the Canadian Scottish at the front.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT CLEARS AWAY BARRIER

Civic Tax Delinquency Committee Will Be Summoned Again Soon

Mayor Todd intends to call a meeting of the tax delinquency committee, after consultation with the chairman, Alderman Andros, at an early date, in order to deal with the situation as disclosed by the annual civic balance sheet. During the recent discussions it was submitted, and successfully contended that the members were moving in the dark in talking about tax delinquency without the financial statement of 1916 before them. The figures, as disclosed in the statement published yesterday, show in comparison with 1915 as follows: Aggregate, general, 1915, \$1,065,072; 1916, \$1,431,909. Aggregate, local improvement, 1915, \$622,000; 1916, \$901,600.

With the balance sheet, and schedules before them, the members of the general committee are in a position to go ahead. Just how the City's application to the Board of Railway Commissioners with regard to the claim for highway rights on the existing Johnson Street bridge will be affected by the application for the approval of a swing bridge to replace the old one is a subject for speculation at the City Hall, following the statement published yesterday of the company's intentions.

If the Commissioners hold that the City has no rights, then a new site would have to be found for the joint Government and City bridge, since the swing would occupy the area planned for the new bridge, if on the other hand the City has highway rights, the situation will be that the company is heir to the stipulations imposed in the order-in-council of August 1887 under which the bridge was built. Mayor Todd was reluctant to discuss the subject this morning, beyond stating that the position has greatly changed since last spring. He says now the Government and City are acting harmoniously in the matter, and he is satisfied will move in common when the time is ripe, judging by the way in which the Minister of Railways has met the City in recent negotiations about the Reserve.

CANADIAN CLUB TO ENTERTAIN MEMBERS

Hon. G. P. Graham, M. P., and E. M. Macdonald, M. P., Will Address Club on Monday

On Monday afternoon the Canadian Club of Victoria will entertain at luncheon Hon. George P. Graham, M. P., formerly Minister of Railways in the Laurier Government, and E. M. Macdonald, K. C., M. P., of Pictou, N. S., who will be in the city. They are expected to arrive later this week, having stayed off at Regina on the westbound journey.

Mr. Graham is one of the ablest speakers in the Canadian House of Commons, and as a debater has few equals. Quick, alert, good-humored, he has been well-known for his platform oratory for many years, both in Ontario, and later in federal politics. His subject on Monday will be "Ourselves."

Mr. Macdonald is one of the best known politicians of Nova Scotia, and like Mr. Graham became famous in the legislature of his native province before moving to Ottawa. In the national arena he has also been equally conspicuous, and was frequently mentioned as a probable cabinet minister under the late administration.

SUCCESS OF A NEW REMEDY FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEYS, RHEUMATISM.

Dear Mr. Editor—I suffered for years with backache. Last March I tried "Anurie" and have used this new kidney medicine recently discovered by Dr. Pierce, and it was wonderful the way it eased the pain and gave me relief in such a short time. I have tried several medicines, but "Anurie" is the only one that gave satisfaction. I feel it my duty to recommend "Anurie Tablets" to any one who suffers as I did. (Signed) MRS. MARGARET E. SHIBER.

NOTE: Folks in town and adjoining counties are delighted with the results they have obtained by using "ANURIC," the newest discovery of Dr. Pierce, who is head of the INVALIDS' HOTEL and SURGICAL INSTITUTE, in Buffalo, N. Y. Those who started the day with a backache, stiff legs, arms and muscles, and an aching head (worn out before the day began because they were in and out of bed half a dozen times at night) and appreciating the perfect rest, comfort and new strength they obtained from Dr. Pierce's Anurie Tablets. To prove that this is a certain uric acid solvent and conquers headache, kidney and bladder diseases and rheumatism, if you've never used the "Anurie" cut this out and send ten cents to Doctor Pierce for a large sample package. This will prove to you that "Anurie" is thirty-seven times more active than lithic in eliminating uric acid—and the most perfect kidney and bladder corrector. If you are a sufferer, go to your best druggist and ask for a 50-cent box of "Anurie." You run no risk for Dr. Pierce's good name stands behind this wonderful new discovery as it has for the past half century for his "Golden Medical Discovery," a general tonic made from roots with pure glycerine which makes the blood pure, his "Favorite Prescription" for weak women and "Pleasant Pellets" for liver ill.



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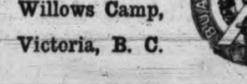
STRAWBERRY PICKERS.

To the Editor:—Our Island strawberry farmers appear to be greatly alarmed at the prospect of a lack of labor for picking and the fact that they will have to pay high wages for what they do procure. The remedy is simple. Among our five thousand school children it should be a simple matter to find, if necessary, five hundred well-fitted and only too pleased to do the work. Besides saving the crop of this growing production they will earn useful money, which will not be sent away to China, and they will all enjoy the open work in the country. The matter of leave from school could be easily arranged, while perhaps the city school board could solve the matter by closing the schools and ressembling the pupils two weeks earlier after the summer vacation. The pickers could use the trams or V. & S. Railway for the farms adjacent to the city, while accommodation could easily be arranged for those further away.

THEATRE CONDEMNED

Old Victoria Theatre Appears to Have Ended Days of Usefulness for Public. It does not appear there will be further meetings at the old Victoria theatre, at any rate in its present form, since the Fire Chief has condemned the building, after consultation with the Building Inspector, Underwriters' representatives and others interested in fire prevention. The reason given is the absence of a sprinkler system and asbestos curtain on the stage, unsatisfactory heating and wiring installations. The proprietors would be put to considerable expense in effecting the alterations, and they have no intention, it is stated, to make the changes called for in the by-law for a place of public entertainment.

Stationed at Willows Camp, Victoria, B. C.



The 50th Regiment (Gordon) Highlanders of Canada

More men are urgently required by this well-known Vancouver Island Regiment to reinforce the Canadian Scottish Battalion at the front. Men must be physically sound and between the ages of 18 and 40.

PAY Single Men—\$1.10 per day, and all clothing and living expenses found. Married Men—Wife receives each month cash direct from Government, as follows: Half husband's pay, say \$17.00 Separation allowance 20.00 \$37.00

If necessary this amount will be supplemented from the Canadian Patriotic Fund with sufficient to comfortably maintain your family. Those living in country places wishing to join should communicate with the Recruiting Officer, 50th Regt. Highlanders of Canada, Willows Camp, Victoria, B. C. Transportation will be arranged to Victoria for suitable persons. Should applicants from a distance be found medically unfit they will be boarded while in Victoria, and returned to their homes free of charge. They will also be provided with a medical certificate stating why they have been refused. Join up NOW while you can do so with the honor which attaches to the Volunteer.

Canadian Red Cross H.M.S. "AVOCA" CONCERT PARTY at PRINCESS THEATRE Thursday, March 15, 8.15 Tickets 50c and 25c For Sale at TERRY'S, MITCHELL & DUNCAN, LTD., TIMES, COLONIST, W. H. WILKERSON

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

FUEL FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS. SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, 23rd day of March, 1917, for supplying and delivering coal required at the Provincial Government Buildings, as enumerated hereunder, during the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1918, to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be directed during the period above stated. The approximate annual consumption of coal at each of the buildings named is as follows: Best washed nut coal—Parliament Buildings, Victoria, 1,000 tons Best lump coal—Parliament Buildings, Victoria, 100 tons Government House, Victoria, 110 " Court-house, Victoria, 60 " Provincial Normal School, Victoria, 200 " The above-mentioned quantities are not guaranteed; the quantity actually required may be under or above the figures stated. Tenders to be based on ton of 2,240 lb. Each delivery must be accompanied by an official weighmaster's certificate. Weighing charges borne by Department. Tenders shall be accompanied by a cheque in the sum of \$100, on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines or neglects to enter into the contract when called upon to do so. The cheques of unsuccessful tenders will be returned upon the execution of the contract. The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. Tenders must be signed by the actual signatures of the tenderers. J. E. GRIFFITH, Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer, Department of Public Works, Victoria, B. C., 8th March, 1917.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DESKS.

SEALED TENDERS, superintended by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon of Monday, 26th day of March, 1917, for supplying the following desks: Single Desks. Size No. 2 225 Size No. 3 225 Size No. 5 250 Single Benches. Size No. 2 100 Size No. 3 50 Size No. 5 50 The desks are to be quoted at a price per desk. The names of the desk and maker to be mentioned in tenders. Delivery at Victoria or Vancouver on or before 31st day of July next. The successful tenderer will, free of any additional charges, store the desks and pack or crate ready for shipment to places to be hereafter designated from time to time to the order of the Department. No tender will be entertained unless accompanied by an acceptable cheque on a chartered bank of Canada, payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, or by cash, in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200), which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the contract. Cheques of unsuccessful tenders will be returned upon signing of contract. The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. J. E. GRIFFITH, Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer, Department of Public Works, Victoria, B. C., 8th March, 1917.

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WON'T YOU HELP US Save the starving and distressed old women, old men, children and babies in Russian Poland by sending a contribution to the Victoria Branch, Russian Polish Relief Society? Their need is very urgent. Headquarters, Fred Landberg, 641 Fort St., and I. Wasstock, 1211 Broad St.

Sheriff's Sale Lucky Jim Zino Mines, Limited, Shares Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and to me directed, against the goods and chattels of G. Weaver Loper, I have seized 11,894 shares in the Lucky Jim Zino Mines, Limited, standing in the name of G. Weaver Loper, in the books of the said Company. I have also seized 39,955 shares in the Lucky Jim Zinc Mines, Limited, standing in the name of G. Weaver Loper, in the books of the said Company. The above shares are of a par value of \$1.00 each, and are fully paid up. I will offer the same for sale at public auction, at my office, Law Courts, Bastion Street, Victoria, on Friday, the 23rd day of March, 1917, at 10.30 a.m. Terms of sale, cash. F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 10th, 1917.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT Notice is hereby given that every shop within the Municipal District of Saanich shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon after February 1, 1917. By order, F. N. BORDEN, Reeve.

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4-lb. sacks ..... **25c**

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Extra value, 4 lbs. for ..... **25c**

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FRUIT, 6 for ..... **25c**

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China and several good pieces of  
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### TRAPPER BRINGS TWO

## SILVER FOX PELTS

### Light on Romantic Industry Thrown by Visiting Prospector and Hunter

In the byways of the Dominion, far  
from civilization, men still earn their  
living from the direct bounty of nature,  
and although the hunter-trapper age  
has passed its zenith, still out of the  
wilds there come to the cities men who  
gain their livelihood from trapping the  
wild fur-bearing animals.  
In the city yesterday at the Dom-  
inion Hotel was J. A. Pringle, of  
Haines, Alaska, who brought down  
with him the pelts of two silver foxes  
trapped in his hunting field just within  
the Yukon territory, although he is  
nearer to an Alaskan centre than to  
the scattered towns of the Canadian  
side.

"The foxes have been driven back to  
the hills," he told the Times, "by the  
lynx. The wild cats have eaten up the  
small game, ptarmigan, rabbits, etc.,  
and thus the foxes have been deprived  
of their natural prey. In the twenty-five  
square miles through which we  
hunt I should say that a thousand  
pelts have been taken, averaging \$13  
each, so that represents a considerable  
income alone. The foxes are few in  
consequence, while the coyotes are  
many, and increasing in numbers.  
Never have there been so many or so  
fat, the native mole being a tasty  
morsel for them, and it is assumed  
they have moved from the prairies by  
way of the Mackenzie River, and down  
by the passes into the Yukon. The  
lynx also is fat, weighing heavier than  
in any previous winter, its fat com-  
bined with lye making excellent soap.  
Most of the lynxes caught have been  
females, "cats" as they are called.

"I have about thirty miles of coun-  
try covered by traps, with cabins at  
various points for the purpose of  
roughly preparing the pelts, and using  
a dog train for transportation to examine  
the traps from time to time. It is  
necessary to cut a number of trails in  
the summer time in order that opera-  
tions may not be impeded in the  
trapping season.

"Since the remarkable development  
in fox farming took place in Prince Ed-  
ward Island, several parties are rais-  
ing them in captivity in the Yukon,  
but it has hitherto only been in a pre-  
liminary stage. However, when the  
strains are improved, there is no  
doubt the industry will see rapid devel-  
opment. The waste of trapping wild  
animals is largely eliminated when the  
fur-bearers are domesticated. In our  
district all kinds of valuable fur-  
bearing animals exist, and it is as yet  
an ideal trapping country."

Mr. Pringle spoke of the great sal-  
mon possibilities of the Alsek River,  
which flows into the Pacific in his  
neighborhood, and said that the usual  
time bears are seen is when they come  
down to the banks to fish.  
In the summer time Mr. Pringle oc-  
cupies himself in prospecting, like  
many other woodmen in that part of  
the world.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager  
Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

## MAYOR REQUESTS SOCIETIES TO JOIN

Participation in Vacant Lot  
Movement is Subject of Circu-  
lar Letter Issued To-day

Within a short time of the announce-  
ment in yesterday's Times that the  
Government had placed a part of the  
arable portion of the Old Reserve at  
the disposal of the city for cultivation,  
an acre of land had been applied for,  
and allocated.

The demand throughout the city con-  
tinues to be satisfactory, and while two  
ploughs are at work, one in the north-  
ern end of the city, the other in the  
James Bay district, it will be some  
time before the majority of lots have  
been prepared for seeding. Applicants  
must not therefore be impatient if  
their lots are still untouched. How-  
ever, there is plenty of opportunity for  
the seeding operations, since potatoes  
do not need like some other vegetables  
to be in so early.

While some of the largest allotments  
are being cultivated by private ar-  
rangement, the city has received appli-  
cations for ploughing for at least two  
large areas, the meadow at the junction  
of Douglas Street and Garbally  
Road, and a large area of the Armadale  
estate, James Bay.

To-day Mayor Todd is issuing the  
following letter to over 30 of the lead-  
ing social, philanthropic, and sport  
clubs of Victoria, outlining what has  
been done, and recommending that the  
members should do their utmost to  
stimulate production:

**FOOD SHORTAGE.**  
"At the last meeting of the Vacant  
Lots Cultivation Committee I was in-  
structed to write to every organization  
in the city of Victoria concerning the  
seriousness of the world-wide food  
shortage and the necessity of the citi-  
zens of Victoria making greater ef-  
forts to render productive the vacant  
lots, back-yards, and other areas of  
cultivable land in and adjacent to  
the city.

**Situation Serious.**  
"The situation undoubtedly is a very  
serious one. The most prominent men  
in the British Empire, from Lloyd  
George down, in their public utterances  
in the past few months (and the same  
applies to the remarks of the foremost  
reliable Canadian authorities) have  
stated in the most positive manner  
possible, that the chief duty of those  
who are not actually at the front, is  
increasing the production of food and  
farm products. Most emphatic warn-  
ings have been sent out, that, irrespec-  
tive of the continuation or otherwise  
of the war, the situation twelve months  
from now may be, and almost certainly  
will be, a terribly serious one. The  
authorities of both Great Britain and  
Canada address their appeal, for in-  
creased production of foodstuffs, not  
only to farmers but also to those citi-  
zens dwelling in the cities, and point  
out that areas capable of profitable and  
easy cultivation and aggregating an  
enormous area are available in the  
back-yards and vacant lots of the  
cities.

**Possibilities.**  
"As far as our situation locally is  
concerned it is a fact that to-day  
Canadian railway systems were re-  
duced in their efficiency by 50%, and  
if shipping upon the Pacific was dis-  
continued, there would be a serious  
shortage of food in Victoria and  
throughout British Columbia, and  
many people going hungry, whom the  
authorities would be unable to feed. Such  
a situation may easily exist next  
winter.

"Under these conditions every man,  
woman and child should take some  
part towards increasing the areas un-  
der cultivation in the city of Victoria.  
What is Accomplished.  
"With a view to assisting, the City  
Council is doing the following:  
"1. Supplying seed potatoes at cost.  
"2. Ploughing and harrowing vacant  
lots for \$2.25 per lot;  
"3. Appointing a vacant lot cultiva-  
tion committee, of which J. B. Tighe,  
City Hall, is Secretary.  
"4. Amongst Secretary Tighe's other  
duties he will assist parties desiring  
lots to secure same;  
"5. City will make water connections to  
vacant lots at half the usual charge;  
"6. For prompt payment of vacant  
lot water bill extra discount of 50%  
will be allowed off the ordinary net  
amount of the bill;  
"7. Vacant land, cultivated by a  
householder occupying adjoining resi-  
dential property, may be leased by a  
"lease over the fence," or similar method  
from the adjoining residential property,  
and during each of the five summer  
months of 1917 an extra discount of  
50% will be allowed from any charges  
in excess of 1916.  
"8. Manure will be supplied free to  
vacant lots in rotation with other or-  
ders received, as long as the supply  
lasts.  
"9. The committee has a large num-  
ber of pamphlets upon potato and  
vegetable culture for free distribution,  
and upon request will also give verbal  
advice and make suggestions as to suit-  
ability of soils, variety of crops, culti-  
vation, etc.  
"10. It is the intention to more  
strictly enforce the Pound by-laws and  
also the laws having to do with ten-  
ements, so that those cultivating un-  
tenanted vacant lots can do so with more  
security than in the past.  
"11. For those desiring to enter into  
contests a series of prizes will be  
awarded, the rules and details of which  
will be announced later.

**Patriotic Service.**  
"The man engaged cultivating a va-  
cant lot of back-yard is not only per-  
forming a patriotic and real service to  
the Empire, but, in addition, is assist-  
ing to safeguard his family and himself

against the threatened serious short-  
age in food supplies next winter.  
"Your organization is requested to  
do all possible to stimulate an interest  
in this matter amongst your members,  
and to pass a resolution of endorsement.  
"It is also requested that you will ap-  
point two or more of your members to  
act upon the Vacant Lots Cultivation  
Committee, and that you will inform me  
of their names at an early date."

## VISITING PRESSMEN FINISH THEIR LABORS

V. & I. D. A. Entertain Mem-  
bers of Fourth Estate to  
Smoker and Lecture

To round off the important business  
of their arduous sessions as pleasantly  
as possible the members of the British  
Columbia Division of the Canadian  
Press Association were tendered the  
hospitality of the Victoria and Island  
Development Association at the Pacific  
Club last night. The evening took the  
form of an informal "smoker," an il-  
lustrated lecture by Commissioner  
Cuthbert, vocal selections and the part-  
aking of the creature comforts.

In extending to the members of the  
Fourth Estate a welcome on behalf of  
the "Development" Association, Mr.  
Cuthbert was keen to enlist the sym-  
pathy of the press in proclaiming far  
and wide the value of the tourist to  
any community; but it was useless, he  
said, to believe that the traveling pub-  
lic would visit British Columbia merely  
on the wish of British Columbians. It  
was necessary first of all thoroughly to  
appreciate his value and secondly to  
show him what wares he had for sale.

**Affects Rate of Exchange.**  
No less an authority than Sir George  
Paish, formerly editor of the London  
Statist and a genius of finance, had de-  
clared that the falling off of the tourist  
traffic to Great Britain during the war  
had been a formidable factor in affect-  
ing the rate of exchange, since some-  
where in the region of \$200,000,000  
annual income, had been derived in the  
Mother Land from the individual  
classed as the tourist. That, in his  
opinion, was indeed a case of almost  
national recognition, possibly for the  
first time, of the immense value of the  
tourist.

Mr. Cuthbert explained to the visit-  
ing pressmen that it was with this  
theory firmly fixed that the new or-  
ganization, the Pacific North West  
Tourist Association, would commence  
its activities. And the lecturer told his  
audience of the grants already sanc-  
tioned by the States of Oregon and  
Washington and their contingency up-  
on the appropriation of \$22,500 by the  
Province of British Columbia. He also  
invited the visitors to ask the various  
boards of trade throughout the interior  
to avail themselves of the opportunity  
of sending slides to him in order that  
his lecture extolling the scenic beauties  
of British Columbia should not be con-  
fined to the coast regions.

**Mayor Todd Speaks.**  
Mayor Todd could plainly see where  
the Press of the Province might play  
an important role in urging upon the  
people as a whole that one of the para-  
mount necessities to assist in the de-  
livery of the Province from its state of  
financial poverty was the development  
of its natural resources. While he be-  
lieved also that the country from the  
Pacific to the Alberta boundary, as far  
as its exploitation in the interests of  
tourist travel was concerned, had  
scarcely arrived at the "scratching"  
stage. He could not be convinced that  
the beauties of British Columbia were  
not as good or better than the highly  
advertised localities over the border.  
It was the tourist who became the in-  
vestor and investments meant business.  
Here was the asset in the tourist.

Messrs. Sutherland, (Globe) Daily  
News), W. A. Myers (Terrace Dis-  
patch), and F. E. Simpson (Kamloops  
Standard-Sentinel), were at one in the  
idea, that the press could wield its  
power in no uncertain manner both for  
the development of the natural re-  
sources and the stimulation of tourist  
travel through the Province, a combi-  
nation of which would be a potent fac-  
tor for increased revenue.

## POSTAL DELIVERY

Letter-Carrier Districts Are Defined  
With Rate Required to Each.

Owing to the fact that a number of  
citizens have expressed themselves as  
being in doubt as to the limits of the  
delivery by the Victoria letter carriers  
the following by Postmaster H. F.  
Bishop is here republished:  
The following districts constitute  
the letter carrier delivery area of Vic-  
toria, to which the one-cent drop rate  
plus war tax applies:  
All points within the city limits;  
All of the municipality of Oak Bay,  
including the Uplands;  
Richmond Road in Saanich up to the  
car terminus, including the University  
School and the Normal School;  
That portion of Esquimalt municipa-  
lity from the city limits to the navy  
yard and the corner of Lamson Street  
and Tillicum Road, and bounded by  
Lamson Street to Old Esquimalt  
Road, to Drake Avenue and Admirals  
Road to the Convalescent Hospital;  
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Gordon Head, Tillicum and the Rural  
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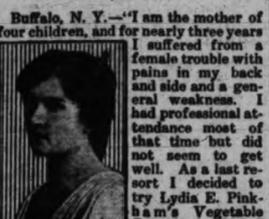
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weakness. I had professional at-  
tendance most of that time but did  
not seem to get well. As a last re-  
sort I decided to try Lydia E. Pink-  
ham's Vegetable Compound which I  
had seen advertised in the newspapers,  
and in two weeks noticed a marked im-  
provement. I continued its use and am  
now free from pain and able to do all  
my household work."—Mrs. B. B. ZIELINSKA,  
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Women who recover their health, natu-  
rally tell others what helped them.  
Some write and allow their names and  
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monials. Many more tell their friends.  
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ham Medicine Co. (confidential) for any-  
thing you need to know about these  
troubles.

## PROHIBITION PEOPLE WANT FAIR PLAY

W. P. Gore, of Vancouver Ar-  
raigns Methods of Liquor  
Interests Re Soldier Vote

"Are we to rule the country or are we  
to be ruled by a moneyed interest which  
has brought about a condition as debase  
as any in the history of the Empire?"  
asked W. P. Gore, one of the prohibition  
movement leaders from Vancouver, who  
spoke last night to an audience of about  
two hundred and fifty people at the First  
Presbyterian Church.

The speaker referred to the soldiers  
vote in England and France on prohibi-  
tion. There was amazing evidence of the  
means which had been used to spoil the  
votes of the interests of the liquor traffic.  
The voting had been taken in an irregular  
way. Evidence was on hand, moreover,  
to the effect that thousands of votes had  
been manufactured with a view to defeat-  
ing the measure. The prohibition party  
had asked the late Government for  
Prohibition bill. The bill which was  
drawn up was gratifying to nearly every  
prohibition worker. A second bill, giving  
the franchise to soldiers overseas had also  
passed. This allowed for an interval of  
three and a half months between the time  
of the commencement of the balloting  
and its close. Here had been given oppor-  
tunity for the operations of the unscrupu-  
lous man with interests at stake to carry  
out a plot to pad the ballot, which would  
give the nasty mark on the best tradi-  
tions of British institutions. And further  
than that there was ground for belief that  
an effort was being made in connection  
with the prohibition referendum to delay  
the counting of the ballots until the  
close of the present Legislature. This would  
make the result of the vote on prohibition  
ineffective for another year.

"Prohibitionists must see to it that  
the present session of the Legislature puts  
this matter right during the present sit-  
ting," said Mr. Gore. The prohibitionists  
were only anxious for fair play. If the  
soldier vote honestly defeated the measure,  
they would abide by the results.

The early part of the evening was taken  
up with a very nice musical programme.  
As the result of the concert the sum of  
\$100 was contributed to the Prohibition  
fund. Among the soloists the audience  
was glad to welcome Mrs. D. E. Camp-  
bell. The opening number was a glee,  
"An Old Romance," the vocalists in this  
charming selection being Mrs. Jesse Long-  
field, Miss Morton and Messrs. Melville  
and Thomas. This quartette contributed  
also the closing number, "Softly Fall the  
Shades of Evening."

The following were the other numbers  
on the programme: "Alice, Where Art  
Thou?" W. H. Vinall; solo, "Love's Val-  
ley" (Sanderson), Mrs. Grant; duet,  
"Maying" (Smith), Miss Morton and Mr.  
Thomas; solo, "When the Stars Were  
Young" (Rubens), Mrs. D. E. Campbell;  
recitation, "Demetrius," G. P. Vaughan;  
solo, "When the Dew Is Falling" (Gibson),  
Miss May Mitchell; solo (a) "Re-  
compense" (W. G. Hammond), Mr. J.  
MacMillan Muir; solo (a) "Autumn Sad-  
ness" (Novin), (b) "Rose Buds" (Novin),  
Miss R. Barker; duet, "Whom the Winds  
Blow in From the Sea" (H. Smart), Mrs.  
Longfield and Mr. Melville; solo, "My  
Dear Soul" (Sanderson), Mrs. D. E. Camp-  
bell; duet, "The Day Is Done" (Hermann  
Lohr), Miss Mitchell and Mr. Muir; solo,  
"Love, Has Wings" (J. H. Rogers), Miss  
R. Barker. Accompaniments were played  
by Mr. Jesse Longfield.

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